

## Salvation - a Free Gift from God

### **I've not been good enough to know God. What hope do I have?**

God is good! He has provided the way for us to be reconciled with Him. It is a gift from Him, not based on our own works. Salvation – the way to a relationship with God – is by grace, through faith alone, not by works.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

### **I'm not a bad person, so I should be okay coming to Him in my own way, right?**

The Bible tells us in Romans 3:10, There is none righteous, no, not one. And Romans 3:23, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Everyone has sinned in the eyes of God, and all of us stand guilty before Him. Actually, just think how ridiculous it would be to stand before a perfectly holy God and say "I've been good enough."

### **Are there consequences for my sin?**

Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. Eternal spiritual death is the price we must pay for sin. What is sin? Sin is simply this – disobedience to the will of God. And since all have sinned, all are subject to the penalty of sin and an eternity in hell separated from God.

### **Can I do anything to make up for the sin in my life?**

No, although a lot of people try to!

God has provided a remedy for our situation by sending His Son to pay the penalty for us. John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. What a promise!

And Romans 5:8 tells us that God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He did not wait for mankind to "get it together." His son, Jesus, gave up His life as a sacrifice while we were separated from Him.

Jesus tells us in John 14:6, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### **How do I start a relationship with God through Jesus?**

First, you must admit that you're a sinner. Then, you must choose to accept God's way of salvation, His Son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9-10 tells us that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A simple sincere prayer is the way we initiate our reconciliation with God. Just pray this prayer.

God, I thank You for the gift of salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ. I recognize that I have sinned. I proclaim Jesus as the Lord of my life. I choose to do things Your way. I believe Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead to pay the penalty for my sin.

Jesus, thank you for paying the price to save me and give me eternal life. I invite You into my heart, into my life. I ask you to change me on the inside. Help me to live this life in a way that would honour You. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **What's Next?**

Now that you have received Jesus as your Saviour, here are some important steps to help you grow in your relationship with Him.

### **Tell others of your experience with Jesus.**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

### **Read your Bible daily.**

Psalms 19:7-11 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

2 Tim 3:16-17 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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### **Pray daily. Talk to God and listen for His answers.**

Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.

### **Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Jude 20: But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

### **Attend a Bible-believing church regularly.**

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

### **Be baptized in water.**

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Repent quickly when you sin.**

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.

### **Spend time with other Christians who love Jesus.**

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.