

The Plan of Salvation

Everyone has sinned. Romans 3:23 - *“ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

The penalty for our sin is death. Romans 6:23 - *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Jesus Christ died for sin. Romans 5:8 - *“But God demonstrates his won love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

To be forgiven for our sin, we must believe and confess that Jesus is Lord: Salvation comes through Jesus Christ. Romans 10: 8 - 10
“But what does it say? The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of Faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be save. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Notes of importance:

Each person has sinned, either by rebelling against God or by ignoring His will. No matter what our background or how hard we try to live good and saved lives, we cannot earn salvation or remove our sin. Only Christ can save us.

It is good news that God saves us from our sin. But we must believe in Jesus Christ and believe that he forgave our sin in order to enter into a wonderful new relationship with God.

Because we are free from sin’s control, the law’s demands, and fear of God’s punishment, we can grow in our relationship with Christ. By trusting in the Holy Spirit and allowing him to help us, we can overcome sin and temptation.

Because of God’s mercy, both Jews and Gentiles can be save. We all must respond to His mercy and accept His gracious offer of forgiveness. Because he is sovereign, let Him reign in your heart.

None of us can be fully Christ like by ourselves—it takes the entire body of Christ to fully express Christ. By actively and vigorously building up other believers. Christians can be a symphony of service to God.

Responsive Covenant Service



Minister: By what common and gracious experience do we enter into spiritual fellowship and covenant relations with God and with one another?

Congregation: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body of Christ.

Minister: What is the great bond of our union with God and each other?

Congregation: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love.

Minister: What are our great privileges and duties in this our own church?

Congregation: To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

Minister: What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

Congregation: To contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us; the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

Minister: With issues that arise in our church, how do we resolve them to maintain good fellowship?

Congregation: In case of differences of opinion in this church, we will strive to avoid contentious spirits, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

Minister: For the sake of our homes and our loved ones, what gracious task do we humbly assume?

Congregation: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to educate religiously our children to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

Minister: For the sake of the unsaved for whom our Saviour died, to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly sincerely pledged?

Congregation: To walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

Minister: Since one is our Master, even Christ, and we are all brethren, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Saviour?

Congregation: We further engage, to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and to stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys and with tender sympathy bear one another's burden and sorrows, to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Saviour in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay.

ALL: Humbly confessing our past sins, we pray for grace and strength to keep these, our holy vows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Finally, when we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's words.

Amen.