

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Disciples, Evaluation, Rewards

Matthew 20:20–28

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification



**Saved from the
Penalty of Sin**

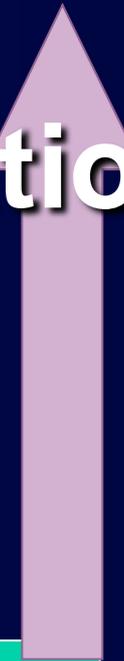
**PHASE
Two**

**Spiritual
Life**

**Saved from the
Power of Sin**

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification



**Saved from the
Presence of Sin**

1. There is a difference between salvation which is by faith alone in Christ alone, and being a disciple or follower of Jesus.

John 1:12, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:”

John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

“Believe,” used over 85× in John’s gospel, is the sole and necessary condition for justification salvation.

John 8:31, “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 8:32, “ ‘And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ ”

A disciple is someone who is committed to following the teaching of his master to some degree—“follow me”

John 21:19, “This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ ”

John 21:22, “Jesus said to him, ‘If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.’ ”

Matt. 16:24, “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’ ” (Matt. 10:38)

Differences Between Salvation and Rewards

Salvation

For all mankind

Given to few

Christ does the work

Free gift

Permanent

Faith alone in Christ alone

Provides equal opportunity

Rewards

For all believers

Given to few

The bel. does the work

Earned

May be lost

Walking by faith

Use of opportunity

2. “Works” are defined as the course of one’s life, the product of one’s life, the things we think, say, and do.

1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”

Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

3. Therefore, works are related to Christian service, obedience, and spiritual growth.

1 Cor. 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

4. Two key Scriptures:

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

2 John 1:8, “Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.”

5. Salvation is a free gift, rewards are earned.

6. Inheritance comes in two categories:

- heirs of God,**
- joint heirs with Christ (dependent on spiritual growth)**

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**An example of category 1 inheritance,
“heirs of God”**

Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph. 1:14, “who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”

**An example of inheritance category 2,
rewards:**

Gal. 5:19, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal. 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal. 5:21, “envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice [*prasso* – “practice”] such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

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**bh / ma, *bema*,
“judgment seat;
judicial bench for
legislation, for
athletic contests”**

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**pra,SSW, *prasso*, aorist active indicative
3rd person singular;**

**“to bring about or accomplish something.
through activity, to engage in an activity.”**

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fau/loj, *phaulos*,
“inferior quality,
ordinary”

κακός *kakos* acc neut
sing “evil, bad, wrong,
harm”

1 Cor. 3:11, “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:12, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,”

1 Cor. 3:13, “each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test [*dokimazo*] each one’s work, of what sort it is.

1 Cor. 3:14, “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”