

**Gospel of Mark
Explaining Christianity
Bible Study Outline**

Goal: To communicate the true meaning of Christianity by looking into the original sources to see what they have to say about the life, teachings, and claims of Christ.

- Week 1:** **Jesus, Son of God** (Mark 1-5)
- Week 2:** **The Crucifixion** (Mark 15)
- Week 3:** **The Resurrection** (Mark 16:1-8; Acts 10:39-43; Mark 8)
- Week 4:** **Salvation by Grace, Not Works** (Mark 7:20-23; Eph 2:8-9)
- Week 5:** **What is a Christian? Repentance** (Mark 1:15, 8:34-38, 9:43-48)
- Week 6:** **What is a Christian? Faith** (Mark 5:25-34, 10:13-16; John 5:24)

Core Seminars—Explaining Christianity
Class 4: Salvation by Grace, not Works



Introduction

Do you know for certain that you would go to heaven if you were to die this very instant?

Review

Jesus' Authority and Divinity

Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross

Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead

Means of Salvation: How Am I Saved?

If you were to die tonight and give account of your life before God, what would you say in your defense?

Religions of “do” vs. “done”

Am I Saved by What I Have Done?

Matthew 5:43-48 -

Romans 3:23 -

Galatians 3:10 -

James 2:10 -

What is God's standard?

Mark 7:20-23 -

Am I saved by What Jesus Did?

What is grace?

Romans 1:17 -

Romans 3:21-31 -

Galatians 3:10-14 -

Ephesians 2:8-9 -

So, do works or good deeds even matter? Ephesians 2:10

Conclusion

“Every day of our Christian experience should be a day of relating to God on the basis of His grace alone...Your worst days are never so bad that you are *beyond the reach* of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are *beyond the need* of God's grace.” – Jerry Bridges

Resources:

Greg Gilbert, *What is the Gospel?*, Chapter 4, “Jesus Christ the Savior”

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 7, “The Death of Christ”

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 8, “The Salvation of Christ”

Josh McDowell, *More Than A Carpenter*, Chapter 10, “Isn’t There Some other Way”