

GOD'S E.R.
FREED FROM ALL THINGS

Acts 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things

Salvation

4 STEPS TO RECEIVING SALVATION

1. Having a conviction of sin; or the understanding that one is a sinner;
2. Repentance; turning away from sin;
3. Asking forgiveness for one's sins;
4. A decision to receive Jesus as the *Lord* of one's life.

In order to understand what these things mean, you may want to look at the definitions below and the Holy Scriptures listed, which speak about what it means to be saved. Once you have done this to your satisfaction, then pray the following prayer *earnestly* to the Lord:

Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge to You that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins and the life that I have lived; I need your forgiveness.

I believe that Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn away from my sin and follow Your Word completely.

You said in Your Holy Word, in Romans 10:9, that if I confess with my mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in my heart that You, Father God, raised Him from the dead, I will be saved.

So right now I confess Jesus as *Lord*, which means I bow my knees before Him and give Him everything I am. With my heart, I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. This very moment I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and according to His Word, I know right now I am saved. I know right now I have the life of Jesus Christ dwelling in me. He freely gave me His life, and I give Him all of mine without reservation.

Thank you Jesus for your unlimited grace which has saved me from my sins. I thank you Jesus that your grace never leads to further sin, but rather it always leads to repentance. Therefore Lord Jesus transform my life so that I may bring glory and honor to you alone and not to myself.

**Thank you Jesus for dying for me and giving me eternal life.
Amen! (which means "so be it!")**

Definitions

- **Sinner-** A person who sins; a person who has broken one or more of God's laws; one who sins without repenting; a persistent and incorrigible transgressor; a man condemned by the law of God; because every person sins, all must be considered a sinner (Rom. 3:23); the most usual term to

describe the fallen condition of man; it applies to all men (Rom. 5:8,19); a man who has voluntarily disobeyed any divine precept, or neglected any known duty.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...Romans 3:23

- **Death, Hell, Darkness, Perish-** these and similar words refer to the destiny of sinners after death. It is what all sinners deserve.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

- **Heaven, Everlasting Life, Eternal Life-** these and similar words refer to the destiny of a person who has been *saved*. God provides this for those who believe and trust in Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Heaven is the eternal dwelling place of God.

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17

- **The Cross-** an upright wooden post with a crossbeam on which Jesus was crucified; It was an instrument of humiliation, torture, and execution; Jesus spoke of the cross before His death (Matthew 10:38; Mark 10:21; Luke 14:27) as a symbol of the necessity of total commitment, even unto death, for those who would be His disciples. By submitting to the cross Jesus paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world, for those who would trust in Him as their Savior and Lord.
- **Christian and Believer-** a person who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. They believe that Jesus was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for man's sins so that man would not be eternally separated from God in Hell. They also believe that God raised Him from the dead, and He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
- **Unbeliever-** a person who does not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came to give His life as a perfect sacrifice by dying on the cross to pay the penalty for the sins of man. It also means someone who has not received Jesus as the Lord of their life. It also means any person who refuses to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.
- **Lord-** usually this refers to Jesus Christ; Master; the one who possesses Supreme authority; the one to whom service is due on any ground, Matt. 6:24; 24:50; Jesus is the eternal Lord over all humanity, Rom. 14:9
- **Converted, or Conversion-** this means to be changed from an unbeliever in Jesus to a believer in Jesus; this is a renewing experience; a spiritual change;
- **Born Again-** regeneration; saved; renewed, remade and born of God; to become a new creation

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

- **Repent-** means a thorough turning from oneself to God and to accept His Son, Jesus Christ as his Savior. This may be accompanied with regret or remorse that wrong has been done. This occurs when a person turns radically to God through Jesus Christ. It is an experience where God is recognized as the most important fact of one's existence. It also means a call to absolute surrender to the purposes of God and to live in this awareness. This radical turning to God is required of every person. *HIBD

When a person realizes they have committed a wrong and he chooses to turn away from the ungodly act or thought.

Repent means doing an about-face—a 180° turn—from the kind of self-centeredness that leads to wrong actions such as lying, cheating, stealing, gossiping, taking revenge, abusing and indulging in sexual immorality. A person who repents, stops rebelling and begins following God's way of living prescribed in His Word. The first step in turning to God is to admit your sin. Then God will receive you and help you live the way He wants. Remember that only God can get rid of sin. He doesn't expect us to clean up our lives before we come to Him. NKJV-LAB Matthew 3:1–2 notes*

...you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. Luke 13:3

- **Saved-** to be converted from an unbeliever in Jesus Christ to a believer in Him; the condition of spiritual and eternal salvation that is given immediately to those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to trust in Him as their Savior
- **Salvation-** The spiritual and eternal freedom granted immediately by God to those who accept His conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus, Acts 4:12, and on confession of Him as Lord, Rom.10:10; further, salvation is the present experience of God's power to deliver from sin, Phil.2:12, where some reference is to the maintenance of peace and harmony. It is also freedom from wrath of God destined to be executed upon the ungodly at the end of this age. (1 Thess.1:10; There is also an inclusive meaning, to sum up all the blessings bestowed by God on men in Christ through the Holy Spirit, 2 Cor.6:2.
- **Son of Man-**The title Jesus often used to refer to Himself
- **The Atonement-** Generally this refers to the punishment Jesus suffered in place of the punishment men deserve for their sin: His arrest, His suffering under Pilate and His death on the cross. Through all of this Jesus brought sinners, who are alienated from God by their sins, into a right relationship with God.
- **Grace-** comes from God the Father and from Jesus Christ; God's redeeming mercy; the power to produce conversion and equipping for ministry

Biblical Truths

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and a member of the triune God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:1-5

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

2. God loves you. He has a plan for your life that is full and meaningful.

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that who ever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11NLT

"I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance ---to the full, till it overflows." John 10:10b AMP

3. Man is sinful, and the consequences of sin is death.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...Romans 6:23a

4. Man cannot save himself. Jesus Christ is God's only plan for man's sin.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred... 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.' John 14:6

5. God desires that we individually confess and repent of our sins.

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." Matthew 4:17 NLT

...and you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. Luke 13:3NLT

The time promised by God has come at last! he announced. The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News! Mark 1:15 NLT

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

6. We must make a decision to receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord.

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

- ❖ Jesus came to earth to save us from the consequences of our sins.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all. Isaiah 53:6 NLT

- ❖ Jesus paid the penalty for our sins.

...who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree (cross), that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. 1Peter2: 24 KJV

...but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

We are saved by believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and **asking Him** to be our personal Savior. He paid for our sins and brought us into a right relationship with our Heavenly Father. He is preparing a place for us in heaven. Faith in Christ is trusting in Him alone for salvation, and deciding in our heart to make Him Lord of our life.

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

...if you confess with your mouth that "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 NIV

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

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