

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Happy Wednesday!

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“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”” Romans 10:9-13 NASB1995

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.* For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:1-10 NASB1995 (emphasis added)

I didn't realize this until I was a grown up, but there isn't a special prayer in the Bible for those who want to put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ - those who want Him to be their Savior from the eternal punishment of sins. I wrongfully assumed there was a special word or prayer, but there isn't. It's not in scripture, which we know is the foundation for all Truth.

So what is salvation and why would I want it?

Salvation is the forgiveness of sins so that you are made right with God. Sin separates us from God. But salvation through Jesus restores us to God by separating us from our sins.

“All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.” Isaiah 53:6 NASB1995

God doesn't go astray, we do. We each have turned to our own way, leaving God's way. “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;” Romans 3:23-24 NASB1995

And through Jesus Christ, whose life was fully God and fully human, died on the cross for our going astray (our sins), AND was resurrected from death to eternal life so that no other blood sacrifice would ever have to be made again.

“By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And on their mind I will write them,” He then says, “*And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*” Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.” Hebrews 10:10-18 NASB1995 (emphasis added)

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2 NASB1995

You’ll never know the fullness of Christ until you know or acknowledge the emptiness of everything else. So if you truly want to be made right with God, leaving behind your old ways of sin and going astray to pursue Him and His ways, salvation is waiting. It doesn’t mean you’re a perfect or sinless person, it means you know the One Who is Perfect and He’ll help you sin less, making you perfect in God’s eyes.

Look at how easy Salvation from Jesus is in Scripture:

“One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, *today* you shall be with Me in Paradise.”” Luke 23:39-43 NASB1995 (emphasis added)

Jesus was on the cross beside two men also dying on their own crosses. One man was mocking Jesus while the other was seeking Jesus. Jesus didn’t tell the man that he had too many sins. Jesus didn’t give him a special set of words to say. The man confessed Christ and asked to be remembered in heaven. Jesus answered **TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME**. Not: do these things and then we’ll try to work you in...

If you’re ready, simply confess something like this in prayer to Jesus:

“YOU ARE LORD and I am not. I believe you are the Son of God Who died on the cross for my sins and was raised to life by God so that I could have life with God now and in eternity. I put my faith in You and in Your promise of Salvation. Thank you Lord for the hope of Salvation and that your hope does not disappoint. Help me live the way You want me to. Amen.”

If you said that in your heart or head and meant it, welcome to the family of God, full of brothers and sisters in Christ. Go and tell someone about your decision to leave your old ways and follow Him. Find a Bible teaching church (I know a few if you need a recommendation), and learn how to live according to God's Kingdom ways by reading His Word to you (your Bible).

Worship:

“Thief” by Third Day <https://youtu.be/wDRNgTECin0?si=MVBjFGjLpDe7Ml53> [youtu.be]

“Living Hope” by Phil Wickham <https://youtu.be/u-1fwZtKJSM?si=Kq3X7U5NirWs-2Ip> [youtu.be]

For a link to daily devotions from my pastor, check this

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