

**SALVATION IS GOD'S WORK AND GOD'S PLAN.
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1. Where does it come from:
 - a. Romans 6:23
"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
 - b. Acts 4:12
"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
 - c. Jude 1:25
"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen"
 - d. 1 Peter 3:18
"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"

Salvation is from God the Father through Jesus Christ and His redemptive work on the cross and through His resurrection.

2. When should a person get saved
 - a. 2 Cor. 6:2
"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
 - b. Rev 3:20
"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Today is the day of salvation if you feel the Lord is calling. This may be in the form of fear of hell or uncertainty of eternity.

3. How does a person get saved or go from knowing about Jesus to Knowing Him as our Savior?
 - a. Romans 10: 10, 13
"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"

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John 14:6

“Jesus saith unto them, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.”

You can receive the free gift of eternal life. But as with any other gift, it is not yours until you accept it. You can accept His gift of eternal life by going to him in prayer right now and asking him to save you. See the sample prayer below:

Dear Lord Jesus,
I know I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But, I believe you died and rose to purchase a place for me in Heaven. Lord please forgive me of my sins, save me and take control of my life. I now place my trust in You for my salvation. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. AMEN.

4. How does salvation compare to a marriage.

In scripture, salvation is compared to a marriage. Christians are referred to as the bride of Christ.

a. Eph 5:22-29

Similar to marriage, you can know the person and even dedicate your life to them, but you're not married until you make a verbal commitment. Salvation comes to the one who calls upon the name of the Lord.

Also, with marriage come signs that the two people are married. List below some signs that a person is married and on the right, list signs that a person is a Christian.

Married

1. Name Changes
2. You live together
3. You plan life together
4. You want to spend time with that person
5. You are not ashamed of you spouse

Christian:

1. Your now identified as a Christian
2. The Holy Spirit comes to live in your heart
3. You live in accordance with God's will
4. You desire to spend time in Gods word and in prayer
5. You are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

5. With this let's see how we know.

- ✚ Have you ever made a commitment of your life to Jesus Christ
- ✚ Do you have assurance that your salvation is sure and settled with God
- ✚ What evidence of salvation is there in your life.

a. Obedience to God

1 John 3:23-24

“And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

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And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

Verse 23

Believe (gk. Pisteuo) used as a verb to trust or rely completely upon.
Name (gk. Onoma) used as a noun meaning authority not just identification.
Love (gk Agape) used as a verb to care for in a sacrificial way. Godly love.

Verse 24

- A Christian should want to live for God. If a Christian is not living for God, that person will not have joy.
- "Dwelleth in him and He in him" – This points to the assurance of the believer
- "we know" – God is in our hearts and that we are in fellowship with Him is through the presence of the Holy "Spirit" that God "hath given us".

b. Love for God and his people

1 John 5:1-5

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

Verse 1

- Believeth – See above
- V 1,b - means love God the Father and Jesus is only begotten Son.

Verse 2

Love God, obey God and love fellow Christians.

Verse 3

- "not grievous" – obeying God not too hard. In fact it, it grows our relationship with him which gives us access to the fruits of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22)

Verse 4 & 5

- "overcommeth" – (Gk. Nikao) is used to refer to a follower of Christ. A person has overcome the world and Satan by believing and accepting Christ as their Savior.
- "of our faith" – our saving faith. Similar meaning to "believe" above.

We have the ability to overcome satan and the world. We mostly battle ourselves and our own nature to sin. It is, however, possible for a Christian to allow the worlds and Satan to influence them.

This ability to have victory over sin is much like having a gun for protection. If someone breaks in to your house with intent to harm you, you have the ability to protect yourself. The question is whether you use it or not.

c. Belief in the Son of God

1 John 5:9-13

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"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. "

Verse 9-11

- If we believe 3 witnesses that are men [discuss], we should certainly believe God as the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts.
- Lack of believing in God and His plan is to call Him a liar. This is very dangerous. We must agree with God and His Word (Bible).
- Book Example

Verse 12&13

- "hath" or "have" – here the word speaks of possessing something in the present tense. If you have Christ in your heart, you already have eternal life you just are not in Heaven yet.
- We have assurance through the Word of God. His promise to those who believe and follow His plan.

d. Life changed by God

1 John 5:18-19

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness"

- We all sin, even after we are saved.
- "sinneth not" – this does not mean that we no longer ever sin. It means our lifestyle has changes. How we view sin has changed. If we sin, we cannot be happy in that sin.

