



“Salvation.” That sounds like a really important word, the answer to a really big problem. What does it mean to be **“saved”**? Maybe that word makes you think of...

- A firefighter saving a kitten that’s stuck in a tree
- A lifeguard saving someone who is drowning
- A pitcher saving a baseball game

...there’s a problem and someone steps up to offer a solution. Did you know we read **“save”** or **“salvation”** more than _____ **times** in the Bible? That makes it sound like we have a **GIANT** problem on our hands, and we do. Our biggest problem is _____.

Let’s read **Romans 6:15-23** and notice a few really important truths:

1. I get myself in trouble when I “_____” myself to sin (**6:16a**)
2. Sin makes me a “_____” (**6:16b**)
3. When God talks about sin, he has things like “_____” and **“lawlessness”** in mind (**6:19**), things I ought to be “_____” of (**6:21**)
4. Sin _____ (**6:23**)

That’s really bad news about a really serious problem. **So where’s the good news?** Did you catch it in **Romans 6:18** and **6:22**? I can be **“set _____ from sin.”** The word used in the Bible to describe being **“set free”** or rescued from slavery is _____.



We’ll visit **Titus 2:11-14** a couple of times this month, but let’s read it together and notice, **“What is salvation?”** Salvation involves **redemption**.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- While we’re in *The Letter of Paul to Titus*, let’s also explore **Titus 3:3**:
 - Why would God describe us as **“foolish, disobedient, led astray”** when we sin?
 - How does **“malice”** and **“hatred”** make me a slave?
 - What about **“envy”** or jealousy? How does that enslave people?
 - How can even our own **“passions and pleasures”** make us slaves?
- The good news is that Jesus **“gave himself for us to redeem us”** from sins that enslave us. But according to **Titus 2:11-12**, what must we be willing to do once we’ve been set free? **Why?** Why does that matter? **Romans 6:11-15** could be helpful here.
- Finally, let’s revisit what we read earlier in **Romans 6:17-18**. Why can’t I just be **“set free from sin”** and avoid being *anybody’s* slave? Why is it good for me to become a **“slave of righteousness”**?