

**GRADE 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYLLABUS (2009-2010)**

**UNIT IV "SALVATION"**

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

The students should be able to:

1. define Salvation;
2. explain why there is a need for Salvation;

3. describe what God did through His Son, Jesus Christ, to bring Salvation;

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Salvation is God rescuing people from the dangers their disobedience to Him have brought them into (Jn.3:16-18).

Ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, by eating of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, they sinned against God, that is, they offended Him. As a result of this sin, they were not allowed to live forever. They were no longer allowed to eat the fruit of the tree of life, which kept them from aging and dying. Consequently, they eventually died. Also, all of their descendants are born and later die (Gen.2:15-17; 3:1-6; Rom.5:12).

Their sin has affected the way all of their descendants think, feel, speak, and act. It is naturally easier to do what is wrong than to do what is right. We were "made sinners" by the sin of Adam and Eve (Rom.5:19; 7:14-18).

Sin is dangerous, because it can separate us from God, make us His enemies, control us, and eventually lead not only to physical death, but to an everlasting separation from God in a place of eternal torment called "Hell-Fire" (Isa.59:2; Col.1:21; Jn.8:34; Lk.12:4-5; Rev.20:10)!

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take the blame for all sins which have and which will ever be done! This is how those who receive Salvation are not blamed nor accused nor found fault with by God (Isa.53:6; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor.5:21; Col.1:21-22)!

God also sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take the punishment for all sins which have and which will ever be done! This is why He suffered and died on the cross. Those who receive Salvation will not be punished in Hell-Fire for their sins (Isa.53:5,8; 1<sup>st</sup>

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Thess.5:9-10)!

God also raised His Son from the dead to remove the punishment of physical death at His Return, so that those who receive Salvation will rise from the dead and live forever in the Kingdom of God! They will receive new, spiritual, imperishable, glorious and heavenly bodies. Also, those who are alive at Jesus Christ's Return, and who have received Salvation, will not die at all, but their physical bodies will be changed so that they will be able to live forever (1<sup>st</sup> Cor.15:42-54)! The Holy Spirit is the Power of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. This same Power will live in a saved person's body and give to them the strength to overcome temptation and to do what God has commanded, so that they will be free from the control of sin (Rom.8:11-13)!

4. explain why Salvation is found only in God's Son, Jesus Christ;

Salvation is found only in God's Son, Jesus Christ, for He is the only One whom God sent to be the Saviour of the world through His death on the cross, His burial and resurrection from the dead (Jn.14:6; Acts 4:12; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn.5:12)!

Salvation is not as a result of how many good works we have done; but it is a free gift from God through Jesus Christ alone (Eph.2:8-9)!

5. discuss the steps which an unsaved person must take to receive Salvation;

An unsaved person needs to take the following steps to receive Salvation.

- (i) They need to hear the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ (Acts 11:14);
- (ii) They need to have faith in the Good News of Salvation

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6. discuss the steps which a saved person must take to hold on to Salvation;

7. describe Salvation at the return of Jesus Christ.

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through Jesus Christ (Rom.10:17);

(iii) They need to repent of their sins and return to God (Lk.24:47);

(iv) They need to confess their faith in Jesus as their risen Lord (Rom.10:8-10,13); &

(v) They need to be baptized into Jesus Christ (Rom.6:1-7,17-18).

When a person sins after baptism, they need to take the following steps to hold on to Salvation:

(i) They need to repent of their sins (Acts 8:22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor.7:9-10);

(ii) They need to confess their sins to God in prayer (1<sup>st</sup> Jn.1:9) or they need to confess their sins to a Church Leader or to a fellow-Christian, who is living a righteous life, and ask him to pray for them (Acts 8:24; James 5:16);

(iii) They need to ask God in prayer to forgive them of their sins (Acts 8:22); or to ask a Church Leader or a fellow-Christian, who is living a righteous life, to pray to God for them that their sins may be forgiven (James 5:15-16).

(iv) They need to be faithful to Christ (Heb.3:12-14; Heb.10:35-39; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet.1:3-11).

When Jesus Christ returns, He will take those who have received Salvation to be with Him in Heaven, His Father's House (Jn.14:1-3; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess.4:16-18; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet.1:3-9).

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**UNIT V: THE BIBLE**

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

The students should be able to:

1. describe three evidences that the Bible came from a Being who is higher in knowledge and different in character from human beings.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. describe five examples from archaeology which show that the Bible is accurate in its history;

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The Authority Of The Bible

- (i) Prophecies have been fulfilled ( Gen.12:2, compare Ex.1:7; Jer.31:35-37; Isa.53:5,8, 10-11, compare Lk.23:33,46; 24:6; Dan.12:4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.3:1-5; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.3:13 )
  
- (ii) Knowledge of scientific facts thousands of years before scientists found out these facts for themselves (Gen.17:12; Lev.13:46; Lev.13:52,55,57; Job 26:7; Isa.40:22)
  
- (iii) Laws governing human behaviour are different from what human beings would make as laws for themselves (Matt.5:44-48; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess.5:15; Rom.12:21; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor.6:18-20)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (i) Archaeologists have found evidence that earth's earliest inhabitants in Mesopotamia and in Egypt believed in One God (Halley's Bible Handbook, page 832);
  
- (ii) Archaeologists have found evidence that there was an Adam and Eve,

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3. describe three evidences that the Bible has been well preserved so that its messages are unchanged;