When I was young, after I was saved, I used to hang around with the wrong crowd and do many wrong things. However, after, I would have an extremely guilty conscience. I was never happy in those things but felt the need to fit. Even worse, I had convinced myself that I could go down to their level and then bring them up by them seeing that a Christian can be cool also. This was a terrible mistake. It only cost me my witness. I was forced to abandon some very close friends to follow Christ.

- "the wicked one toucheth him not" – means Satan cannot touch a Christian, without God's permission, so we can overcome the world and follow God's commandment if we chose.
- The world is under the influence of the Devil but we are safe in God through Christ Jesus.

e. Remember that day

Romans 8:16

"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

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6. Can salvation be lost?
- a. Salvation is believing in Jesus Christ
John 3:16
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

 - b. Salvation is not by works but is a gift to those who follow God's way.
Ephesians 2:8,9
"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. "

 - c. Salvation is new birth. Just as your physical birth happened once, your spiritual birth happens once also. Once you are born spiritually, you can grow in the spirit by nourishing it. (Live once die twice – Live twice die once)
John 3:3-5
"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "

 - d. Jesus promised to never leave us.
Romans 8:38
"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. "
Hebrews 13:5
"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

 - e. With salvation comes eternal life. When the Bible speaks of eternal life, it uses the present tense. As Christians, we already have it even though we have not received it
John 3:36
"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. "

 - f. Christ will not cast you out. You are sealed

John 6:37
"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Hebrews 10:10,14
*"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. "*

Ephesians 4:30
"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

Ephesians 1:13

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"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,"

- g. What if I have committed a bad sin after I'm saved or fell out of fellowship with Christ.

1 Cor 5:1,5

"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. "

1 Cor 3:11-15

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire"

Also see 1 john 2:1b

"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the father, Christ Jesus the righteous;"

THIS IS NOT A LICENSE TO SIN. If you sin, God WILL punish you

Hebrews 12:6-8

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. "

- h. What if I am having doubts and why?

2 Tim 2:13

"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself."

Why doubts

1. Never been saved
2. Trusting in feelings rather than God's word
3. Confused by the simplicity of the Gospel
 - a. 2 Cor 11:3
"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."
4. Listening to ungodly council
5. Believing in your own righteousness, or lack thereof to decide your eternity.

Salvation is not a feeling, it's an event and a promise.

7. What are the benefits

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- a. You get eternal life (Heaven)
1 John 5:13
"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."
- b. You become a child of the living God - Eternal life and peace
John 1:12
"But as many as received Him (Christ), to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."
- c. Your name is written forever in the book of life
Phil 4:3
"And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."
- d. You get the peace of God through the Holy Spirit
Romans 8:16
"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

1 Cor 5:8
"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Act 2:38b
"Repent and be baptized...ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"
- e. Angels rejoice
Luke 15:10
Jesus said "Likewise I say unto you there is joy in the presence of angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

8. What are we saved from?

What happens if you decide NOT to accept Christ as your Savior?

Luke 16:22-24

*"And it came to pass that the beggar (Lazarus) died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was buried;
And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."*

Don't let this world or your pride keep you out of heaven.

Mark 9:42-44

And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.
And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Verse 43 - "Hand offend thee" – Offend (gk. Skandalizo) Don't let anything be a snare or stumbling block that keep you from coming top Christ.

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Two ways to miss Heaven

A. Death

Revelation 20:14-15

"And death and hell was cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death"

"And whosoever was not found written in the Book of life was cast into the lake of fire"

B. Rapture of Christians

1 Thess 4:16, 17

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

"That we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever with the Lord.

9. As a new Christian, what should I do?

1. Make a public profession of faith

Matthew 10:32

"Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father, who is in heaven."

2. Be identified with the Lord in Baptism

Romans 6:4

"Therefore we are buried with him in baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life."

3. Pray

Philippians 4:6

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication (humble prayer) with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God."

4. Attend church during worship times

Hebrews 10:25

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as we see the day approaching"

5. Stop sinning and be a good witness. Don't just stop sinning but avoid the appearance of sin.

1 Thes 5:22

"Abstain from all appearance of evil"

6. Witness (Tell others about Christ)

Mark 5:19

"Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but said unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee and hath had compassion on thee."

Matthew 28:19, 20

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

6. Study the Bible

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2 Timothy 2:15

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.”

7. Tithe

Malachi 3:10a

“Bring ye all the tithes (tenth) into the storehouse (local church), that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a bless