

# Recovering the Kingdom's Doctrinal Statement

How does one get saved?

The question presupposes that our relation to God is merely a project of growing into the image or character of His Son. However, the Scriptures in Genesis 1 through 3 tells us a different aspect of relation to God. He may be the Uncreated Creator who set things up in a certain way for His creation to function and be what it is, but He is also our Father who desires to have a good relationship with His children. Therefore, the question should be not how does one get saved, but how does one get to know God and be with God as intended at the beginning of Creation. As we have to put our trust and faith in our father or neighbor in order to get to know him and grow our relationship, we have to put our trust and faith in God in order to get to know Him, understand Him, and be in relationship with Him rather than trusting our own minds and other deities. In biblical terminology, we have to repent (change our minds) and put our faith in Jesus Christ and believe who He said He was through the apostles testimony of His life, death, and resurrection. As a result, we receive Him in our hearts (the Holy Spirit), and He promises to never leave nor forsake us. This is the fulfillment of His promise of the His New Covenant described in Jeremiah 33, and which was historically what was meant by getting initially saved. Again, it is not merely about salvation, but a restoration, a reconciliation, a recovering of the eternal, familial relationship between God and humanity. It is about a continued, eternal faith and relationship with our Father in Heaven, the Uncreated Creator, the King of the Universe.

Who gets saved?

The question is repetitive with the above question and answer. It was already established how to have and be in an eternal, familial relationship with God. He wouldn't have given the means to be in an eternal, familial relationship with Him nor the knowledge of Him if he didn't want anyone to be in relation with Him. Does God do this? He does if the person rejects Him. How can I know about someone not wanting to be with me unless I ask or that person tells me he or she doesn't want a relationship with me? Our relationship with God is the same way.

Can one lose his salvation?

The question presupposes a few things: that one either wants to not be in relationship with God, is self-doubting/fearing his or her relationship and covenant with God, or feels unworthy

and shame of being in relationship with God or having a relationship with God due to continuous failure. Why else would that person be asking the question? When a person asks this, it is really important for the Pastor, small group leader, or counselor to reaffirm God's covenant, love, and tough love with the person who is asking. The question also presupposes that once a person decides to be with God and then decides to not want to be in relationship with God that he cannot or will not come back. The Parable of the Prodigal Son and Peter's rejection and coming back is evidence that is not the case. In all of these cases, the common denominator is that a person is becoming less in the image of God or more in the image of God meaning the person can become less or become more in the image of God. But just because a person can, it doesn't mean the person should. In all of these cases, perseverance of the person is the call and being built. God is pruning the person to bear more fruit. But none of this means that the person has completely lost the Spirit of God, the power by which he came into relationship with Christ and by which he is growing closer to God. The only evidence in the Scripture that is complete loss including the Spirit of God is the rejection of the power of God by which he came into relationship with and was growing into relationship with. The Pharisees and Sadducees did that. Satan did that as well and more. He wanted to make himself like the Most High and above the Most High and any other deity. Therefore, we all can, but it doesn't mean we should. Food for thought too, the first question (how does one get saved) presupposes that one has the ability to lose it since the person is an individual who is responsible for their actions and who he or she becomes. As God is Spirit, we are also inherently spirits physically embodied in our own bodies. Because of our individuality, we can lose our souls. Since God is our Creator, only He can restore our soul and make it complete. This is why we put our faith in God and have the Holy Spirit: rather than being one with chaos and death (body and soul), we instead are being one with order and life as mortal humans regaining the image of God by faith, and Christ being the perfecter by His power through resurrection into eternal life and a glorified body.

Who gets baptized and why?

Those that understand that baptism is the public symbolic representation and sharing of the eternal, familial relationship with God they decided to be in instead of being separated from God in union with Death.

How should baptism be done?

By what is available or what the person would like to do. With a complete understanding of baptism, the person would most likely to choose immersion. Therefore, immersion.

When does one receive the Holy Spirit?

According to Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 1-3, it could be argued that we inherently have the Spirit of God in us, because we must have the origin and source of Good to be in truth and goodness, He is the very power by which we were made, and we are made in His image, His likeness. God was also in the Garden with Adam and Eve. These describe a metaphysical reality and physical reality that our own eyes can see. So how do we reconcile this with Genesis 6:3 that could imply God's Spirit is in mankind, and God saying to receive the Spirit of God by faith in Jesus Christ in the New Testament? What does this existentially mean for us? Is God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, in us? It seems to me that the Holy Spirit associated in the New Testament and in Ezekiel 36:25-28 is actually separate from these other passages.

