

OCIA Handout
Lesson 11
Redemption and Salvation—How am I Saved?

Soteriology

- Hebrew root soteria/soter + logia
- Meaning salvation or preservation + study
- Study of salvation

St. Augustine, Sermo 169, 11, 13: PL 38, 923

- From CCC §1847: “God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us.”
- Forms the basic understanding of salvation as viewed from Sacred Scripture and Tradition.
- God first begins his intimate and immediate work of redemption in the Incarnation, the event of the Second Person of the Trinity becoming man.
 - “For our sake and for our salvation He became man...” (Nicene Creed)
 - In other words, when we speak of salvation, it is not merely an event, but it is rooted in a Person, Jesus Christ.

Michael Patrick Barber, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know*

- Foreword by Brant Pitre
- 10 Chapters focusing on 10 Major Points for Catholics to know regarding salvation:
 - Not just self-help
 - Not just fire insurance
 - Not without cost
 - Not just personal
 - Not just a legal transaction
 - Not a spectator sport
 - Not simply a moment
 - Not inevitable
 - Not just for other people
 - Not only about the future

Solemn Teaching of the Church:

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, by His life and by His suffering which ended in His death on the Cross, made satisfaction for our sins and merited for us grace and eternal life. (Council of Trent)
- Christ offered Himself on the Cross as a true and proper sacrifice. (Trent)
- Christ died for all without exception, not only for the elect. (Trent)
- In His soul, Christ descended to the dead
- In His body, He rose again on the third day, ascended into Heaven into divine glory, and thence sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church.