

Salvation:  
God's Sovereignty, Man's Inability,  
and Man's Responsibility

John 12:37-43

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25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

John 21:25

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37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,

John 12:37-43

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38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

John 12:37-43

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39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

John 12:37-43

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40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”

John 12:37-43

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41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

John 12:37-43

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42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;

John 12:37-43

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43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

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Isaiah 53

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No where in all the Old Testament is it so plainly and fully prophesied, that Christ ought to suffer, and then to enter into his glory, as in this chapter. But to this day few discern, or will acknowledge, that Divine power which goes with the word. The authentic and most important report of salvation for sinners, through the Son of God, is disregarded. The low condition he submitted to, and his appearance in the world, were not agreeable to the ideas the Jews had formed of the Messiah.

-Matthew Henry

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**11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 1:11

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Isaiah 6

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**6** And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

James 3:6

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**45** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45

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When we understand or come to the knowledge of how **HOLY HOLY HOLY** God is and how unholy we are this should bring us to repentance as well.

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**12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

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Romans 5:12

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**19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:19

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**5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:5-8

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**6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:5-8

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7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:5-8

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8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 3:5-8

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Regeneration is a supernatural work of God. It is the divine work of the Holy Spirit upon the minds and souls of fallen people, by which the Spirit brings to life those who are spiritually dead.

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This supernatural work rescues that person from his bondage to sin and his moral inability to incline himself towards the things of God.

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Regeneration, by being a supernatural work, is obviously a work that cannot be accomplished by natural man on his own.

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It is only by the Grace of God and God alone who performs this act of regeneration.

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**13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

James 1:13-15

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**14** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

James 1:13-15

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**15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

James 1:13-15

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**23** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 2:23

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26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

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27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

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5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1-2

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2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

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12 You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

Isaiah 12:1-4

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2 “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

Isaiah 12:1-4

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3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:1-4

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4 And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:1-4

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John 12:41 is a key verse to prove that Jesus Christ is God!

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5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

John 17:5

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Do you think this belief in verse 42, was a true saving belief?

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**25** Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:25-26

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**26** If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:25-26

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**32** So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

Matthew 10:32-33

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**33** but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

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1. What did Jesus say was the purpose of His parables? See Matthew 13:10-17
2. Read Isaiah 6.
  - A. Who did Isaiah see seated on the throne in Isaiah Chapter 6?
  - B. Ministering to others often involves difficulty. Isaiah's God given task of speaking for God to a people who would not listen and repent was certainly difficult. However, he was obedient to God and continued to proclaim the truth. What about today, do we sometimes not share the gospel, because deep down we don't think a person will repent even if we shared the gospel with them? Is this a valid reason for you to not share the gospel?
  - C. Explain how Isaiah's Ministry to Israel was a shadow of Christ's earthly ministry.
3. Read Acts 2:23. Who was responsible for killing Jesus?

Whose plan was it to kill Jesus? Explain.
4. Read Isaiah 10:5-19
  - A. How does God use Assyria? See verse 5-6?
  - B. Who does God use Assyria against? (verse 6, 20, 24)
  - C. Who is responsible for Assyria being the rod of the Anger of God?
  - D. God used Assyria to punish Israel, He then punished Assyria for doing it. Did God give Assyria the desire to punish Israel or did Assyria already have that desire and God used that desire to punish Israel. Did God cause Assyria to sin? (See also James 1:13-15)