In Genesis 2:7, the Breath of Life has the characteristic that mankind is a living being. Adam became a living being. In Genesis 6:3, God is saying His Spirit lives within mankind and when man dies, the Spirit of God is not there anymore. And In Ezekiel 36:25-28, God says he will put His Spirit within us that will cause us to abide in Him and know Him. Which one is the Holy Spirit? In Genesis 2:1-7, God formed a male body from the dust of the ground, but it was not living or alive until God put the breath of life in the body. His name was Adam. This breath of life was Adam. Therefore, the breath of life is not the Holy Spirit nor the Spirit of God, but Adam himself. He became embodied and is now alive. In Genesis 6:3, God describes His Spirit as living within mankind and implies by this Spirit it determines the life-span of mankind to 120 years. Well, this is not the description of the Holy Spirit in Ezekiel 36:25-28 that is also in the New Testament. This Spirit of God in Genesis 6:3 is inherent in all of mankind, but not the Holy Spirit. Therefore, each person is a spiritual being embodied as living humans that have a life-force, and we are to receive the Holy Spirit by faith in Christ.

What is the trinity?

Paul describes the Godhead as a mystery. It will not be fully understood until we see God in heaven. The best description I have learned is that God is the most unique being, there is no one like Him as the Uncreated Creator. There is the Father; the Son of God Jesus Christ (The Word of God, God's right hand), and the Holy Spirit. All 3 persons being equal and one with each other.

What is the human nature?

The conclusion of the above questions 'When does one receive the Holy Spirit' and 'Can one lose his salvation':

Each person is a spiritual, embodied human being with a good inclination and a bad inclination because we were made in the image of God as individuals. We have a life-force that limits how long we live determined by God, and because of our individuality, we can take our lives sooner by bad decisions. We put on mortality at the Fall.

Are we guilty of Adam's original sin?

No

Are Christians required to keep the Old Testament ceremonial laws?

This question can be broken down into two specific questions that we all need to answer honestly. Is there any requirement to be in the presence of God in the Tabernacle and in the Temple? There was when God dwelt in the Tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, but not anymore because of God's original mission to reign in our hearts and to be made holy by Him through faith in Jesus of Nazareth and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. The second question is that how are we to worship God and be holy? In spirit (the fruit of the Spirit), in truth (by faith in Jesus), and in grace.

Can Christians become sinless in this earthly life?

Anyone who thinks they are without sin is a liar. We are only justified as perfect righteousness by His grace.

Do the elements of communion become the body and blood of Christ?

No

Can one be baptized on behalf of someone who has died?

The dead don't talk.

What happens if a saved person dies without being perfect?

Jesus is the perfecter through his grace. Never use His grace as an excuse to sin.

Did Mary ever sin?

Yes. Jesus is the only one who has never sinned.

What spiritual gifts are available today?

Possibly all of them if done in accordance with the commandments of Jesus and His apostles.

What framework has God used in dealing with man?

The covenants and being judged according to the measure we judge that will be measured back to us who didn't have the covenants.

What is the gift of tongues?

Speaking foreign human languages without knowing how.

What are the requirements for clergy?

Experienced men above reproach, faithful to their wives and with faithful children if applicable, and able to teach are to be appointed as pastors.

How many church ordinances/sacraments are there?

Baptism and Communion

To whom do Christians need to confess their sins?

God is number one following repentance. With sins against individuals, you make reconciliation and be honest about your sins.

How should a church be structured?

Ideally every individual church should be governed by their members according to the commandments and teachings of God, and their elders elected by their members according to the commandments and teachings of God.

What day of the week should Christians worship?

If you want to adhere to the Jewish Calendar, do Saturday. If you want to adhere to non-Jewish Calendar that has typically been done on Sunday. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

How does God's revelation come to us?

It depends on the revelation.

How was the Bible written?

Men wrote it inspired by God.

How many books in the Bible?

66

Was the Bible written inerrantly?

It is clear enough that God has kept His promise to preserve His word so that all may know and follow Him to the best of their ability.

Who can speak with God's authority today?

We are told in the Scriptures to represent Him in truth, righteousness, and grace personally and in public.

How was the earth created?

God brought forth the earth that was at first formless and void and brought it into order into its structured state.

When is divorce permissible?

Adultery and obvious evil acts.

May a Christian remarry while his former spouse is alive?

Ideally, no, realistically, yes.

Is contraception permissible?

Exercise wisdom and temperance.

Are blood transfusions permissible?

If it is compatible with who needs the blood.

Should women cover their heads?

If they want to, go for it. It is difficult to do something that you haven't been raised to do that you also do not understand.

Should Christians drink alcohol?

Exercise wisdom and temperance.

Should Christians fight in wars?

In self-defense, but not all will because of qualifications.

How should Christians musically worship God?

Any. Remember, it is difficult to do something that you haven't been raised to do that you also do not understand.

Whom does the Holy Spirit come from?

The Scriptures say in general, he comes from God and speaks for God. Therefore, he is also an individual.

Who can be demon possessed?

If a person unites with one.

Do icons glorify God?

They can if there is no idolatry.

Where does a Christian's soul go after death?

Transitional from unconscious after death, to being conscious in the realm of the dead after the body decomposes, to being in heaven through resurrection.

When does The Tribulation happen?

From God's and the Scripture's perspective, at the last cycle.

When will the church be raptured?

There will always be a remnant left to represent God on earth for the gospel and the kingdom of God. Some will go, and some to stay.

When will the millennial reign of Christ happen?

After the Tribulation for 1000 years.

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