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# SALVATION

## EXPLANATION

- Jesus' Death and Resurrection Make Salvation Possible
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- Salvation Is a Lifestyle

Christ's death and resurrection made salvation possible. When Jesus died for us on the cross He paid the penalty for all of man's sins. However, redemption is only possible through the personal acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord. Christ's sacrifice also made healing and total provision possible--for the spirit, soul and body.

Salvation is a free gift. We did nothing, and could never do anything, to deserve salvation. But when Jesus died on the cross, His goodness allowed us to be saved if we would have faith in Him and make Him Lord of our lives.

Salvation happens by repenting of sin, believing in Jesus Christ, and personally receiving Him as Lord and Savior. Salvation marks the beginning of a new life in Christ in which we are the adopted heirs of His Kingdom.

Salvation is not a one-time event that saves us from hell--it is a lifestyle of loving, obeying, serving and becoming more like Christ who saved us.

## PRAYER

"Father, thank You for sending Your Son to die on the cross for me. I admit that I am a sinner, but I repent of my sins and accept Your forgiveness. Thank You for forgiving me. I accept You as Lord of my life. Please empower me to live a new life. Thank You."

## VERSES

*Romans 10:9-10 | ...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

*John 5:24 | "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 judgement, but has passed from death into life."*

*Ephesians 2:8-9 | For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

## RESOURCES - Next Step

Growth Track

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# WATER BAPTISM

## EXPLANATION

- Water Baptism follows Salvation
- It is an Outward Sign of Inner Change
- It is a Declaration to God, to the devil, and to the World

Water Baptism is simply the outward sign of the inner work God has already done in your life. It is a sign that you are joining in Christ's death to sin and His resurrection into a life of righteousness, as well as a statement to all that you now belong to Christ.

We baptize in obedience to Jesus' command.

## PRAYER

"Father, thank You for conquering death and saving me from my sins. As a sign to You, to the devil, and to the world, I gladly choose to participate in water baptism. May this be an encouragement to me and to others. Praise be to You!"

# WATER BAPTISM

## VERSES

*Romans 6:3 | Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?*

*Acts 2:37-38 | “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and bretheren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*

*Matthew 28:18-20 | Jesus undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”*

## RESOURCES

Growth Track

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# BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## EXPLANATION

- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Live New Lives
- The Holy Spirit Helps Us Pray
- The Holy Spirit Gives Us Spiritual Gifts for Ministry
- The Holy Spirit is Free to the Humble

After Jesus' death and resurrection in which He paid for our sins, He promised that He would send us the Holy Spirit to help us live godly lives while we are here on earth. The Holy Spirit strengthens us spiritually, helps us pray, convicts us when we get off the path and gives us spiritual gifts for ministry.

The Holy Spirit gives to us a prayer language that allows us in our private worship to share intimacies, and even supplications with God the Father. The Holy Spirit also gives us prayer languages (one of many spiritual gifts) that assist us in proclaiming His Truth in our Public Ministries.

The Holy Spirit is a gift that was promised to us by Jesus. Receiving that gift is as easy as receiving Christ as your Savior. Simply ask for Him, believe that the Holy Spirit has been given to you and confess that you have received Him.

## PRAYER

"Father, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to me to help me live according to Your Word. Please baptize me in the Holy Spirit. Thank You."

# BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## VERSES

*Luke 24:49 | “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with the power from on high.”*

*Acts 1:4-5 | “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’”*

*Acts 2:38 | “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*

*Matthew 5:6 | “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

*1 Corinthians 14:1-3 | Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does. Give yourselves to the gifts God gives you. Most of all, try to proclaim his truth. If you praise him in the private language of tongues, God understands you but no one else does, for you are sharing intimacies just between you and him. But when you proclaim his truth in everyday speech, you’re letting others in on the truth so that they can grow and be strong and experience his presence with you.*

*Romans 8:26 | So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.*

## RESOURCES - Next Step

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# PRAYER OF FAITH

## EXPLANATION

- The Lord Hears and Answers Prayer
- Jesus Represents Us Before God and Constantly Prays for Us
- The Lord Honors the Faithful
- Putting Your Faith into Action Increases Your Faith

A prayer of faith is you going before God and having a friend come along for support. 1Timothy explains that Jesus is the only mediator between God and man and when you pray to Him He will represent you to His Father. So be encouraged. If you have received Christ as your Savior, you can pray to Him at any time and your prayers will be heard.

Throughout scripture there are examples of members of the church gathering together in prayer and agreement. In fact, one of the greatest benefits of being a member of the church is that others can gather around you and pray on your behalf, encourage you as you pray and believe with you that God has heard your prayers.

## PRAYER

“Father, thank You that You know my heart and hear my prayers. You are good and Your plans for me are good. Please help me now in this situation. Bring me peace and help me bring peace to others. Help me love and to have faith in times of trial. My life is in Your hands.”

# PRAYER OF FAITH

## VERSES

*Mark 9:23 | Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

*Matthew 18:19-20 | "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst."*

*Mark 16:18 | "...they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

*Psalms 107:20 | He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.*

## RESOURCES

Freedom Ministry classes

Financial Peace University classes

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# GROWTH TRACK

Trinity Growth Track helps you discover your purpose and live the life God created for you. It is made up of four steps that invite you to be part of the story, belong to our family, and become part of HIStory - making an eternal difference.

## **StepONE: The Story**

Every family has its own unique history and stories. Most times when we gather with people we share our favorite stories that define who we are. Trinity is no different! We want to tell you the Trinity story and who we are as a church, because becoming a member of Trinity means you, too, are a part of the Trinity story!

## **StepTWO: The Essentials**

The Essentials will help you learn and put into practice the four essential habits of every follower of Jesus. It is through these habits that we develop a deep relationship with Christ.

## **StepTHREE: Your Design**

Our hope is that you take a step towards understanding how your uniquely designed personality, coupled with the spiritual gifts God has given you, help reveal a fulfilling path to your destiny.

## **StepFOUR: Your Place**

We are inviting you to allow your life and calling to collide with what God is doing in and through Trinity Church! It's where your story and the Trinity story intersect.

## **Next Growth Track Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

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