

Safe in the Arms of Love

Non-Christians are curious about Christianity, Jesus Christ, and what salvation means. This is an important question that we should be ready to discuss. Receiving Jesus Christ as Lord means embracing the gift of salvation through faith based upon what He accomplished for all humanity on the cross and through His resurrection. **Hebrews 5:9 NLT:** “...*God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him.*” When people talk about salvation, they might mean “*I’m saved,*” signifying “*I believe I’m going to heaven when I die.*” However, the salvation that God offers is far greater than that. We illustrate how God’s grace forgives our sins through faith in Jesus. **Ephesians 2:8-9:** “*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*” This means that when God gazes upon us, He no longer perceives our sinful lives; instead, He sees the perfection of Jesus and His sacrifice on our behalf. **2 Corinthians 5:17-19:** “*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*” Everyone who has received Jesus is justified (not guilty) before God. Our salvation means we receive the gifts, seal, and inheritance promised to us as adopted children of God, which are given to us through the Holy Spirit. **John 1:12:** “*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*” and **1 Peter 1:3-5:** “*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power...*” Once we accept God’s gift of salvation through Jesus, we receive God’s presence in the form of His Holy Spirit. He resides in our souls and offers us help. We obtain the seal of the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 1:13-14**). This assures us that our salvation cannot be taken away, and we cannot do anything to lose it. Jesus assures us, **John 10:28:** “*and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*” The Holy Spirit is now the official guardian of our souls. He intercedes for us before God and helps us understand the things of God. **Colossians 1:12-14:** “*...always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.*” We were broken people, but Jesus’ love embraced us. Truly, we are safe in the arms of love.