

"Salvation." That's a really important word, God's answer to sin–our biggest problem. We've learned that God is willing to **redeem** or "set us free" from our sins and **reconcile** us, making the way available for us to come home to him. Let's follow the next Bible step by revisiting **Titus 2**. In verse 13, Jesus Christ is described as our "Savior," but notice especially what he has done and *wants* to do in Titus 2:14:

...who gave himself for us to ______ us from all lawlessness and to ______ for himself a people for his own possession.

The book of Acts is full of invitations like:

"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and ______ your sins, calling on his name." (Acts 22:16)

Our Savior uses a very special word to describe this opportunity:



What does it mean?

"Being made _____." It starts with baptism-"wash away your sins"-but it's not a one-time step; it's the lifestyle of a disciple to "renounce ungodliness and worldly passions" (Titus 2:12). Or, as Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:15, "as he who called you is holy, you also ______ in all your conduct."

This is how we "purify our souls" (1 Pet 1:22). This is "the will of God" for our lives (1 Thes 4:3). **Salvation** involves **sanctification**.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- When you think of someone or something being "purified" (Titus 2:14), what comes to mind?
- Notice a few verses later what Paul writes in Titus 3:4-7.
 - "He saved us ... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." What is this? Jesus' words in John 3:5 might be helpful here.
 - "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness" (Titus 3:5).
 Is baptism a "work" that earns salvation? What do we need to understand?
- To "renounce" (Titus 2:12) something means ... ? Why is "renouncing" certain things (1 Thes 4:3-8 for instance) essential to sanctification?
- Let's revisit 1 Peter 1.
 - Notice 1:2. What does God want for and from us? How is it even possible?
 - After reading 1:13-25, in your own words, what does it mean to "be holy"?