

Introduction: **John 3:16**

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Ephesians 2:8

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Answer: a. God saves us through His extended grace (giving us what we don't deserve – Salvation).

b. Faith (trust) is how we lay hold (claim) the gift of Salvation.

c. God's gift (what we don't deserve) is Salvation.

2. John 5:24

²⁴“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

(Additional text) **Romans 10:17**

¹⁷So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Answer: Hearing the Word (what God has revealed about Himself) causes us to have faith (trust) in Him.

3a. Hebrews 11:6

⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Answer: Obedience, doing what He asks because we trust Him, pleases God.

3b. Romans 6:23

²³For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Answer: Sin, rebellion, doing things our way leads to death; while God's gift, to those who trust Him and do as he says, is eternal life.

3c. Matthew 1:21

²¹And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Answer: Jesus came to save His people (you and I) “from their sins”.

3d. John 8:31,32

¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Answer: Knowing the truth about God causes us to trust God and frees us from sin.

4. John 16:7-9

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

Answer: The Holy Spirit convicts (points out, makes us aware) us of sin, which causes us to repent (stop what we are doing that is hurting us).

5. No Texts

Answer: Faith (trust) that causes us to "follow" (obey) Jesus leads to salvation.

6. (Review) Ephesians 2:8

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

6a. Romans 3:23

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, . . .

Answer: All (everyone, including you and I) have sinned (rebelled, done things our way, instead of God's way).

6b. Romans 6:23

²³For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Answer: All (everyone) deserves to die because we have all sinned (rebelled against God).

6c. Romans 5:8

⁸*Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."*

(Additional text) Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Answer: All our sin (iniquity) was placed on Jesus and He died in our place so that we might live and not die.

7. Isaiah 55:6,7

⁶Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
⁷Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

(Additional text) 1 John 1:9

⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Answer: God is ready and willing to forgive us of our sins whenever we are willing to confess and forsake our sins and He will cleanse us and make us righteous.