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THE INFALLIBLE PROOFS OF JESUS THE CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (By, Dr. Ventura)

It is hard to believe in the year 2024, in light of all available evidence, there are people around the world who refuse to believe, to accept the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Oh, I have heard many, many reasons why they will not believe. Some say, "Well man wrote that Bible a long time ago". Funny these same people do not say, "Well we do not believe the eyewitness accounts that George Washington lived, after all men wrote that history a long time ago". They just accept that George Washington once lived and walked and talked among men, the historical accounts are true!

Recently I met a youngster of about fourteen years of age. He said, "How do I know that there is a God, I never saw Him". So, being the kind of fellow I am, and hoping to help this youngster think out of the box, I asked him, "How do you know you have a brain, you never saw that either?" That stopped him dead in his tracks, and he said, "Now you're getting real!" I am sharing that story with you, because I want to dedicate this article to that young man and to all who "Dare to think for themselves" without the "herd mentality" often seen in the free world, but, especially in prisons around the world!

The wisdom of all rejectors of the world will fall on five theoretical arguments. NOT PROOF, but they base their complete eternal future upon the following five theories: **1) The Fraud Theory:** They say, either Jesus, His Disciples, or both have simply made up the story of Jesus' Resurrection; **2) The Swoon Theory**: Jesus merely fainted on the Cross, but later, in the coolness of the tomb, Jesus came to – woke up, He revived; **3) The Vision Theory**: Those who saw Jesus after the resurrection, did not really see Jesus, but were deceived by a vision of what they thought was Jesus; **4) The Spirit** **Theory**: Jesus only resurrected in the heart of His Disciples.

In light of the facts and evidence which have spanned the course of the last 2,000 or so years of human history – in light of the millions upon millions of people who have testified how graciously Jesus has changed their hearts – and miraculously taken away their hearts of stone, and changed their hearts into a heart of flesh, I set before you today, five infallible proofs of Jesus Christ's Resurrection:

I. JESUS' DEATH:

(1) Jesus refused to take any pain killing drug given to crucifixion victims – Mk. 15:23 "And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not." (2) Luke, a physician and Author of the Gospel of Luke, said Jesus died - "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost" (Lk. 23:46). (3) The Bible gives evidence of Christ's death. Jesus heart sack was pierced: "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side and forthwith came there out blood and water" (Jn. 19:34). (4) Pontius Pilot enquired of Jesus' death before turning over Jesus' body: "And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph" (Mt. 15:44). (5) The body of Jesus was prepared with 100 lbs. of spices – Jn. 19:39-40. (6) You have the undisturbed grave clothes -Jn. 20:6-7. (7) If Christ Jesus did not die from all He suffered, it would not have transformed the lives His Disciples, nor led to the transformation of thousands - millions of conversions, and ultimately turned the world upside down -"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:1).

II. THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST:

(1) Joseph did not remove the body from The tomb – he was a good man, he would not have violated the Sabbath by removing the body from the tomb – Lk. 23:50-54. Joseph was a member of the Sanhedrin who secretly believed Jesus is the Savior. (2) There were Roman guards at the tomb. Thus, Joseph could not have stolen the body – no one could! (3) If Joseph had stolen the body of Jesus, then one must ask, how could Jesus have made all of those recorded eyewitness post-resurrection appearances? – "...He was seen of five hundred brethren at once..." (1 Cor. 15:6). (Know this, in a court of criminal law, one eyewitness can send a person to prison for life). (4) The Roman and Jewish authorities had plenty of reasons for wanting Jesus body kept in the tomb – if they had His body, they certainly would have produced it to stop the preaching of Jesus Christ's resurrection – and, that is why those guards were placed there at the tomb. The preaching of the Resurrection Grieved some people, priests, and even the Captain of the temple along with the Sadducees! (Acts. 4:1-2). (5) The Disciples did not steal the Body the tomb was guarded. And, besides that, the Disciples were afraid for their own lives "And they all forsook him, and fled" (Mk. 14:50). Why should they risk their lives to propagate a lie? (6) The woman at the tomb. Some people say they believe the woman went to the wrong tomb because it was dark out - oops - there goes "Sun Rise Service"! If they went to the wrong tomb, that would mean Peter & John went to the wrong tomb; Jn. 20:4-7 disproves that idea. (Read the verse - the eyewitness accounts, do not be a Bible Blockhead!!! Why don't you quit waiting for someone to hold your hand and walk you through this life – open

the Bible and think like a man – your own man!).

