

What is Salvation?

Sombun and Bat are close friends. Every Sunday after worshipping at church, Sombun visits Bat. They talk about religion and God. Bat is not a Christian, but he looks for truth by studying the Bible with great interest.

One day, Bat asked Sombun, “I heard other Christians say that if you will believe in Jesus Christ you will be saved and receive salvation. What is salvation, what does it mean?”

Sombun replied, “I will give you an example to help you understand. Suppose someone, who does not know how to swim, fell into the water and is about to drown. But another person who can swim jumps into the water and saves his life. He almost died. He received assistance to escape from dying. What did he receive?” Bat answered, “He received salvation”.

Sombun said, “The man who was drowning in water is like a man drowning in sin. Is there anyone that can save us from sin? I can’t help you because I am drowning in sin and you can’t help me because you are drowning in sin. No one can help themselves because like the old proverb ‘You can’t see your eyelashes no matter how good your eyes are’ and ‘You can’t lift your body no matter how strong you are’. So it is hopeless to try to save yourself by following religion, morality and doing good works.

God, by his mercy and love for you, sent a Savior, Jesus Christ. **Matthew 1:21 “... for he shall save his people from their sins.”** He will save all those who believe Him. Those who believe will receive salvation like the man who was saved from drowning.”

Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Bat said, “Now I understand what salvation is. Everyone has fallen into sin and the result of sin is death. We are like the person drowning in water. If we don’t receive assistance then we will die. Every person has the right to receive salvation. Am I right?”

Sombun said, “That is right. Salvation is the gift of God and is free to all people. Jesus Christ came down from heaven and died on the cross for all our sin. You will receive salvation by repenting of your sin and receiving Jesus Christ by faith into your heart.”