

# 1 BIBLE BASICS

## 2 Review of Aspects of Salvation, p.1

### 1 Define Propitiation

*to pacify, to appease, to satisfy God's anger toward sin*

**When were the sins of O.T. believers propitiated?**

*They were covered by sacrifices but propitiated by Christ years later.*

### 2 "instead of" and "in behalf of"

**Define the word "Redeem"**

*to release by paying a ransom*

**What does the word "remission" emphasise?**

*The release from bondage*

## 3 Aspects of Salvation, p.2

Justification, Regeneration, Reconciliation

## 4 Justification

### ■ Justification defined

➤ Justification is a divine act whereby an infinitely Holy God judicially declares a believing sinner to be righteous and acceptable before Him because Christ has borne the sinner's sin on the cross and has become "to us ... righteousness." (1Cor. 1:30; Rom. 3:24) Unger, Merrill, Unger's Bible Dictionary

➤ Simplified: Justification is God declaring a sinner to be just as if he had never sinned. Justification removes the repentant sinner's guilt.

## 5 Justification

### ■ Justification is supernatural

➤ God is able to justify as the result of the redemptive and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ, who has settled all the claims of the law. Unger (Romans 3:24-25; 5:9)

■ Christ satisfied God's wrath against our sin by his sacrifice for us through which he redeemed us, and now is able to declare us guiltless.

➤ The justified believer can enjoy peace with God. (Romans 5:1) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## 6 Justification

### ■ Justification is by grace through faith

➤ No one deserves to be justified by God. It is a gift from God. (Romans 3:24) "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"

➤ Justification is through faith. (Romans 3:28) "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (cf., Galatians 2:16)

## 7 Regeneration

### ■ Regeneration defined

➤ The Greek word means new birth, reproduction, renewal, recreation, regeneration.

➤ Regeneration is "the new birth; that work of the Holy Spirit by which the soul, previously dead in sins, is created anew in Christ unto righteousness." American Tract Society Bible Dictionary, theWord edition (2 Corinthians 5:17)

➤ "It is to be distinguished from justification, because justification is a change in our relation to God, whereas regeneration is a change in our moral and spiritual nature." Unger

## 8 Regeneration

### ■ Regeneration described

➤ Regeneration is an act of God.

➤ It is NOT reformation but supernatural new life.

➤ Regeneration produces spiritual life. Every person has a living body and soul, and at regeneration the spirit is made alive. Towns, Elmer, What is the Faith all About?, Conversion and Regeneration, theWord edition

## 9 Regeneration

### ■ Regeneration depicted

➤ The new nature is capable of doing the will of God.

■ "While on earth a Christian will struggle with the desires of his old nature. But in regeneration he receives a new nature with new power and new attitudes.

■ Now it is the duty of a Christian to allow his new nature to direct his life. To do this the Christian must "control" his old nature (Rom 13:14), and allow the power of the new nature to overcome the old life." towns

## 10 Reconciliation

### ■ Reconciliation defined

➤ Unger's Bible Dictionary defines reconciliation as "The restoration of friendship and fellowship after estrangement.

➤ Reconciliation, therefore, means that someone or something is completely altered and adjusted to a required standard."

➤ Reconciliation has nothing to do with a person confessing sin to a priest. That is unbiblical.

## 11 Reconciliation

### ■ Reconciliation described

➤ Christ propitiated God's wrath toward our sin by His substitutionary death and resurrection. This enables Christ to reconcile the repentant believer to God. (Rom 5:10; 2Co 5:19; Eph 2:16)

➤ "On the cross, Christ was bringing together two enemies and making them friends." E. Towns

➤ Let this soak in. "God's love originated Christ's sacrifice, whereby God's justice and love are harmonized. By Christ's sacrifice the sinner is brought into God's favor, which by sin he had justly forfeited." Fausset's Bible Dictionary

## 12 Reconciliation

### ■ Reconciliation detailed

➤ Christ is the reconciliation mediator between the sinner and God. A mediator works between two enemies to bring peace.

■ (1 Timothy 2:4-6) "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

## 13 Review of Aspects of Salvation, p.2

### 1 Give a simple definition of justification

*God declaring a sinner to be just as if he had never sinned.*

**What is regeneration?**

2 *It is a new birth produced by the Holy Spirit in one who trusts Christ.*

**What is reconciliation?**

*The restoration of friendship and fellowship after being enemies.*

**What verse says that Christ alone is our mediator with God?**

*1 Timothy 2:5*

14  **Let's Get Practical**

■ Do you think there is an order in which propitiation, redemption, justification, regeneration, and reconciliation take place? If so, why?