

HOW TO BE SAVED

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"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, For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2: 8-10.

The Bible clearly teaches us that salvation is of the Lord. After God created man, man chose to sin disobeying God's commands and living among evil things. Certainly we can all understand a sinning world for it surrounds us on every side. The Bible warns that all have sinned and says that the penalty for ones sin is death. Our entire human race came under the curse of sin, and God the Father came to the rescue by sending His Son to pay for the sins of all men, who would put their trust in Him. This act of faith constitutes the true way of salvation, so it is vital for you to understand it. Then go further, believe Jesus died for you and accept Him personally as your Saviour. In case you or your friend is in need of this salvation I want to take my Bible and tell you six things that fit together, to make this great gift available to you. You must first **(1). Admit Sin:** In Romans 3:10 the Bible states *"There is none righteous, no, not one."* No amount of religion and religious practices can change you in a way pleasing unto God. A lifetime of that only builds pride and a mistaken relationship to God. You must accept *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."* Rom. 3:23. Be warned that the wages of sin is death *"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."* Rom. 5:12. You will never know you are saved until you freely admit you are a sinner. You should cry out Lord be merciful to me a sinner as

Jesus instructed the Publicans to do. Your first step in being saved is to admit you are a sinner, and stop ignoring your shortcomings. Admit that you are a sinner seeking Gods way of deliverance. **(2). Repent:** Luke 13:3 Jesus said *"I tell you, Nay;: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* And again *"Repent ye therefore, and be ye converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."* Acts 3:19. Repentance is best summed up as saying to God, you are sorry for your many sins, and wanting forgiveness. Real sorrow over your sins will cause you to stop excusing them, and give you a desire to seek Gods' further plan. He knows the heart with all of its failings and has made a way of cleansing through His Son. If you hit someone and then say you are sorry, but continuing hitting them, your actions say you are not really sorry. To be saved you must admit that you are a sinner and decide to do something about it. Only the Lord can cleans you if you are really willing. **(3) Confess:** *"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord and thou forgavest the the iniquity of my sin. Selah."* Psa. 32:5. Knowing you are a sinner, then stop pursuing the path of transgression. God has seen every sin and your daily walk in your path of unrighteousness. A little child who has been bad needs to come to his parents, and ask them their forgiveness for his disobedience. Our great heavenly Father wants the same confession of wrong doing from every sinner. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thy 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."* Rom. 10: 9&10. Don't try to whitewash your sin or explain it away with human reasoning, but simply own up to it. It has been well said that confession is good for the soul. Confession

of sin brings the washing of the Lord, who cleanseth the soul He is about to fill with His Spirit. **(4). Forsake:** *"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."* Isaiah 55:7. Salvation is not a ticket to heaven and then you can go on sinning. To forsake, clearly means to ask forgiveness for all sinning and stop doing them any longer. You must forsake those evil places that took you down. Get out from the bad crowd as they participate in evil. Spot the things of the past that kept you living in sin, and do an about face to walk with God. You must set sinful things aside and learn how to judge and condemn the evil influences of the future. You will not live a perfect life, untempted by sin. You will have the power to gain victory over that which has ruined you for so long. Rely on the Holy Spirit Who lives within you to assist you in making right decisions. He will give your willing soul the power to avoid evil and walk in the footsteps of the Lord. **(5). Believe:** *"Sirs, what must I do to be saved. And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."* Acta 16: 30&31. The message is clear and plain, so accept it and believe it with all your heart. Rom 6:23 warns *"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Someone has to pay for every sin committed. The penalty of sin is death and all transgression must be paid for. Sinners without God are all guilty *"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Rom 5:8. Jesus had no sin *"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid Him the iniquity of us all."* Isa. 53:5&6. The whole plan is clearly

shown in 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."* You must stand on the promises of God and believe them for yourself. If you believe what the Bible teaches, that all are sinners, that Jesus took your place and paid for your sin, you are ready for the final step. **(6). Accept:** *" But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."* John 1:12. Another clear verse is Rom. 10: 13. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* To be saved you must accept the promises of God in His wonderful Word. His love caused Him to send His Son, to die for all sin on the cross, and offer the result to all who will believe. Today you have a choice, and you must take it to be saved. Accept your salvation by faith, believing Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Open your heart after confession of your sin and ask for the redemption offered. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Rom. 10:13. Go ahead and call. **Now!**

Using the following verses the Lord has allowed me to win many thousands to Christ. Underline them in your Bible and get used to how they fit together.

- Rom. 3:10.....None are righteous.
- Rom. 3:23..... No one is without sin.
- Rom. 5:12.....Adam brought sin to mankind...
- Rom. 6:23.....Use first part to show wages.
- Rom. 5:8.....Christ died for all our sins..
- Rom. 6:23.....A gift to be accepted...
- Rom. 10:9&10.....Confess and believe..
- Rom. 10:13.....Call and be saved.
- Pray and accept Christ and you are saved.
- Add other verses of assurance to thoroughly ground the new believer in their faith
- God Says It....You Believe It....That Settles It..

