

# Resource sheet 44

## Salvation

Today is the beginning of our salvation,  
The revelation of the eternal mystery!  
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin  
As Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.  
Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:  
Rejoice, O Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with You! (Troparion of Annunciation)

“Christ has been manifested in a human body for this reason only, out of the love and goodness of His Father, for the salvation of us men.”

“For by the sacrifice of His own body He did two things: ' He put an end to the law of death which barred our way; and He made a new beginning of life for us, by giving us the hope of resurrection.’” Quoted from 'On the Incarnation' by Saint Athanasios the Great.

### True or False Questions:

Adam and Eve were obedient to God's commandment.

Adam and Eve were chased out of Eden.

After the sin of our ancestors, all people became immortal.

People didn't know anything about Christ (Messiah), before His coming.

Lord Jesus Christ is God and man

God become flesh (man), because of His great love for the mankind.

**Activity 1:** what does the Scripture says about God's love, His grace and salvation. Make the scramble.

“For by \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”  
(Ephesians 2:8)  
(eagcr)

“...for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6) (erwardre)

“for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” (Acts 4:12)  
(dsaev)

“...because the love of God has been poured out in our \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”  
(Romans 5:5) (sthear)

“For the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Christ compels us.” (2 Corinthians 5:14)  
(vleo)

**Activity 2:** Fill in the omitted words and expressions, using the glossary below.

Salvation is a ..... of God. God, because of His ....., sent His Son to deliver mankind from sin and ..... We find salvation in the ....., where we become united with Christ. During the ..... we sing “let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God”. We imitate Christ in helping the needy. Every offering which we offer to another person in this world comes from Christ, and every appeal, addressed to us from another person is addressed from Christ. As God is love, we should give our love to God and to creatures. St. Apostle Paul says God love is in our ..... and the love of Christ controls us.

### **Glossary:**

Church, love, gift, death, hearts, Liturgy,

Key:

Salvation is a gift of God. Because of His love, God sent His Son to deliver mankind from the sin and death. We find our salvation in the Church, where we become one with Christ. During the Liturgy we sing “let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God”. We imitate Christ in helping the needy. Every help we offer to the other person in this world comes from Christ, and every appeal, addressed to us from another person is addressed from Christ. And because God is love, we should give our love to God and to creatures in same way. St. apostle Paul says God love is in our hearts and the love of Christ controls us.

### **Activity 3: Church – our ship of salvation**

This activity can be organized in two ways:

1. Children draw a ship in a rough sea. On a sail they can write “Church”. In the boat itself they should write what we find in the Church – for example: unity, Christ, love, Eucharist, blessing, Holy Spirit.
2. Make a big paper boat. Children should “load” the boat. On small notes should write what we find in the Church (see above). Then you can put the boat in a vessel with water.