

How to get saved: The ABC of Salvation

A is for **Admit you're a sinner**. It says in Romans 3:10 'There is not one who is righteous and without sin, not even one. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and the wages of sin is death'. All of us have been born sinners, that's why we need to be born again in Christ. But here's the good news or the 'gospel truth' of God: We have the promise of Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord. That is, your debt has been paid and you are free to go. Jesus Christ went to His death in your place, and the death penalty was paid by Him for you, instead of your dying without hope of life eternal, which was our fate because of the original sin of Adam. So Jesus died FOR YOU, and through His death and resurrection He has shown He has power over death itself, as you can have, and your children, too. We are saved from death! Didn't He say in the gospels He would return? He just did! So if He is faithful and true in this promise, believe also He can save you for eternity.

B is **Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord** and that God raised him from the dead after three days. Romans 10:9,10 says 'If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED for it is with the heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved'. If you are having trouble believing this crucial event in the Bible actually happened, go to John's gospel for an overview of the life of Jesus before and after calvary. Ask God to help you.

C is **Call on the Name of the Lord**. Just call to Jesus. Admit you're unsure, sceptical, even, but ask Him to respond. Ask for His help. A good prayer to start would go something like this:

Lord, I have sinned and sinned and sinned. I am not worthy of you but I beg your forgiveness. I repent of the selfish and arrogant life I have led. Forgive me, wash me clean with your blood. Deliver me from the evil within. I want to be born again, fresh, new and in your image. I give you my life unconditionally. Receive me, lead me, save me. In Jesus' name. Amen