

BIG QUESTIONS

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS

Are You Secure and Empowered? Isaiah 41:10, Ephesians 6:10

Big Idea: God has accomplished our salvation through Christ and continues His work in us through the Holy Spirit.

I. God Has Accomplished Our Salvation Through Christ [Doctrines of Christology, Atonement, and Justification] (Romans 5:1-2)

- A. The Person of Christ [John 1:14; 1 Peter 1:22]
- B. The Work of Christ [Romans 5:10-12]
- C. The Result of Christ's Work [Romans 5:1-2]

II. God Is Continuing His Work Through the Spirit [Doctrine of Pneumatology] [John 16:7-15]

- A. The Person of the Spirit [John 14:16-17]
- B. The Work of the Spirit [Ephesians 1:13]
- C. The Assurance of the Spirit [Ephesians 1:14]

III. Living in the Tension of "Done" and "Doing" [Romans 5:3b-5]

Application: Salvation is not just a past event to be remembered, but a present reality to be experienced and a future glory to anticipate.

[Isaiah 41:10] . . . fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

[Ephesians 6:10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

[Romans 5:1-2] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, [3:1-2] we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [15:13, Hebrews 12:28] ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace [Ephesians 2:18, 3:12, Hebrews 10:19-20, 1 Peter 3:18] in which we stand, [1 Corinthians 5:1] and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [Romans 5:11, 12:12, Hebrews 3:6]

[John 16:7-11] Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, [7:39] the Helper will not come to you. [15:26] But if I go, I will send him to you. [14:26] ⁸ And when he comes, [8:28] he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [8:46] ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; [John 8:24, Acts 2:36-37, 1 Corinthians 12:3] ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, [Acts 17:31] because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; [John 16:16,17,19] ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

[John 16:12-15] I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, [14:17] he [14:26] will guide you into all the truth, [Acts 8:31, John 1:17, 14:6, Psalm 25:5] for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [15:15] ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [John 7:39] ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; [17:10] therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [16:14]

[Ephesians 1:13-14] In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

[Romans 5:3b-5] . . . we rejoice in our sufferings [Matthew 5:12] knowing that suffering produces endurance, [Luke 21:19, James 1:3] ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, [Psalm 119:116, Philippians 1:20] because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. [Acts 2:17-Acts 2:18, Acts 2:33, Titus 3:6, Galatians 4:6]

[Philippians 1:6b] . . . he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Study Questions and Prayer

- [1] Read Romans 5:1-2. How does the doctrine of Christology, Atonement, and Justification explain the concept of salvation as described in Romans 5:1-2?
- [2] Read John 16:7-15 and Ephesians 1:13-14. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in continuing God's work in us, as outlined in John 16:7-15 and Ephesians 1:13-14?
- [3] Read Romans 5:3b-5 How can believers live in the tension of salvation being both a completed work and an ongoing process, as discussed in Romans 5:3b-5?
- [4] Pray thanking God for accomplishing your salvation through Christ and for continuing His work in you through the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you to live in the assurance of His presence, strength, and guidance, and for the strength to rejoice in hope, endure in trials, and grow in character as you trust in His promises.