

Salvation

How to Receive Salvation

Christ's death is the only payment for sin. God gave his Son's life to save you from eternal death and the power of sin. You are saved when you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and believe that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven your sins. Your record of wrongs are washed away and He gives you a new heart.

1. In order to be saved you must accept you are a Sinner Doomed to Die:

Romans 3:23 **For all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

Note: And all of us have sinned and come short of God's plan and design for us

Romans 6:23 For the **wages (Payment) of sin** is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Note: Death is Sin's reward. It is the natural result of disobedience against God. Death is sin's punishment on man not God's. It is like a cancer that eventually kills the soul and eats away the life. Sinning is like drinking poison – no matter what it tastes like it will kill you.

2. Definitions of Sin:

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**

Note: Sin is living without the law – transgression here – means without the law.

See the 10 Commandments – Exodus 20:5-20. Worshiping other gods, using God's name in Vain, Dishonoring our parents, Not keeping the Sabbath Holy, Murder, Adultery, False Witnessing, Lying, Stealing, Covetousness, Lust, selfishness, fornication, (sex outside of marriage) uncleanness, lasciviousness, (lose living) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envy, Jealousy, murders, drunkenness, revellings, (drinking parties), gossip, unforgiveness, destroying your body, ...

3. Not doing good and even having a foolish thought is a sin:

James 4:17 Therefore to him that **knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.** Foolish thoughts are a sin: Proverbs 24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin.

4. We have gone our own way:

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone **to his own way**; ...

5. Our righteousness – our goodness is like filthy Rags:

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; *and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

6. We will stand and answer for our sins on the day of Judgment:

2 Corinthians 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

7. We will have no defense before God:

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God.**

8. He will not clear the guilty: Exodus 34:7 ... will by no means clear the guilty;

Note: To maintain justice in the universe God cannot allow the guilty go.

9. We Cannot Change our Selves:

Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

How Can I be Saved?

10. He Died Because we as Sinners are doomed to die:

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**; but the **gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our**

11. Christ Died for our Sins:

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures;

12. God Loved you and Gave His Son's Life for you so you will not perish:

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.**

Note: Jesus died in your place. You don't have to die for your sins. He lived a pure life and took your place on the cross so you may live forever. He paid the penalty of sin with his perfect life and sacrifice.

13. You must Believe in Jesus:

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I **believe** that Jesus Christ is the **Son of God.**

14. To Believe – that the Innocent Son of God died for your Sins:

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a **lamb to the slaughter**, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Jesus was the innocent lamb lead to the slaughter because of our Sin.

Note: Salvation occurs when the Innocent Son of God dies for the guilty.

15. Pilates wife had a dream – and told her Husband Jesus was innocent:

Mt 27:19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that **just man**: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

16. Pilate proclaimed His innocent – Just:

Mt 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this **just person**: see ye to it.

Note: Though Pilate proclaimed Jesus Just he washed his hands of Him and rejected Him.

17. Thief on the Cross recognized Him as innocent:

Luke 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath **done nothing amiss**.

Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

18. Even the Centurion Noticed Jesus on the Cross was a Righteous man:

Luke 23:47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a **righteous** man.

Note: The Centurion saw that Jesus was a righteous man even while intense trial.

19. Jesus went about doing good:

Ac 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: **who went about doing good**, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

20. Jesus Suffered as the Just for the Unjust:

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:

21. To Believe that Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away our sins:

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world**.

Note: As the Innocent Lamb of God – Jesus took on the punishment of our sins. He died so we will not have to suffer an endless death.

22. You must Confess The Lord Jesus:

Romans 10:9 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**.

23. To Confess – Lord Jesus means:

24. Confess that Jesus is Lord (Sovereign, King)

In the first century – people were made to confess the emperor – Ceaser as Lord – not to confess Ceaser as Lord was punishable by death.

25. To publicly confession of our allegiance to Christ.

Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall **confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father** which is in heaven.

26. The Ethiopian Eunuch Confessed Christ by Baptism by immersion:

Ac 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

27. Those who truly believe will be baptized as a confession of their faith in

Christ: Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

28. To Confess that Jesus is Salvation from our Sins:

(Matthew 1:21) The Name Jesus means Salvation – when you call upon Jesus you are recognizing that you are lost and need to be Saved.

29. To confess that Jesus is the only means of Salvation:

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**.

30. You must Believe - God raised Jesus from the dead. (Christ is authentic and Alive)

Romans 10:9 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.**

Note: God validates Christ's claims as His Son through the resurrection. Christ's resurrection proves that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

1Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for *his Son* from heaven, **whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

31. Christ's Resurrection is essential to our Faith:

1Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

32. Baptism represents Christ's resurrection:

Colosians 2:12 **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also **ye are risen** with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Note: When you are Baptized you are confessing your belief in Christ's resurrection and His claim as the Son of God.

33. Resurrection – the rise into the new life means to seek heavenly things:

Colosians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

34. He that Believes and is baptized shall be saved:

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Note: The person who truly believes will be baptized if it is physically possible. His baptism Demonstrates his faith and surrender to Christ. He believes Christ is real, that he has risen from the dead, and that he is now following Him. The one who truly believes will submit to God by being baptized. Baptism is the believer's covenant – agreement with God. It is the ceremony that demonstrates a commitment between the believer and his Redeemer and Maker.

