

Why You Need Salvation

You may have heard Christians frequently talking about salvation and asking the question, 'have you been saved?', and maybe wondered to yourself, what on earth do they mean!? Saved from what? What have I done that I need someone to save me? Why are Christians always telling me I need salvation when I don't? But until you understand the problem, the solution will not make sense!

The Problem: All Have Sinned

The Bible makes it clear that every person has sinned. Sin is disobedience to God's moral law, as laid down in the Ten Commandments, and it separates us from Him. No one is exempt from this truth. Whether we consider ourselves good or bad by human standards, we all fall short of God's perfect holiness. Sin is not just about outward actions; it also includes the condition of our hearts. Jesus said in **Matthew 5:28**: *"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."*

This shows that sin includes thoughts, desires, and attitudes, not just deeds.

The Consequences of Sin

Sin has serious consequences. The Bible teaches that the penalty for sin is death—not just physical death, but eternal separation from God. **Romans 6:23** warns: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

The first part of this verse reveals a harsh reality: sin leads to death. This death is described in **Revelation 20:15**: *"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

Hell is the ultimate consequence of rejecting God and remaining in sin. God is holy and cannot allow sin into His presence, so the sinner must face eternal punishment unless they are saved.

Our Inability to Save Ourselves

Many people try to save themselves through good works, religion, or self-improvement. However, the Bible teaches that no amount of good deeds can erase sin or make us acceptable to God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 explains: *"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."* This is why we need a Saviour.

God's Provision: Jesus Christ

Though we are helpless to save ourselves, God, in His love and mercy, has provided a way for us to be saved. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take the punishment for our sins. **John 3:16** declares: *"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."*

Jesus lived a sinless life, fulfilling God's law perfectly. He then willingly went to the cross to bear the penalty for our sins. When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment we deserved. On the third day, He rose again, proving that He has power over sin and death. Through His sacrifice, we can be forgiven and reconciled to God.

What Is Salvation?

Salvation is the act of being delivered from sin and its consequences. It is a gift from God, offered freely to all who will accept it by faith. Salvation involves repentance (turning away from sin) and faith in Jesus Christ. When we repent and trust in Jesus, we are forgiven, made new, and given eternal life.

How Can You Be Saved?

God's gift of salvation is available to you today. To receive it, you must:

Acknowledge Your Sin: Admit that you are a sinner in need of salvation and repent from your heart. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23)

Believe in Jesus Christ: Trust that Jesus died for your sins and rose again to give you eternal life. *“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.”* (Romans 10:9)

Call Upon Him: Pray to God, asking Him to save you. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)

The Result of Salvation

When you accept God’s gift of salvation, you are forgiven and set free from sin’s power. You become a child of God and gain the promise of eternal life. **John 1:12** says: *“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.”* Salvation also brings peace and joy, knowing that your eternity is secure in Christ.

Without salvation you remain separated from God, under the penalty of sin. But through Jesus Christ, you can be forgiven, transformed, and given eternal life. Will you accept His gift today?

Do you want to find out more? Here are some useful resources to begin your journey:

davidpawson.co.uk
derekprince.com
bibleproject.com
khouse.org

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