

## The Gospel of Salvation

The Bible is a revelation of redemption. It declares that there is a Sovereign God who created everything through Jesus Christ the Lord (**Colossians 1:16, 17**). It declares that He will judge the world in righteousness (**Acts 17:31**). And at the conclusion of the final judgment (**Revelation 20:1-15**), the human race will be eternally divided into two classes of people, the just and the unjust; or the saved and the lost. The saved have eternal life (**Romans 6:23**) and the lost will be cast into the Lake of Fire (**Revelation 20:15**). Therefore, it is imperative that we understand what is required by the Sovereign Judge to be saved from the wrath to come.

In very simple terms, before we can be saved, we must be convinced that we are lost. This means that we must understand and acknowledge that we have sinned against a holy and righteous God. The Bible repeatedly declares this to be the case and our experience confirms it as the Spirit of God convicts us of our sin. **Romans 3:10 - 23** concludes with, "**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**" and James declares, "**For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**" (**James 2:10**)

Being convinced that our sin has completely separated us from God and that we are under His condemnation, we realize that our salvation, our deliverance from the penalty of our sin, must come from God. Because of His great love for us, it is His will that we should not perish because of our sin. Therefore, our Heavenly Father wants us to know that He has provided a means by which He can forgive us of our sin. To maintain His justice, the penalty for sin had to be satisfied; and it was. Our sin was paid for through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ when He shed His blood on the cross. He had no sin of His own to die for. He died for ours.

**1 Timothy 1:15** "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

**Romans 5:8** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

**Galatians 2:20b** "...the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

**2 Cor. 5:21** "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."

**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."

This is the gospel of salvation in the simplest of terms. We have sinned against a Holy and Righteous God. He has provided His Sinless Son to die on the Cross for our sins. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and trust in Him who died for our sins.

There is no other way!

**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."

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4** "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; <sup>2</sup> By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"