

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)

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT

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."