

Seven Steps to Salvation



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THE BIBLE contains the story ✓ of human creation in God's image, ✓ of the origin of sin and its penalty of death, ✓ of God's love for people even though they sinned against Him, and ✓ of redemption from sin and death—**SALVATION**—through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

I've published this tract to inform you of God's promises for *Salvation from sin and death*, and to share seven steps for you to receive *His LIFE*.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. Jn.3:17

What does it mean to be *saved*? It means to receive a *new kind of Life* from God through faith in Christ. That *Life* is generated in the heart of a person by a life-transforming miracle.

The Bible describes that experience as becoming a *new creature*, adding that, *old things pass away and everything becomes new.* 2Co.5:17

The apostle John described it as being lifted out of death into a *new Life*. He wrote: *We know that we have passed from death unto Life.* 1Jn.3:14

A biblical *Christian* is a **CHRIST-PERSON** who has experienced a re-birth by the power of the *Life* of Jesus. It is a person who has 1) come to God as a sinner, 2) accepted the Lord Jesus Christ by faith,

3) honors Him as their Lord and Master, 4) confesses Him as such before the world, and 5) strives to please Him in their life.

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master, then follow these seven biblical steps.

1. **REALIZE THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.** *All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* Ro.3:23 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.* 1Jn.1:8

2. **BE SORRY FOR AND REPENT OF YOUR SINS.** *The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.* Lu.18:13 *For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation.* 2Co.7:10

3. **CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD.** *Whoever covers their sins shall not prosper; but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.* Prov.28:13 *If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* 1Jn.1:9

4. **FORSAKE YOUR SINS—TURN AWAY FROM THEM.** *Let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and He will have mercy and will abundantly pardon.* Is.55:7 *Put off the former life which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.* Eph.4:22 *If iniquity be in your hand, put it far away, and let not*

wickedness be in your life. Job.11:14

5. **ASK FORGIVENESS FOR YOUR SINS.** *He is the Lord Who forgives all of your iniquities.* Psa.103:3 *God says, Come and let us reason together; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be as wool.* Isa.1:18 *God has exalted Christ to be a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins.* Ac.5:31 *Through Jesus is preached to you the forgiveness of sins.* Ac.13:38 *In HIM we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.* Eph.1:7

6. **CONSECRATE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST.** *Present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.* Rom.12:1 *You are a chosen generation, and you should demonstrate the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.* 1Pet.2:9 *I count all things but loss for the excellency of Christ Jesus my Lord.* Phil.3:8 *I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless.* 1Thes.5:23

7. **BELIEVE THAT GOD SAVES YOU BY HIS GRACE.** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest anyone should boast.* Ep.2:8-9 *It is the grace of God that brings salvation.* Tit.2:11 *Being justified by His grace, we are made heirs according to the hope of Eternal Life.* Tit.3:7 *We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we are saved.* Ac.15:11



THE NEW BIRTH is the spiritual transformation of a person who believes the gospel and who, by faith in God, receives Jesus Christ into his or her life and resolves to become His follower. IT IS A MIRACLE. Ponder these Good News facts of **WHAT YOUR SALVATION MEANS:**

- ✓ You have become a child of God. Joh.1:12
- ✓ Your flesh, with its affections and lusts, has been crucified with Christ. Gal.5:24
- ✓ Your sins are blotted out. Acs.3:19

You are washed from your sins, sanctified and justified. 1Co.6:9-11; Rev.1:5

✓ You have turned from darkness to light; from the power of Satan to the power of God. Acs.26:18; Col.1:13

✓ The old laws and ordinances which you could never measure up to are nailed to the cross. Col.2:14

✓ You have an abundance of new Life. Joh.10:10; 1Jo.5:12

✓ You have full salvation. Rom.1:16; 2Th.2:13

✓ You are re-created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph.4:24

✓ You are a new creature in Christ Jesus. 2Co.5:17

✓ You are a child of light—not of darkness. Eph.5:8

✓ You have redemption through the blood of Jesus and the forgiveness of sins. Eph.1:7

✓ You are Christ's ambassador now. 2Co.5:20

✓ You are God's Elect, His chosen one, and you now have an incorruptible inheritance; you will live in a constant state of blessing and of abundant mercy. 1Pe.1:2-4

✓ You have Christ's own wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption that is now bequeathed to you. 1Co.1:30; 2Co.5:21

✓ You have all of Christ's riches and He has taken away your poverty. 2Co.8:9

✓ You have His constant presence with you, Mat.28:20 and Christ has actually come into your life to live and to walk in you. 2Co.6:16

As His new representative, now you have become a witness of His Love in your home and in your community. You will *show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness* 1Pe.2:9 so that *others may see your good works and glorify God.* 1Pet.2:12 **May His BEST be yours!**

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