



BELIEVE STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 3 (3/25): SALVATION

Personal Study

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements. The study guide will closely follow Randy Frazee's book, "Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus." You can purchase a copy of the book online at www.amazon.com or get a copy from Mardel's bookstore. There are also "Believe" reading schedule for each chapter on the "Believe" bulletin board in the foyer. This study guide is designed to help you consider what you are learning.

KEY IDEA I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

KEY VERSE For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

Read

Read Believe, Chapter 3: Salvation (or pick up the **reading schedule** by the "Believe" bulletin board in the foyer), *answer the following questions.*

1. Describe the common patterns found in this chapter.
2. As you read this chapter, what thoughts, ideas, or concerns came to mind?
3. What did you read that surprised you? Confronted you? Interested you? Confused you?
4. Throughout the Bible we see stories of lives being saved through the shed blood of a substitutionary sacrifice (i.e., the ram in place of Isaac, the blood over the doorframes in Egypt). How is what Jesus did on the cross similar? How is it different?

5. Although Jesus' sacrifice on the cross has the power to save all of mankind, why is it that some will not receive the gift of salvation?

6. What must someone do to receive this gift?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 3: Salvation, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

- _____ I believe I will inherit eternal life because of what Jesus has done for me.
- _____ I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation.
- _____ I believe salvation comes only through Jesus.
- _____ I believe people are saved because of what Jesus did, not because of what they do.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week's Key Verse to memory.

Key Verse: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8–9)

Recite this week's Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, does my life reflect this statement?

Key Idea: I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God, by his grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week's Key Idea to your own life.

1. How would this belief-in-action express itself in your life?
2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who has received the gift of salvation?
3. If you haven't confessed Jesus is Lord, repented (turn your life to God), and been immersed in water for the forgiveness of sins, what is keeping you from doing so?
4. Is there someone in your life who needs to know about salvation by grace through faith in Jesus? What's stopping you from having that conversation?

Journal