III. <u>THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BODILY</u> <u>RESURRECTION:</u>

(1) Mary Magdalene & others (Jn.20:11-17). (2) Peter's eyewitness account in Lk. 24:34 to which Paul later witnesses: "And that he was seen of Cephas, then the twelve" (1 Cor. 15:5). (3) The eyewitness account on the Emmaus Rd. (Lk. 24:13-35). (4) The Upper Room Disciples (Jn. 20:19-23). (5) One week after the resurrection you have Thomas's eyewitness encounter with the Lord (Jn. 20:26-29). (6) The eyewitness account of the seven Disciples by the Sea of Galilee (Jn. 21:1-3). (7) Seen by more than 500 – "After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remained unto this present, but some are fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:6). (8) Jesus appears to His own Brother James (1 Cor.5:7). (9) Jesus was seen by Stephen when Stephen was about to be stoned to death (Acts 7:55-56). (10) Seen by Paul on the road Damascus (Acts 9:3-6). (11) On the Isle of Patmos seen by the Apostle John (Rev. 1).

IV. THE LORD'S APPEARANCES:

(1) Jesus Christ was seen by a sufficient number of people to verify the reality of His Resurrection. (2) Those appearances by the Lord Jesus Christ spread out over a significant period of time to prove His appearances were not a event! (3) Christ was seen by many different people during many occasions so that there is sufficient independent testimony to His Resurrection – eyewitness accounts. (4) Jesus appearances were such as to prove without a shadow of a doubt their validity: **a.** Lk. 24 records Jesus walked, talked, and ate with some; **b.** Jesus prepared a meal and ate with others – Jn. 21:12; **c.** Christ taught the Disciples Acts 1:3; d. Jesus performed miracle – Acts
1:3; Jn. 20:30.

V. EVIDENCE OUTSIDE THE BIBLE:

Before endeavoring to scratch the surface herein Sec. V., let me clearly state that it would be impossible to write in a short newsletter about all the "Secular" (nonreligious) sources which have come from the 1st and 2nd Century A.D. Having said that, I now refer you to the Jewish Historian, Flavius Josephus (A.D. 37 – c. 100). According to William Whiston, "Flavius Josephus . . . is the author of what has become for Christianity perhaps the most significant extra-biblical writings of the first century. Josephus writes about Jesus Christ and Jesus' Brother, James in Antiquities Book 20.9.1: "Festus was now dead and Albinus was but upon the road; so he assembled the Sanhedrin of judges, and brought before them the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ, whose name was James, and some others. . ." I have taken into consideration that there are some Scholars who claim the words "called Christ" are a Greek Manuscript redaction later inserted. (Redaction is the process of editing text for publication). Therefore, in all fairness, I turn to the Arabic Version as translated into English. Now about Jesus: "About this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. . .and his conduct was good, and he was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die" (16.3.63). (Antiquities 18.63 in Arabic. 10AD From Agapias' Kital-al-Unwam "Book of the Title", Shlama Pines An Arabic Version of the Testimonies Flavianum and its implications (Jerusalem Israel Academy of Science and Humanities, 1971)). Note that both the Greek

and the Arabic Versions of Josephus tell of the reports of eyewitness accounts of Jesus after

His resurrection. Remember, Flavius Josephus was not a Christian. But was a Jewish historian!

Certainly, there are other accounts outside the Bible written by non-Christian Historians. "Even the Jewish Babylonian Talmud (500-600 A.D.), which is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism and primary source of Jewish religious law and Jewish theology" (Citation Omitted), speaks of Jesus and how a Herald cried throughout Jerusalem announcing Jesus was being put to death! Moreover, there are too many historians who wrote about the Lord Jesus Christ to mention them herein, i.e., Tacitus, Pliny the Younger's letter to the Roman Emperor Trajan, etc. etc.

CONCLUSION:

By the clear weight of the plethora (large excessive amount) of evidence, both secular and theological, the only reasonable explanation for the missing body, the many appearances, the transformed lives of the Disciples, and the amazing origin of Christianity and its world-wide transforming power – is, the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave – from the tomb!!!

ABOUT THAT DOVE

Three times in Gen. 8:8-12 Noah sent a Dove out. Three is the number of the Trinity. The Second time out, the Dove finds life. Father, <u>Son</u>, Holy Spirit!

