

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR MAN

The Bible tells us that in the beginning God created man in his image. (see *Genesis. 1:27*) At that time God and man lived in perfect harmony in a perfect world. Then the serpent (Lucifer/Satan), a fallen angel who wanted above all things to be as God himself, tempted Adam and Eve with the two biggest lies that have ever been told. These lies were: “*Ye shall not surely die:*” and “*ye shall be as gods.*” (see *Genesis 3:4-5 & Deuteronomy 4:39*) Adam and Eve willingly embraced the lies of Lucifer and rejected God’s plan and instructions for them. This is where sin entered the human race. (see *Romans 5:12*)

We further learn from the Bible that because of God’s purity and holiness He can not have sin in his presence. (see *Habakkuk 1:13, Revelation 21:27 & Psalms 97:2*) So when Adam and Eve, and subsequently every one of us in the human race choose the way of sin and rebellion, (see *Romans 3:10, 3:23 & 6:23*) it is simply justice that demands our separation from God.

From the time of Adam and Eve until the present time, the Bible records several thousand years of man’s efforts to do it his way (become as God), or to be reunited to God by his own efforts. These efforts, no matter how diligently pursued have never worked, nor can they ever work, because man with his sinful nature is not capable of reaching God’s standard of absolute purity or sinlessness. (see *Isaiah 64:6*)

So, if history has so clearly proven that man can not become God, or even come back to God through his own self efforts, is there then any hope that we can escape this sinful fallen state and imperfect world in which we live? The answer is a resounding Yes! (see *Romans 5:8*) And this is what Christianity is all about.

God in His infinite mercy and love has provided a way. (see *John 14:6, 5:24, Acts 4:12, & Ephesians 2:8-9*) It was a costly way, but it was the only way to bridge the separation that sin had caused between man and his creator. (see *Hebrews 9:22*) God gave his only begotten and sinless son as a ransom worthy of paying the price necessary to pardon us from the condemnation and just separation from God caused by our sin. (see *2 Cor. 5:21 & John 3:16*)

While Jesus Christ’s willing sacrifice on the cross was worthy to cleanse all people from all sin and from eternal separation from God, (see *1 John 1:7*) he has never forced anyone to accept the gift. He does though offer it to all who desire it and ask for it. (see *Romans 10:9 & 13 & Matthew 10:32*) Kings and paupers must all come to Christ the same way. “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*” (*Ephesians 2:8*) Many would try to add good works, righteous deeds, church traditions or denominational affiliations as pathways to salvation (see *Titus 3:5 & Romans 3:28*); but the Bible is clear that doing so can only have the opposite effect. For if we try to add anything to grace; then “*grace is no longer grace*”. (see *Romans 11:6 & Galations 5:4*) It is only with a humble and thankful heart that God’s grace is received by faith. And it is only there, at the foot of the cross, that we can be forgiven and rest in the assurance of our salvation from the punishment we deserve for the sins we have committed.

This brief explanation of God’s plan of salvation is given that you too may come to the one who loves you more than you can imagine; if that is your desire. The steps below will guide you. Tell God in prayer that you are ready to accept the cleansing gift of His only begotten and sinless son. Now is the time to make your decision. This is the most important decision of your life; (see *John 8:24*) please do not take it lightly, there may not be a “later”. (see *2 Corinthians 6:2*)

Lord Jesus,

*I see my sin and realize (through your word) that my sin it is what separates me from you.
I am sorry for my sin and desire to turn from the wrong ways I have been directing my life.
From this day forward I ask that you come in and be the Lord and guiding light of my life.
I thank you and accept as a free gift, the worthy substitutionary sacrifice that you made on the cross to pay for my sins.
Thank you for forgiving my sins and saving my soul.*

I have sincerely prayed the above prayer to the best of my understanding and ability. I understand there are no other requirements for becoming a Christian; but that full meaning and purpose in this life comes only when I willingly die to self and allow Jesus Christ to live through me. Increased blessings will also come in this life and in heaven as I am obedient and grow in the knowledge and application of my Christian faith through the Word of God, the Bible.

Although signing a piece of paper has nothing to do with salvation, signing may be helpful to you in recollecting your point of decision or commitment to Christ.

I (signature) _____, have read the above message and wish to acknowledge my acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of my life.

I (signature) _____, have read the above message and do not choose at this time to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

*Notice (Matthew 12:30) that to make no decision about Jesus Christ, and your relationship to him; is to make a decision against him. Even though our God is a God of second chances, no decision is the same as a “NO” decision.

Bible References

(Please read this page also)

- Gen 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."*
- Gen 3:4-5 "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."*
- Deut. 4:39 "Therefore know this day, and consider in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on earth beneath; there is no other."*
- Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all have sinned:"*
- Hab 1:13 "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity..."*
- Rev. 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it (Heaven) any thing that defileth..."*
- Rom 3:10 " as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"*
- Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*
- Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*
- Jam. 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."*
- Isa 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags..."*
- Rom 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*
- John 14:6 "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*
- Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*
- Heb 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of Blood is no remission."*
- John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*
- Eph 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."*
- Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..."*
- Rom. 3:28 "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."*
- Rom. 11:6 "And if by grace, then it is no longer works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."*
- Gal. 5:4 "You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."*
- 2 Cor. 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*
- John 3:16 "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."*
- 1 John 5:12 "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."*
- 1 John 1:7 "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."*
- Luke 11:9 "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."*
- Jer. 29:13 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."*
- 2 Cor. 7:10 "Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation."*
- Rom. 10:9 "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."*
- Rom 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*
- Matt. 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven"*
- John 8:24 "...If you do not believe I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."*
- 2 Cor 6:2 "...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."*
- Matt. 12:30 "He that is not with me is against me..."*

* If you have not yet settled the matter of your eternal destiny and relationship with Jesus Christ, please go back to the prayer on the preceding page and give yourself to Him in complete trust. Jesus Christ loves you and invites you to accept the gift and payment which he has already made to rid you of your sins. He waits now (2 Corinthians 6:2), but the bible tells us that a time will come when He can wait no longer. Please do not slumber this day only to awaken in Hell for eternity. There is a way out. It is Jesus Christ. Now it is up to you to accept or reject the payment he has made and be willing to die to your old life of sin and rebellion. Remember, you are not expected to do this on your own. If you desire, however, and ask him, He is sure to give you the help you need in the path of your new life. Read your Bible, pray, and gather for worship and study with other Bible believing Christians.