

**BIBLE ADVENTURE 2:**  
**SALVATION - What Does Salvation Save Me From?**  
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**1 Thessalonians 5:9** *For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*

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**Discovery Treasures:**

Recapping Salvation Bible Adventure 1, we dived into John 8:12. This scripture showed us one major reason we need Jesus, that being if we ask Jesus into our hearts we leave the darkness and live a life of light. That means if we have salvation we don't have to fear the darkness. And remember the definition of Salvation? Salvation is the preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, and loss. So, in this Adventure, we're going to expand on what we will be saved from if you have salvation through Jesus.

If you've ever asked, "What does salvation save me from?" you're asking a great question! 1 Thessalonians 5:9 gives us the all-encompassing answer. Salvation saves us from God's wrath.

The definition of wrath leads me to not want to be a part of it in any way. I especially don't want to be a part of God's wrath, because He is really, really, REALLY big, so His wrath is probably in proportion with Him.

**WRATH:** Strong vengeful anger or indignation

**INDIGNATION:** strong displeasure at something considered unjust, offensive, insulting, or base; righteous anger.

We know from Malachi 3:6 (*For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed*) and Hebrews 13:8 (*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*) that God and His Son Jesus are the same yesterday, today, and forever. This is why salvation is so important. Giving your life to Jesus leads you away from sin, and unforgiven sin is what God will pour out His wrath on in the end. (So for me, I gotta say, "No thanks, I'll take Heaven").

Here's some good news. . .in Psalm 103:8 (*The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy*) the Bible assures us that God doesn't get mad fast and fly off the handle, and do something He would regret. And he also gives us the chance to repent and

turn away.

In Matthew 18:21-22 it reads, *Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?" Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.* God is patient, forgiving, and gives us a lot of opportunities to accept Jesus and repent for our sins. (Revelation 3:20) That means. . .once you've achieved salvation, you escape God's wrath. (I don't know about you, but that makes me want to say, "Thank you, Jesus!").

I know that talking about wrath can be quite scary at first, but once you begin to realize the severity of the things Jesus went through on the cross, like paying our price for all of our sins and conquering death to name a couple things, you begin to understand the love (not wrath) He has for His people.

So don't be discouraged, or forced into fear. . .simply receive Jesus, believe He died for your sins, and achieve salvation, the assurance that you will be saved from God's wrath!

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### **SALVATION ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:9**

= Asking forgiveness and repenting of our sins is a big key to our salvation, and saves us from God's wrath. Have Mom or Dad get some scrap paper, a marker, and a bucket. On each piece of paper write something you consider to be a sin. Picture the bucket as being Jesus's arms. Now wad up each "sin" and throw it away right into Jesus's arms (the bucket). Once you've tossed all of the "sins" into Jesus's arms, have Mom or Dad empty the bucket into the trash. This is how Jesus treats your sins when you have salvation - if you sin but ask forgiveness and repent, He takes those sins and throws them as far as the east is from the west. Psalm 103:10-12 *He doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him. As far as east is from west—that's how far God has removed our sin from us.*

#### **= WORD JUMBLE:**

G R O F I E V

P R E T N E

S O S R C

A O H S E T I N S L N S A

T V L S A A I N O

**ANSWER KEY FOR WORD JUMBLE: FORGIVE, REPENT, CROSS, THESSALONIANS, SALVATION**

= On the back of this page draw a picture of what you think God's Love looks like.

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**TIME TO TALK TO GOD:**

Say the following prayer out loud to God. He will listen...I guarantee!

**PRAYER:** Dear God, I ask that you would hear my prayer. I receive Jesus into my heart. I believe what He did for me is real. I ask that You would forgive me for doing things that You don't like. Please help me to do my best to turn away from those things, and stay away from those things. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to save me. In His precious name I pray, Amen.