THE BEST O.T. VS. ON THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

Isaiah 48:12-16 (1) "I". (2) "the Lord God". (3) "his Spirit"

MARY NEEDED A SAVIOR Lk. 1:46-47

THE DOCTRINE OF IMPUTATION

(By, Anthony Brunetti) The Doctrine of Imputation is foundational to a correct understanding of soteriology (the Doctrine of Salvation), our relationship to God in Christ Jesus.

To impute means to charge to another's account. The Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary of The English Language defines Impute: "To charge; to attribute; to set to the account of [another]. This is precisely what the "Vicarious" Atonement is. Christ took on our sin nature and paid the price that we should have had to pay. We in turn received Christ's righteousness and were blessed with something we did not deserve. The Apostle Paul made this clear in his Epistle to the Corrinthians: "For he hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21). "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:" (Gal. 3:13).

Moreover, under the Law of God we should have received that "Curse" (Gal. 3:13). Instead of receiving that curse we get to share in Christ's reward – ruling and reigning with Him as joint heirs of His Kingdom (Ro. 8:17; James 2:5; Rev. 20:6).

In the Epistle of Romans, Chapter 4, Paul uses the story of Abraham as an ensample of how the Lord imputes righteousness to an individual through faith apart from works! Paul quotes King David's Psalm 32:1, 2 in Romans 4:6-8. "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man to which the Lord will not impute sin, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works. *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

If we look at the life of Abraham, we see that he lived a life of sin. He married his halfsister Sarah in violation of Lev. 20:17 (Sin is transgression of the Law (1 Jn. 3:4)). Such a relationship is called "a wicked thing" in the eyes of the Lord and the penalty was death. Abraham lied on two occasions about the nature of his relationship with Sarah in Gen. 12:11-20, 20:2-7 in violation of Ex.20:16; 23:1. It should be noted that the written Law was not in existence during the time of Abraham. Yet, Paul makes it clear that that does not excuse Abraham's "unrighteous actions". (See: Ro. 1:19, 20, 2:12-15). God was not imputing sin unto Abraham. God looked at Abraham's faith and it was imputed unto Abraham for righteousness (Ro. 4:21).

About Abraham, in similar fashion when we accept Christ Jesus' atonement, our sins are no longer being imputed unto us, but our faith like Abraham's faith, is being imputed to us for righteousness. (Ro. 4:21-25). That is, our faith in Jesus. That does not mean that we will not suffer the effects of sin in this life. Abraham did and so shall we. There are natural consequences to sin that we will reap if we continue to sow (Gal. 6:7, 8; Ro. 6:16). The righteousness *imputed* to us saves us from the judgement unbelievers will face at the Great White Throne Judgement!

Thank God for His infinite wisdom and mercy, Christ's righteousness has been *imputed* upon us whom believe, and our sins have been *imputed* upon Christ. We received what we did not deserve – Salvation, Eternal Life, Christ's Righteousness, and an Inheritance. In exchange, Christ received what He did NOT deserve, the Curse of the Law and Punishment for Our Sins. Christ Jesus' love and mercy endures forever.

IN DEFENSE OF THE KJB

Question: Is it OK if I preach from a King James Bible but study from a modern version?

Answer: No, it's both dishonest and misleading.

Explanation: The reason a preacher preaches from a King James Bible but studies from a modern version is that he **really** doesn't believe the King James is perfect, but he wants to **deceive** his listeners into thinking he does. Out of the public eye he runs to the bible he **really** trusts.

This practice is like saying, "I have a 30-60 rifle and it's the greatest rifle in the world!" but then you go hunting with a .22. Its like a man telling people how much he likes his wife and how smart she is, but when someone asks, "I need help with something. Can your wife help?" he says, "Oh no, she's an idiot, go ask my secretary, she **really** knows how to handle that." Who would trust a man who **publicly** makes a big deal over how great his wife is but then **in private** takes personal counsel from another women?

Explore the wealth of your King James Bible! Why turn to an inferior version? If you will **consult the Author** of the Bible and just daily read and study your King James Bible you will soon see why your former practice was not only dishonest and misleading but inferior to what you'll get trusting your King James Bible.

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RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

OF TRUTH (Cont.)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

In the last edition, Dec. 2023 Vol. V, this study began with the thesis that the Bible can be divided into **Generations**, **Ages**, and **Dispensations**. A Generation is a genealogy – starts someplace and goes to another in a period of time. The Bible contains three generations, basically (Dividing by time); thus:

A) Generation.

B) Degeneration.

C) Regeneration.

Ages: An Age is a time between eternity. An Age is a period between great changes in the Earth's surface:

A) Creation – Eternity = Alpha (Ages) – Eternity = Omega.

