

YES!

The Bible teaches that salvation and discipleship are different.

SALVATION is a one time event. It happens the moment someone believes in Jesus for everlasting life.

DISCIPLESHIP is a life-long journey. It happens as a believer obeys Jesus' commands.

Not recognizing this simple distinction creates confusion. Not explaining the difference allows a mixed message to spread. Not knowing the difference between salvation and discipleship keeps many people from experiencing either one.

To help clear up the confusion, here are some of the many pairs of New Testament terms that show the distinction between salvation and discipleship.

SALVATION IS BY FAITH
IT CANNOT BE EARNED, RETURNED, OR LOST

BY CONTRAST

DISCIPLESHIP IS BY WORKS
IT IS EITHER REJECTED, NEGLECTED, OR MAINTAINED



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SALVATION

AND

DISCIPLESHIP

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

STUDY GUIDE

SALVATION

Free
Romans 6:23; Revelation 22:17

Water
John 4:7-14

Believe in Jesus as Savior
John 4:41-42

Faith
Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace
Romans 11:6

Relationship with God
John 1:12

Child of God
John 1:12

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John 1:12

Believe in Christ
John 3:16

Know God
John 17:3

Faith in Christ for Eternal Life
John 6:47

Believe in Christ
John 3:18

DISCIPLESHIP

1 Costly
Luke 14:26-33

2 Food
John 4:28-36

3 Obey Jesus as Lord
Luke 6:46; Matthew 28:19-20

4 Works
Ephesians 2:10

5 Works
Romans 11:6

6 Fellowship with God
I John 1:3,9

7 Son of God
Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 8:14

8 Friend of God
John 15:14-15; James 4:4

9 Love Christ
John 14:15,21

10 Know God
Jn. 14:9; I Jn. 2:3; I Jn. 4:7-8

11 Faith in Christ for Daily Life
Galatians 2:20

12 Abide in Christ
Jn. 8:31; Jn. 15:5; I Jn. 3:24

SALVATION

Has Eternal Life
John 3:36

The Great White Throne Judgment
Revelation 20:10-15

Eternal Life
Revelation 22:17

Eternal Life as a Gift
Romans 6:23

Enter the Kingdom
John 3:5

Heirs of God
Romans 8:17

The Black Darkness
Jude 1:13

Positional Forgiveness
Colossians 1:13-14; I John 2:12

Take A Bath
John 13:8-10

Positional Sanctification
I Corinthians 1:2

Justified by Faith
Romans 3:20, 28; 4:5

DISCIPLESHIP

13 Eternal Life Abiding
I John 3:15

14 The Judgment Seat of Christ
II Corinthians 5:10;
I Corinthians 3:10-15

15 Eternal Rewards
Revelation 22:12; Matthew 6:20

16 Eternal Life as a Reward
Mark 10:29-30; I Timothy 6:12,19

17 Inherit the Kingdom
Galatians 5:19-21; Col. 3:23-24

18 Fellow Heirs with Christ
Romans 8:17

19 The Darkness Outside
Matt. 8:5-13; 13:37-40; 25:14-30

20 Daily Forgiveness
I John 1:9; Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4

21 Wash Your Feet
John 13:8-10

22 Practical Sanctification
Acts 20:32

23 Justified By Works
James 2:21-24

SALVATION

Positional Righteousness
Romans 4:5

Spirit Baptism
I Corinthians 12:13; Gal. 3:27

Saved from Condemnation
John 3:17-18

Saved from the Wrath to Come
I Thess. 1:10; 4:16-18, 5:1-4, 9-10

Saved Without Works
Acts 16:30-31

Saved from Hell
Ephesians 2:8-9

Believe in Christ
John 11:25-26

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John 6:40

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John 20:30-31

The Gospel of John
John 20:30-31

DISCIPLESHIP

24 Practical Righteousness
I Timothy 6:11

25 Water Baptism
Matthew 28:19-20

26 Saved from Wrath
Romans 1:16-18,24, 5:9-10

27 Saved from Wrath
Romans 1:16-18,24, 5:9-10

28 Saved with Works
James 1:21; 2:14-17; Phil. 2:12

29 Saving the Life
Matthew 16:24-27

30 Confess Christ
John 12:42-43; Luke 9:26; 12:8-9;
Matt. 10:32-39; Romans 10:9-10

31 Call on the Name of the Lord
Romans 10:13-15; Acts 22:16

32 Repent
Not found in The Gospel of John
Matthew 12:41; Jonah 3:10;
Revelation 2:1-5; Luke 24:47;
Acts 2:36-38; Hebrews 6:1-8

33 The Rest of the Bible
II Timothy 3:16-17