35. Call on the Name of the Lord:

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

36. Calling on the Name of the Lord for for Salvation:

Psalms 109:26 Help me, O LORD my God: O **save me according to thy mercy:**

Note: Name – represents Character. We call on the Name – God's Character of Mercy to Save us. Calling on God for Salvation acknowledges complete and utter dependance on God for Salvation.

37. Like Peter who called out to Jesus for physical Salvation we must cry for Spiritual Salvation:

Matthew 14:30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, **Lord, save me.**

Note: calling out to God – is complete and utter dependence on God to save you. **This can only happen when you realize you are lost.**

38. Saved by Faith not by Works:

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye **saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

Note: We cannot save ourselves. We have already sinned and the penalty for sin is eternal death. We cannot be saved by being good. The damage is already done. But we can be saved by surrendering our lives to God and accepting His way of salvation through Christ.

39. Confess your sins and Claim your Forgiveness:

1 John 1:9 If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because **your sins are forgiven** you for his name's sake.

Note: When you confess your sins to Christ you are forgiven.

40. We must Repent of your Sins:

Acts 3:19 **Repent ye** therefore, and be converted, that your **sins may be blotted out**, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

41. True sorrow for our sins produce Repentance:

2 Corinthians 7:10 For **godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation** not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

42. Repentance and Forgiveness are a gift from God:

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

43. We are to repent from unrighteous thoughts and wrong ways:

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Note: Repentance means to change our mind – this change of mind effects our direction. When we are repented we are sincerely sorry for our sins and sinful ways and turned to God and away from our sins.

44. Having a Relationship with Christ is to have eternal life:

1 John 5:12 He that **hath the Son** hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

45. Eternal Life is having a Relationship with God and Christ:

John 17:3 And this is **life eternal**, that they might **know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent.

Note: Eternal life is having a personal intimate relationship with God and His Son. It is knowing Him, not simply knowing about Him. I may know about George Washington, but I don't know Him personally. Knowing God and His Son personally is what brings us eternal life – for they are life.

What are we actually Saved from - Details?

Christ Saves Us From – Eternal Death – Condemnation – and from the Power & Presence of Sin

46. We are Saved from Wrath = Judgment = Penalty of Sin:

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified (made right before God) by his blood, we shall be **saved from wrath** through him.

1Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for *his Son* from heaven, **whom he raised from the dead**, even Jesus, **which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

Note: Wrath is the punishment of the final judgment. We are made right -righteousness before God by the blood of Jesus therefore we are spared the sentence of the final Judgment.

47. We are Saved from being Condemned:

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

John 3:17 **For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world**; but that the world through him might be saved.

Note: If I am in Christ and have confessed and repented of my sins I will not be condemned in the Judgment.

48. We are Saved from eternal Death:

Romans 6:23 For the **wages (payment) of sin** is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Note: The result of Sin is Death, But God's gift to us through Christ is Eternal life.

49. We are Saved from this Earth/Death/Presence of sin:

Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and **he will save us**; this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his **salvation.**

Note: When Jesus Comes back to this world to take us home we will be delivered from this corrupted world and the presence of sin.

50. We are Saved from the Power of Sin:

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **Jesus**; for he shall **save his people from their sins.**

Note: Jesus saves us from the power of sin within. He gives us strength over our hereditary and cultivated habits.

51. We receive a New Heart from God:

Ezekiel 36:26 A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Note: He gives us a new heart, a new disposition, a new attitude. He removes our stoney stubborn heart and gives us a tender willing heart that may yield to His will.

52. We become a New Creation in Christ:

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: (Creation) old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Note: We are a new creation in Christ. The old ways, attitudes, and desires have passed away, and we become a new person.

53. When you have the Son of God - you have Eternal Life:

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Note: If you have the Son of God in your life, and believe that he died for you and your sins, and have sincerely asked Him into your life and asked God to forgive you of your sins – you have eternal life.

54. Review:

1. You understand that you are a sinner doomed to die.
2. The result of sin is eternal death.
3. You cannot save yourself.
4. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory – character of God.
5. Sin is breaking God's holy law.
6. Even foolish thoughts are sin.
7. Knowing to do good and not doing it is also sin.
8. Sinners must face the judgment and answer for all their sins.
9. To maintain justice in the universe God cannot allow the guilty go unpunished.
10. Christ paid the price for our sins therefore we don't have to die for our sins.
11. By accepting Christ you are saved.
12. Accepting Christ means – He is the Son of God. Jesus is God's representative here on earth. He is just and innocent, and that He did not deserve to die.
13. Accepting Christ means to accept Him as your Savior and Lord - Master.
14. Accepting Christ means you believe that He rose from the dead. He is the Son of God as He claimed.
15. Accepting Christ means you also confess him by baptism.
16. Accepting Christ means you confess your sins and they are washed away.
17. When you accept Christ as your Savior your sins do not stand against you in the judgment – they have been washed away.
18. You are forgiven when you confess and repent of your sins.

19. You have Faith in His death for the payment of your sins
20. Christ is the only way of Salvation.
21. Good works cannot save you.
22. When you accept Christ God has given you a new heart and all things are made new.
23. If you have Christ you have eternal life.
24. You have surrendered your will to Him and He is now your Lord and Master.

Do you Accept Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior, and ask to be forgiven for all your sins?
And Do you understand that your sins have nailed him to the Cross? And that God has given the
life of His dear Son so you may go to heaven and live forever?