B) Past – in relation to Future.

C) Recreation – to time.

A brief discussion was inserted into this study about **Times and Seasons.** (1 Thess. 5:1; Acts 1:7; 17:26). Times and Seasons can be used to rightly divide the Word of God/Truth (Jn. 17:17) However, the coverage of Times and Seasons are not as extensive as Generations, Ages, or Dispensations.

Our study now brings us to **Dispensations**. A Biblical Dispensation is defined as a period of time in which God deals with man in a particular way in regard to sin, and man's own responsibility. When speaking about Ages, we are talking about the change in Earth's surface – still periods of time. But a Dispensation is still dividing up time, however, a Dispensation is God dealing with man in a particular way. In a Dispensation, God is dealing with something Moral, and something Probationary. There are eight Dispensations: 1) Innocence; 2) Conscience; 3) Human

Government; 4) Promise; 5) Law; 6) Grace;

7) Tribulation; 8) Millennium.

There are eight Dispensations, but, between **Law & Grace** there is a transition. It is not a smooth flow from **Law** to **Grace**. Yet, it is not a Dispensation unto itself.

Moreover, a Biblical Definition of the word Dispensation is: 1) A Stewardship; and 2) A Period of Time.

Every Dispensation ends in "failure" with man not fulfilling his responsibility. There are four places in the Bible where you find the word "**Dispensation**":

1) 1 Cor. 9:16-17 = Stewardship. God committed the stewardship of the Gospel unto Apostle Paul. Paul revealed the Gospel of God.

2) Eph. 1:10 = Dispensation of the fulness of time – going into eternity.

3) Eph. 3:2 = Began at Calvary and continues to the Rapture.

4) Col. 1:25 = Stewardship - a responsibility, A Dispensation of God.

So, what are the reasons for Dispensations? **A)** To reveal or emphasize an attribute of God, i.e., Innocence = Goodness; Law = Holiness; Grace = Grace; Tribulation = Wrath; Millenium = Righteousness of God; **B)** To test and deal with man and the nations in various ways, which provides God a means to be just in man's Salvation and Damnation (Ro. 3:4). When God gives to man a responsibility, man will start to make excuses and will try to do it every way, but the way God said. Every Dispensation proves God is right! **C)** To reveal the Approved and the Heretic (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Cor.11:19). The way to stay out of heresy is to rightly divide.

God is a divider – He divided the Bible, sexes, mankind, animals, heavens, two natures in Christians, O.T and N.T. The First and Second coming of Jesus Christ. And this is why the Apostle Paul who was the greatest Christian to ever live, wrote: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15); Jesus said in Jn. 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy word, thy word is truth."

THE DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS:

1) Innocence:

Lasted from creation to the fall of man. Man's responsibility was not to eat of the tree (Gen. 2:15-17). God's emphasized attribute was His goodness (Gen. 1:4). Man's failure was eating of the tree which brought sin into the world. He succumbed to the devil who was in the form of a serpent. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Gen. 3:21). Salvation was by Works!

2) Conscience:

From Gen. 3 (expulsion from the Garden of Eden) to Gen. 8 (Noah's Flood), lasted 1,656 years. Man's responsibility was to do right. He was aided by an internal witness (his conscience and knowledge), and external witness, and a supernatural witness. God's emphasized attribute was His longsuffering (Gen. 6:3). Man's failure was that he was wicked. Salvation was by faith; Noah's Ark was the first picture of salvation by faith!

3) Human Government:

From Gen. 9 (the Flood) to Gen. 11 (Tower of Babel), lasting 427 years. During this Dispen-Sation climate changes and seasons appeared. Man's responsibility was to govern himself. The supreme test God gave man was Capital Punishment (Gen. 9:6). God's emphasized attribute was His justice. Man's failure was rejecting God and deifying himself. Salvation was by faith.

4) Promise:

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THE SALT AND THE LIGHT

(By, Dr. Ventura)

TEXT: Mt. 5:13-16.

In the O.T. Book of Leviticus the Levitical Priests are instructed:

"And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt" (Lev. 2:13).

That is what a Christian is, he is the salt of the earth. Salt prevents decay, and believers are a hinderance to the spread of evil! The world in general is evil, but Jesus Christ said that you are the salt of the Earth.

Job makes it pretty clear that there are some things God cannot swallow without salt. Job said: "Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt?..."

In the O.T, Israel is referred to as "the salt of the earth", but, you know what happened to the Nation of Israel. Pilate offered to let their King go, and the Scripture says: "But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar" (Jn. 19:15).