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- and that Eve was tempted to eat a forbidden fruit by an evil spirit in the form of a serpent (Halley's Bible Handbook, page 832);
- (iii) Archaeologists have found evidence that earth's earliest inhabitants lived unusually long (Halley's Bible Handbook, page 832);
- (iv) Archaeologists have uncovered evidence that writing was known thousands of years before Moses, so that events which happened before Moses, could have been recorded (Halley's Bible Handbook, pages 830-831); &
- (v) Noah's Ark has been discovered (Halley's Bible Handbook, page 75).
- (i) More ancient copies of the Bible than any other ancient book;
- (ii) There are so many ancient commentaries on every book of the Bible, that even if all ancient copies of the Bible were lost, it would be possible to reproduce the whole Bible from quotations made in these commentaries; &

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4. explain the reasons there is the Old Testament and the New Testament;

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- (iii) Versions are a scholarly attempt to carefully carry over the meanings of the original languages of the Bible into languages spoken and written today.

The Reasons There Is The Old Testament And The New Testament:

- (i) The Old Testament was written to prepare the People of Israel, God's Chosen People, for the coming of the Saviour of the world (Gen.12:3; Lev.17:11; Isa.53:5-12; Lk.24:44-47; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.3:15);
- (ii) The Old Testament foretold the coming of the New Testament, which would be different and better than the Old Testament (Jer.31:31-34; Heb.8:6-13);
- (iii) When Jesus Christ died on the cross, the Old Testament was replaced by the New Testament (Col.2:14-17; Heb.9:15-17); &
- (iv) The Old Testament has warnings and examples, which can still teach us important

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5. explain four reasons everyone everywhere should follow the guidelines for living in the Bible;

6. explain why a person cannot successfully and consistently follow the guidelines for living in the Bible, without Jesus Christ, the Son of God, setting them free from the power of sin;

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lessons today, although some of its laws do not apply today (Rom.15:4; Heb.10:1-10).

Selected Guidelines For Living

Reasons everyone everywhere ought to follow the guidelines for living in the Bible:

- (i) God—a Being Higher in Knowledge and Different in Character from human beings—revealed these guidelines for living in the Bible (2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.3:16-17);
- (ii) God has given to Jesus Christ, His Son, ALL Authority in heaven and on earth (Matt.28:20; Phil. 2:9-11);
- (iii) God will judge all people by His Son, Jesus Christ (Matt.25:31-34,41,46; Acts17:30-31; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor.5: 10); &
- (iv) The Standard by which all people will be judged is the Bible (Jn.12:48).

Reasons Jesus Christ has to set a person free from the power of sin in order for them to follow the guidelines for living in the Bible are:

- (i) Since you were “made sinners” through the sin of

Adam and Eve, it is naturally easy to do what is

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sinful, but it is difficult to do what is right (Rom.5:19; Rom.7:14-20);

- (ii) Through Jesus Christ's death on the cross, His burial in the tomb and His resurrection from the dead, the power of sin in your human nature can be crucified and buried, and the divine nature, the personality of God, the Father, can be given to you, so that you are no longer bound as a slave to sin, but you are free to live the way God wants you to (Rom.8:3-4, 12-14; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn.3:9);
- (iii) Salvation from sin's power and control is received through faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, sincere repentance of sin, confession of Jesus as the risen Lord or as the Son of God, and baptism into a spiritual union with Jesus Christ. When you are in union with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit of God sets you free from the power of sin (Jn.1:12-13; Acts 26:20; Rom.10:9-10; Rom.6:3-6; Rom.8:1-2).



**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

7. discuss and apply the selected guidelines for living in the Bible;

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Selected Guidelines For Living  
In The Bible

- (i) Certain parts of the body should not be exposed in public (Gen.3:7,21; Ex.20:26; Ex.28:42-43; Rev.3:18; 16:15; Lk.17:1-2; Matt.5:27-30);
- (ii) Certain kinds of music should not be listened to. Music that promotes sex before marriage or unfaithfulness among married people is displeasing to God (1<sup>st</sup> Jn.2:15-17; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess.4:2-3; Matt.15:18-20); Musical Videos that show people moving their bodies in a way to stir up lust is displeasing to God (Rom.13:13);
- (iii) No contraceptive can make sex before marriage safe (1<sup>st</sup> Cor.6:18; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor.6:9-10; Gal.5:19-21; Eph.5:5; Heb.13:4; Rev.21:8); Sinning against God, and being punished in hell-fire is far worse than getting some sexually transmitted infection (Rev.20:10; Matt.13:49-50);
- (iv) Homosexuality and Lesbianism are forbidden (Rom.1:26-27; Jude verse 7); &

- (v) Abortion is forbidden (Ps.139:13,16; Jer.1:4-5; Judges 13:3-5; Lk.1:12-17).

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- 8. describe how to strengthen themselves spiritually in order to follow these and other guidelines for living found in the Bible.

**CONTENT:**

How To Strengthen One's Self To Follow The Guidelines For Living In The Bible:

- (i) Pray to God regularly (Col. 1:9-10);
- (ii) Read and meditate on the Bible daily (2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.3:16-17; Ps.119:11,97,105);
- (iii) Act upon what God wants you to do in the Bible (James 1:22-25);
- (iv) Worship God with a group of Bible-believing and Bible-obeying Christians (Heb.10:25); &
- (v) Help others to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ (Mk.16:15-16; Matt.28:18-20).

