

PBC Growing in Christ

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Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of dry grass under a sunset sky. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some clouds. The foreground is a field of dry, brownish grass.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





SALVATION

Romans 3:20-28

When have you been happy for someone to step in and fix something you couldn't?



SALVATION

Romans 3:20-28

- **There are times we need a mediator in our lives (doctors, attorneys, childcare support).**
- **We need a mediator in our relationship with God.**
- **We are separated from God by our sin. It is a rift we could not fix.**
- **God provided a mediator in Jesus**
- **Salvation resulted in the work of Christ as mediator.**
- **Jesus died on the cross so we could spend eternity with God.**

Scripture

Romans 3:20-22

20Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. 21But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,



SALVATION

Romans 3:20-22

1. How do people determine right from wrong?
2. When did you first hear about the conception of sin and salvation?



SALVATION

Romans 3:20-22

Jesus made it possible for us to be righteous before God.

- Jesus was born into the world. He is righteous and never sinned.
- He lived a perfect life but died a sinners death.
- Jesus kept the law perfect but died in the place of us who could not keep the law.



SALVATION

Romans 3:20-22

- His death atoned for all the wrongs we committed.
- Through His sacrifice for us, we are declared righteous by faith in His Blood.
- It is through faith in Christ alone that we are declared righteous.
- This is given through faith in Christ alone that we are declared righteous.

SALVATION

Romans 3:23-24



Scripture

Romans 3:23-24

23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.



SALVATION

Romans 3:23-24

What evidence have you seen of the truth of our fallen nature?



SALVATION

Romans 3:23-24

- It is Jesus Christ who allows us to experience redemption.
- It is Jesus Christ who has given us the opportunity to be brought back to God and have our relationship with Him restored.
- Why would we not be incredibly thankful for someone who fully paid the debt we owed?



SALVATION

Romans 3:23-24

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

SALVATION

Romans 3:25-28



Scripture

Romans 3:25-28

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.



Question

Romans 3:25-28

How would you describe what it means to have faith in God?



Romans 3:25-28

- Righteousness can only be achieved through faith in Christ, and that excludes any kind of boasting on our behalf (Eph. 2:8-9).
- The law was put in place to reveal our shortcomings; therefore it gives us no grounds for boasting.
- Faith is our complete trust in Christ. Our faith is in the One who has completely satisfied God's righteous and holy demands.
- That, and that alone, is our Salvation!



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- How can our group help one another be more effective in leading others to salvation?



Final thoughts about Salvation

You've probably been in plenty of situations where you really wished you had someone to step in for you. But none were so desperate nor so consequential as the need you had for a savior for your soul. Thankfully God didn't just stand by; instead, He stepped in.

Resources

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)





Next Week: June 14, 2020
Eternal Life

*If you could live anywhere
in the world, where would it
be?*

Revelation 21:1-8; 22:1-5



**God Bless
You!**

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