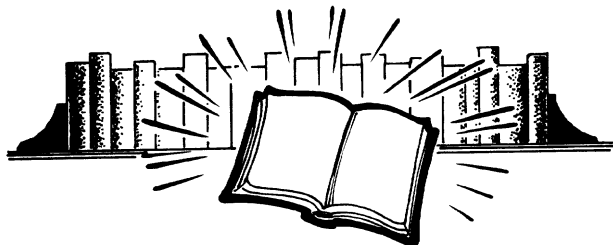


Roman Catholics:

Let's see what the *Bible* says about ...

- Baptism
- The Crucifixion
- Idolatry
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- Religious Leaders
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- Salvation



BAPTISM

Acts 8:12: “But *when they believed* Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, *they were baptized, both men and women.*”

Acts 8:36-38: “... and *the eunuch said*, See, here is water; *what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.* And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: *and they went down both INTO the water*, both Philip and the eunuch; *and he baptized him.*”

THE CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 12:40: “For as Jonas [Jonah] was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; *so shall the Son of man [Jesus] be three days and THREE NIGHTS in the heart of the earth.*”

John 19:31: “The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.”

Mark 16:9: “Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week [Sunday], he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, ...”

IDOLATRY

1 Corinthians 10:14: “... *flee from idolatry.*”

Leviticus 26:1: “Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, *neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it:* for I am the LORD your God.”

Revelation 21:8: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and *idolaters*, and all liars, *shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:* which is the second death.”

MARY

■ As a perpetual virgin:

Matthew 1:24-25: “Then **Joseph** being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife [Mary]: And **knew her not** [no sex] **till she had brought forth her firstborn son**: and he called his name JESUS.”

Mark 6:3: “Is not this [Jesus] the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? ...”

■ As having no sin:

Luke 2:22,24: “And **when the days of her** [Mary’s] **purification** according to the law of Moses **were accomplished, they** [Mary and Joseph] **brought him** [Jesus] **to Jerusalem**, to present him to the Lord; And **to offer a sacrifice** ... A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Leviticus 12:2,6-8: “... If a woman have ... born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; ... And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled ... she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: ...”

Romans 5:12: “Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men [his descendants], for that **ALL have sinned**.”

1 Peter 2:22 [speaking of Jesus Christ]: “Who did no sin ...”

Hebrews 4:15 [also speaking of Jesus]: “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

■ As mediatrix between God and man:

John 2:4: “**Jesus saith unto her** [Mary, his mother], **Woman**, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.”

Mark 3:33-35 [when Jesus was told that his mother and brothers were outside, looking for him]: “And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.”

1 Timothy 2:5: “For **there is** one God, and **ONE mediator between God and men, the man CHRIST JESUS**.”

John 14:6: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father [God, in heaven], but by me.”

Hebrews 7:25: “Wherefore he [Jesus Christ] is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

1 John 2:1: “... if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”

■ As someone to be worshipped:

Luke 11:27-28: “And it came to pass, as he spake these things, **a certain woman** of the company lifted up her voice, and **said** unto him [Jesus], **Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it**.”

Revelation 22:9 [the angel cautioned John]: “... See thou do it not [worship me]: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **worship GOD**.”

■ As the “Queen of Heaven”:

Jeremiah 7:18: “**The children** gather wood, and the **fathers** kindle the fire, **and the women** knead their dough, to **make cakes to the queen of heaven**, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, **that they may provoke me** [God] **to anger**.”

■ As the “Mother of God”:

John 1:1-3: “In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God [the Father], and the Word was God [the Son]. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by HIM; and without him was not any thing made that was made**.”

Genesis 1:27: “So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Genesis 3:20: “And Adam called his wife’s name **Eve**; because she **was the mother of all living**.”

THE MASS

Hebrews 10:11: “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same *sacrifices*, which *can never take away sins*.”

1 Corinthians 10:20-21: “... the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.”

Hebrews 9:24: “For *Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands*, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:”

Matthew 15:17 [Jesus speaking]: “Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?”

John 20:17: “Jesus saith unto her [Mary Magdalene, outside the sepulchre following the resurrection], Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father [God, in heaven]: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, ...”

Hebrews 9:25-26: “*Nor yet that he should offer himself often*, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; *for then must he* [Jesus] *often have suffered* since the foundation of the world: *but now ONCE in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself*.”

Hebrews 10:10: “... we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

Hebrews 10:12: “But this man [Jesus], after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;”

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 [Paul, referring to the Lord’s Supper]: “And when he [Jesus] had given thanks, he brake it [the bread], and said, *Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in REMEMBRANCE of me*. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, *This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in REMEMBRANCE of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do SHEW* [show] *THE LORD’S DEATH till he come*.”

1 Corinthians 11:27-29: “Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”

1 Corinthians 10:3-4: “And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.”

John 20:30-31: “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But *these are written*, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and *that believing ye might have life through his NAME*.”

PETER (THE APOSTLE)

Matthew 16:15-18: “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and *upon this rock* [Jesus Christ] *I will build my church*; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

John 1:42 [Jesus, speaking to Peter]: “... thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.”

Psalms 18:31: “For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?”

1 Corinthians 3:11: “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

Galatians 2:7: “... *the gospel of the uncircumcision* [Gentiles] *was committed unto me* [Paul], *as the gospel of the circumcision* [Jews] *was* [committed] *unto Peter*;”

Mark 1:30: “But *Simon’s wife’s mother* [Peter’s mother-in-law] *lay sick of a fever, ...*”

Mark 8:33: “... he [Jesus] rebuked *Peter*, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou *savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men*.”

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Matthew 23:9 [Jesus said about religious leaders]: “And *call no man your father upon the earth*: for one [God] is your Father, which is in heaven.”

