

# FOUNDATIONAL BIBLE STUDIES

## STUDY 1 OF 6

### “THE WAY OF SALVATION”

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#### Introduction

This Bible study is part of a series called “Foundational Bible Studies” which has as its purpose to provide a Biblical foundation for members of the Lord’s churches which will support their spiritual growth and focus their spiritual vision. It is hoped that the Lord will use this series to better equip His people to face the challenges of a self-centered, antagonistic, unbelieving world and to advance the work of God’s Kingdom.

Our Lord declared in **I Timothy 1:15**, “*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*” This study on “The Way of Salvation” provides a detailed understanding of how one obtains this salvation. It brings forth from Holy Scriptures the state of mankind and our relationship to God before we are saved and carries us through God’s great plan for our salvation, what we must do to be saved and our relationship to God after we are saved. It concludes with an important lesson on the assurance of our salvation.

This Bible study is needed for two important reasons. First, there is no greater subject in the Bible than God’s plan of salvation and it is important that we are settled in our own hearts about this subject. It not only serves as the foundation of our life for Christ but, also, as a foundation for all Bible subjects to follow. Second, our Lord admonishes us in **I Peter 3:15**, “*be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you.*” Though we do not need to understand how or why God saved us in order to fulfill this admonition, we are certainly better equipped to tell others if we do have this understanding. This study will help you to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world, and that is very pleasing to our God.

This study (as are all studies in this series) is formatted to aid you in an independent study of Scriptures. Though I always recommend that one of the Lord’s pastors (Elders) be relied upon to help you properly interpret and harmonize the Scriptures, you should be able to use this study, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to understand this subject. The key points of each lesson are identified at the beginning and ample Scriptures are provided to support each point. The written discussion is designed to clarify the key points and show a logical connection between them. Finally, the summary will restate the key points of this lesson and put them in context with the subject of this study.

One thing is very clear in Scriptures; we do not deserve the salvation that God offered us. It is clearly by God’s Grace that we had an opportunity to have our relationship to Him restored. It is hoped that this study will forever cement into our hearts the majesty of God in the way of salvation.

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