Jesus Christ said: "but if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of man."

Do you know hat happened to Israel? Israel lost its savor! And so have some of you, right here in the now and nasty 2024! Jesus Christ said, once the salt has lost it's savor it is good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of men! You'll know when a real prophet of God speaks, because what he says will come to

pass! In 70 A.D., the Roman Emperor Titus came down from Rome, and Israel was trodden under foot. Just like Jesus said!!!

Do you know what else salt is used for? <u>Destruction</u>! Ez. 47:11 says: "But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt."

Ye are the Salt of the earth!

Jesus Christ said ye are the salt of the earth - Ye - the Saints - the Believer - the Saved the Church Age Saint! Ye are the salt of the earth! I told you, salt is also used for destruction: "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgement upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaking great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" (Jude 14-16).

Ye are the Salt of the earth!

<u>Salt prevents corruption</u> – How do I Know? Because you are the salt of the earth, and after the Rapture evil will prevail over the entire earth.

Salt not only prevents corruption, but, <u>salt</u> <u>preserves</u> – The Apostle Paul said: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

When Christian Brethren assemble, whether in a church building, or in the woods in a communist country, or even in a prison yard, they are preserving the Word of God! Amen!

<u>Salt creates thirst</u> – Your testimony and witnessing for Christ – do you know what a

Witness is supposed to do? He tells the truth – and he tells what he has seen and heard, and as people listen to the witness they should thirst for more!

Do you remember when Jesus Christ was witnessing to that Samaritan Woman at the well? Scripture tells us: "The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw" (Jn. 4:15).

Ye are the Salt of the earth!

<u>Salt is a seasoning</u> – "Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how you are to answer every man" (Col. 4:6).

I'll tell you something else salt does. <u>Salt</u> <u>Bites</u> – "Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the Apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Jesus Christ said: "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will you season it? Have salt in yourself, and have peace one with another."

Ye are the Salt of the earth!

You can't get along with your Christian Brother, well, maybe it isn't him – maybe you have lost your savor!

Ye are the Light of the earth!

A Christian is not only the salt of the earth – I hate bland food, and Jesus Christ doesn't like a bland Christian. Jesus Christ said: "So then because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

An un-salty Christian makes Jesus want to vomit!

Ye are the Light of the World. A Christian is the Salt of the Earth, and the Light of the World.

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM DR. PETER P. VENTURA

This Newsletter, Prison Ministry, and the Golden State Bible Baptist Institute (GSBBI), are the ministries of First Baptist Church of Woodbury, CT. (FBCW). We are self-supporting for the most part but do receive Christian materials for the Prison Ministry from Dr. Massa, Dr. David Cloud, Sister Jo Anna Woody, and Brother Mark Cahill along with Pastor Angel Vasquez. For their help in bringing you the Word of God, I am ever grateful.

Moreover, I want to personally thank each and every prisoner who sacrificed their stamped envelopes to help support the Prison Ministry. Your sacrifice will never be forgotten! You have saved the Prison Ministry a small fortune. The fruit of your sacrifice has helped this ministry reach many prisoners who would not be able to enjoy this Newsletter. I pray God blesses every one you ten-fold! Again, Thank you!

Congratulations to our **Brother in Christ, Anthony Brunetti** who has earned an **Associate Degree of Theology!** One hundred and sixty-four hours of theological study. Brother Anthony is also a contributor to this newsletter.

There is no way to Heaven except through a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Savior. No man or woman, boy or girl, whether in or out of prison, rich or poor, will get to Heaven without the personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Savior! Here are some things Jesus Christ requires us to know before we can accept Him.

We Must Know That Man Is Sinful "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Ro. 3:23). "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Ro. 3:10)

We Must Know That Man Is Condemned Because Of Sin

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Ro.5:12) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Ro. 6:23).

We Must Know That Jesus Christ Is God's Provision For Man's Sin

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Ro. 5:8). "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21)

We Must Know That God's Provision Is Free "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, by according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

We Must Receive Jesus Christ As Our Personal Savior

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Ro. 10:13). "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Ro. 10:9-10).

If you have not received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, **you can right now!** If you will confess to Jesus that you are a sinner, ask Him to forgive your sins. Tell Him you believe He died for your sins, was buried, rose the third day and is at the right hand of the Father. Ask Him to be your personal Savior – **He will save you from Hell!** It's your choice – God doesn't choose people to go to Hell, people choose to go to Hell by rejecting the Savior!

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