

# Salvation & Grace - Cheatsheet

## Why do humans need grace and salvation?

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## Key Facts

1. Christians believe that the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus offer salvation and grace to his followers.
2. The importance of all of these events for Christians beliefs is that it offers the chance of salvation to all who follow Jesus and thereby receive the grace of God.
3. 'Grace' is described as 'unmerited favour'.
4. Some fundamentalist Christians believe in a literal understanding of Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit.
5. Most Christians, however, see this as a symbolic story, indicating that human beings can often be selfish and act against God's will.

## How to achieve salvation and go to heaven

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Grace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Christians believe that salvation is a gift from God, not just something they gain by good behaviour.</li><li>- They believe that Jesus died to save people, and that this was the gift (Grace) given to them by God, regardless of whether they deserved it or not.</li><li>- Soldiers sometimes sacrifice their own lives to save their fellow soldiers, perhaps by facing the impact of a grenade.</li><li>- Christian salvation is understood as something similar, where Jesus was prepared to die in place of sinful humans.</li></ul>
Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Christians believe that God has given them the Holy Spirit, which helps them to understand the Gospel and to accept that they are sinners.</li><li>- This also makes them aware of the need to be saved, which makes them more likely turn to God.</li></ul>

## Key Questions

What do we mean by the 'grace' of God?	Unmerited favour
Why do humans need to be saved?	Because we tend to sin
What gift did God give to humans when Jesus died for their sins?	Grace



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