



**SAVED TO SERVE**  
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**IS SALVATION BASED ON RACE?**

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the Bible to see if salvation is based on race or ethnic group. Today, there are groups such as the Hebrew Israelites and individuals in Judaism who believe that because of the color of their skin or lineage, they will be saved by default.
2. What happened as a result of Adam's disobedience to God? Romans 5:12-14; Genesis 3:6-7  

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3. After the flood, what three men became the fathers of all people, tongues, families, and nations? Genesis 9:18-19  

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4. **Note:** The number for "nation" in the Hebrew Lexicon of the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance is 1471 and it means "people". The number in the Greek Lexicon of the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance is 1484 (such as found in Matthew 24:7), and it means "race, tribe, people". Therefore, it is clear from scripture that every person on earth are descendants of either Shem, Ham, or Japheth.
5. Which man did God set apart to receive and bear His truth? Genesis 12:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Of which of Noah's sons was Abram a descendant? Genesis 11:10, 26 \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did God say He would do through Abram? Genesis 12:3  

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8. From what three men were all the "families of the earth" descendants? Genesis 10:2, 5, 20, 31; Genesis 9:19-19  

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9. **Note:** God chose to make Abram a great nation or race or people in order to bless every single human through Abram and his descendants. He wasn't chosen to be exclusive and keep God's truth to himself but rather, to share it with everyone.
10. How were the families of the earth blessed through Abram or Abraham? Matthew 1:1  

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11. What was Jesus' mission? Matthew 1:21  

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12. Who are the people that Jesus came to save? Romans 5:17-18  

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13. Based on the previous scriptures, who is eligible to be a recipient of salvation? **Answer:** All men, mankind, or the human race.
14. In Romans 5:19, what quantity of persons will be made righteous or be saved? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Is it because of a person's race that only "many" and not all will be saved? If not, what is the reason why people will be lost? John 3:16; John 12:37  

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16. The Israelites, the Jews, thought that they would be saved based on their race and lineage. What did they say to Jesus in John 8:32-33?  

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17. The Jews prided themselves on their connection to Abraham? Was the bloodline of Abraham and of Jesus untainted by people of other nations? Matthew 1:5; Joshua 2:1; Ruth 2:2; Ruth 4:13, 18-22

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18. In Jesus' sight, what was more important than having an affiliation to a name, group, or race? John 8:37-39

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a) How can we be a part of Abraham's seed and be recipients of the promises given to Abraham? Galatians 3:29, 14

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19. In Matthew 15, Jesus played into the prejudice of the disciples and the Jews to show them that His mission as Messiah was to save all. What did He say to the woman whose daughter had a demon? Matthew 15:23, 24, 26

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a) Where was this woman from? Matthew 15:22 \_\_\_\_\_

b) Whose descendants were from Canaan? Genesis 9:18 \_\_\_\_\_

c) Did Jesus heal the Canaanite woman's daughter? What did He say about her faith? Matthew 15:25-28

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20. Simeon, who was in the temple at Jesus' dedication, spoke about Jesus' mission (Luke 2:25-27). To whom was Jesus' light to shine? Luke 2:28-32; Isaiah 60:1-3

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a) Whose descendants comprised many of the "Gentiles"? Genesis 10:2, 5 \_\_\_\_\_

21. After Jesus' resurrection, He prophesied that the disciples would receive power. To where did they go to be His witnesses? Acts 1:8

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a) The rejection and stoning of Stephen was the final straw which ended the probation of the Jews as God's chosen people (study Daniel 9:24-27). Where was Stephen preaching when he was stoned? Acts 6:7-8; Acts 7:54-60

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b) In what regions did the apostles scatter to preach after Stephen's stoning? Acts 8:1

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c) Speaking to the Jews, what did Paul say regarding the spreading of the gospel? Acts 13:46-47

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22. **Note:** This clearly shows us that Jesus, along with the apostles, preached and ministered to the Gentiles and not just the Jews. The apostles fulfilled Acts 1:8 exactly as Jesus said it! Furthermore, if salvation was determined based upon being a Jew or descendant of Abraham from the line of Shem, then why would Jesus and the apostles minister to individuals from other nations who were descendants of Ham and Japheth? They did so because Jesus came to save all who would accept Him, not just a particular race or group of people.

23. In these last days, where will God's faithful messengers preach the everlasting gospel, and who will hear it? Revelation 14:6-7

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24. Since the gospel goes to every race and sect of people on the earth, those who teach that salvation is based on race or lineage are a part of what false system? Revelation 14:8

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a) What must happen before the final events of earth's history, just before the Second Coming of Jesus? Matthew 24:14

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25. As we close, let us focus on how a person receives salvation. How are we saved? Ephesians 2:8, 9

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26. What does Jesus' grace do? Romans 3:24

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a) How many people are just? Ecclesiastes 7:20

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b) Read Romans 3:26. Jesus is just and has the right to justify us. What must we do to receive this justification or pardon for sin?  
1 John 1:9

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27. Fill in the blank. Once we confess our sins, Jesus will then declare us \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Romans 3:22

a) Righteousness is right doing (1 John 3:7). Do we then disregard God's law after receiving grace and being justified?  
Romans 3:31

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28. What did Abraham and Rahab combine to fully experience righteousness by faith? James 2:21-26

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29. Is God only the God of one group or people? Romans 3:29

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30. Based on this study and Romans 2:28-29, is salvation a matter of race or a matter of heart conversion?

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