Luke 5:21: “... *Who can forgive sins, but God alone?*”

Luke 20:46-47 [Jesus cautioned]: “Beware of *the scribes*, which desire to *walk in long robes*, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which *devour widows’ houses*, and for a shew *make long prayers*: the same shall receive greater damnation.”

1 Timothy 3:2-7: “*A bishop* [church leader] then *must be* blameless, *the husband of one wife*, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; *Not given to wine*, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, *having his children in subjection* with all gravity; (*For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?*) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”

1 Timothy 2:11-12: “Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But *I* [Paul] *suffer not a woman to teach* [in church], *nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.*”

Matthew 7:22-23: “Many will say to me [Jesus] in that day [judgment day], Lord, *Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you*: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4: “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [day of the Lord, or the second coming of Jesus] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and *that man of sin* be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God *sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*”

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1 Timothy 4:1-3: “... in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and *doctrines of devils*; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats*, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.”

Colossians 2:16: “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:”

Mark 7:6-7,9,13 [Jesus speaking]: “... as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit *in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*. And he said unto them, Full well *ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition*. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, ...”

Matthew 6:7: “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.”

Job 5:1: “Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?”

Acts 4:12: “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven [except Jesus Christ] given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Revelation 17:1,4-6,9,18 [the angel told John]: “... Come hither; I will shew unto thee the *judgment of the great whore* that sitteth upon many waters: And the woman was *arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a GOLDEN CUP in her hand* full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, *MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT* ... And I saw the woman *drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus*: ... The seven heads are *SEVEN MOUNTAINS, on which the woman sitteth. And the woman which thou sawest is that GREAT CITY, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*”

[Note: Rome killed Jesus and his apostles and tortured and murdered Christians in the Colosseum, Crusades, Inquisition, etc.]

John 16:2-3: "... the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father [God], nor me [Jesus]."

Matthew 10:28: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him [God] which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Revelation 18:2,4 [voices cry from heaven]: "... *Babylon the great is fallen ... Come out of her, my people*, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

SALVATION

If you're like many of us, you already believe *in* God,* so why not simply *believe* him** and take him at his word? If you truly want to be saved *God's* way, follow these six steps:

1. Admit that you're a sinner.

Romans 3:10,23: "... There is none righteous, no, not one: For *all have sinned*, and come short of the glory of God;"

2. Realize that sin is punished by God.

Romans 6:23: "For the *wages of sin is death*; ..."

Revelation 20:14: "And death and hell were cast into *the lake of fire*. This *is the second death*."

3. Believe that Jesus died for your sins.

Romans 5:8: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, *Christ died for us*."

Hebrews 9:22: "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and *without shedding of blood* [of animals in the Old Testament, and of Jesus in the New Testament] *is no remission* [or forgiveness, of sins]."

*James 2:19: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

**Romans 3:4: "... let God be true, but every man a liar ...";
Mark 1:15: "... the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

1 Peter 1:18-19: "... ye were not *redeemed* with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But *with the precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

4. Understand that eternal life is a GIFT, to be received by faith—not works.

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

Ephesians 2:8-9: "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."

5. Sincerely desire to repent and be saved.

Luke 13:3 "... *except ye repent* [of your unbelief], *ye shall all likewise perish*."

2 Peter 3:9: "*The Lord is ... not willing* that any should perish, but *that all should come to repentance*."

2 Corinthians 7:10: "For *godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation ...*"

6. Through prayer, ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you from hell.

Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I [Jesus Christ] stand at the door [to your heart], and knock: *if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him*, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Romans 10:9-10: "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. For *with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*."

Romans 10:13: "For *whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*."

SALVATION IN A NUTSHELL

According to the Bible, salvation is a gift. You can't work for it and can't buy it. There is only one way to get it: With a repentant attitude, admit that you're a sinner and ask Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your heart. Why not do it now? *You can repeat the following prayer or say it in your own words:*

**Jesus, I admit that
I'm a sinner and can't save myself.
Please forgive me and come into my heart.
Help me do things that are pleasing
to you. Thank you, dear Lord,
for saving my soul.
Amen.**

■ If you prayed that prayer and *really meant it*, you've been "born again" the *Bible* way and are now a child of God.

1 Peter 1:23: "Being *born again*, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, *by the word of God* [the Bible], which liveth and abideth for ever."

John 3:3 [Jesus said]: "... Except a man be born again [spiritually], he cannot see the kingdom of God [heaven]."

John 1:12-13: "But *as many as received him* [Jesus Christ, into their hearts by faith], *to them gave he power to become the sons of God*, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

■ Consequently, you need not fear death, and you can count on these wonderful promises from God's word:

Romans 5:1: "Therefore being justified by faith, *we have peace with God* through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

1 Corinthians 2:9: "... *Eye hath not seen*, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, *the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*"

John 14:2 [Jesus said]: "In my Father's house [in heaven] are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Revelation 21:4: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

1 John 5:12-13: "*He that hath the Son* [Jesus, in his/her heart] *hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.* These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may *know* that ye have eternal life ..."

John 10:27-28: "My sheep hear my voice, and I [Jesus] know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

John 6:37: "All that the Father [God] giveth me [Jesus] shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Philippians 4:6: "Be careful for nothing [don't worry]; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving *let your requests be made known unto God.*"

1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins [to God through prayer, preferably on a daily basis], he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 3:22: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him [God], because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

■ Congratulations on making the greatest decision of your life!

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(Verses quoted herein are from the King James Version of the Bible)

Note: The picture on the cover was taken from a clip art book that was purchased many years ago. Unfortunately, I don't remember the name. In addition, I used bold italics throughout this tract to highlight the main points of the verses, inserted explanatory comments in brackets, and put certain words in all caps for emphasis.

