Introduction: The Truth About Salvation

You may have many questions about life, faith, and the purpose of your existence. Perhaps you have already noticed that the world is filled with confusion and contradictions about God, religion, and salvation. That is why this study has been prepared for you, to give you clear, biblical answers and guide you step by step through the truth of God's plan.

This is not about religion, appearances, or tradition. It is about discovering compassion, love, forgiveness, and peace through Christ. Above all, it is about understanding truth. Our desire is not that you simply accept what you are told, but that you carefully read, listen, and verify everything for yourself in the Word of God.

The Bible commends the Bereans, who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:10–11). We encourage you to do the same throughout this study.

Why This Study Matters

The world has taught us to live in ways that are far from what God intended. Most people settle for what seems like the "best of the worst," but Christ gives us a better way. He declared in **John 14:6**, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Salvation is the greatest gift God offers to mankind. It is available to all, but it must be received on His terms, not ours.

Unfortunately, many religious traditions and church teachings today are not rooted in Scripture. Some say that merely "believing" is enough, but **Romans**13:11 reminds us that salvation is only nearer when we believe. Others say baptism is optional or symbolic, yet 1 Peter 3:21 declares, "baptism doth also now save us." Acts 2:38 shows that baptism is how we receive remission of sins and the Holy Spirit.

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This study will open the Scriptures to show God's true plan of salvation and expose the false doctrines that have confused so many.

God's Simple Plan

Salvation is God's gift, yet He has set forth clear conditions for receiving it. They are not complicated, but they must be obeyed in His way. As you progress through this study, you will examine each of these truths:

- Belief: Trusting that Christ died for your sins and rose again.
 - Faith: Holding confidence in God's promises.
 - Repentance: Turning away from sin with a sincere heart.
 - Confession: Openly acknowledging Christ as Lord.
- **Baptism**: Being baptized in water for the remission of sins and to receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.
- God's Grace: The unearned gift that makes salvation possible. This process is simple, but it is essential. Skipping or altering any step is to substitute man's way for God's way.

Moving Forward

Hosea 4:6 warns, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." This study exists so you can gain that knowledge, see the truth clearly, and walk in the way of salvation. No matter what your past may look like, the slate can be wiped clean, and you can begin a new life in Christ.

As you go through these pages, you will find direct answers from Scripture. You will see what God requires for salvation, why it matters, and how you can walk in His truth.

This is not man's teaching; it is the Word of God. Approach it with an open heart and a willing mind and may God's Spirit guide you into truth.





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From the moment we are born, we inherit the curse of Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, humanity begins life separated from God. "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" (Romans 5:12). "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).

Deep inside, every one of us carries an emptiness, something missing that nothing in this world can fill. Our soul quietly searches, like reaching for a long-forgotten memory. "He hath set the world in their heart" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:2).

Some try to fill this void with wealth, power, or success. Others chase it through relationships, alcohol, drugs, or other destructive choices. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13). "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15-16).

Yet in the end, we find these are only temporary fixes. They suppress the emptiness for a while, but they never erase it.

The truth is this emptiness is spiritual, not material. It cannot be filled by human love, friendships, or family bonds alone. It is a void that only God Himself can fill. Christ declared, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).





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The only way to repair this separation is through reconciliation with God. Scripture teaches that our ignorance of His Word blinds us from His love and promises. Yet God has always had a plan. He did not leave us without hope. "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" (John 3:16). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

God has been knocking on the door of your heart since you were a child. Christ still knocks today, waiting for you to open that door and welcome Him in. "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" (Revelation 3:20). Have you answered that call, or have you turned away?

Now that you know, the question is: what is stopping you from receiving His love? What is holding you back from the life God designed for you? Is it fear? Is it attachment to friends, family, or material things? Or is it simply your own hesitation?

The truth is that fear does not come from God. He brings peace, not fear. The enemy wants you to believe you will lose everything if you choose Christ, but the Lord promises that whatever you surrender, He will replace with far greater blessings. He will give you what you truly need, shaping you into the child of God you were meant to be.

There is no excuse strong enough to justify staying separated from Him. Christ wants you to have eternal life. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3:1). "But ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15).





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But do not be deceived: following Christ is not about comfort. He warned, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:37-39). "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

On this journey with Christ, you will discover that God is constantly opening doors of opportunity to know Him. At every step, He waits for you to listen, to humble yourself, and to let Him lead. Too often we are distracted by selfish desires and fail to notice His hand guiding us. "And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful" (Mark 4:19). "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Christ the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

But when we walk in humility and meekness, blessings unfold, victories are won, and we draw closer to our Father.

For guidance, we must return to His Word. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

This study is written so that you may see the truth of God's Word for yourself. It will show you His plan of salvation, the life He promises, and the peace that only He can bring. The door is open; will you step through?





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