

But by the grace, love, compassion, and mercy of God we can be with Him forever (Romans 6: 23 and 5:8). And because we cannot be in the presence of God in our sinful condition, we need a replacement of a perfect and acceptable sacrifice to God to take our place. God provided this perfect sacrifice in his Son, Jesus (John 3:16, 1st John 2:2, Ephesians 5:2, Galatians 3:13).

So what must I do to be saved? Romans 10:9 and 10 reads as follows:

"...that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto to salvation." For the Scripture says: "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

There are 4 requirements to be saved:

1. As the Bible says; *"...that if you confess with your mouth..."*. This is an act of expressing with the mouth where others can hear. If we are ashamed of Him, we cannot be with Him (Mark 8:38).

2. The next part is very important *"...that Jesus is Lord..."*. We use the word "Lord" very lightly. In the original language, the word means "God" ("Kurios" in Greek).

When we say *"...that Jesus is Lord..."*, it is an act of surrender and we are saying that He is the Master and Owner of our life. He is Creator of the universe and Master above all (Colossians 1:16).

3. With respect to *"... and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead..."*, resurrection is key. We are saying that Jesus has the power over death.

4. Repentance is necessary. With repentance, we recognize that we have failed and we need a Savior. We must approach Him with a humble attitude, with a spirit of repentance (1st John 1:8 and 9), respect, gratitude and love. The word repentance means a change of direction completely opposite to where we were heading.

Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). I encourage you to make a decision to follow Jesus today. Don't wait. Do it now. I encourage you to pray to God right now.

Prayer should be with a humble and broken heart (Psalm 51:17). You must have a confession of sin (Luke 18:17). You must have a desire of repentance (Luke 15:21, Psalms 51:4). It must be authentic, simple and human (Mark 9:24).

When we say this prayer, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1st John 1:9). He will forget all that we have done in the past (Psalm 103:12).

The following prayer is just one example of a prayer for salvation. Prayer does not save, and has no magic, persuasive, or great words, but has much power in the attitude of the speaker (James 5:16). Prayer is simply a conversation between a child and his father.

Say a prayer similar to the following:

"Lord, I admit that I failed. I'm not perfect. I am tired. I have sinned against you. I repent of my sins and ask forgiveness. I recognize that you died for me on the cross and that your blood cleanses me from all sin. I want to change. I can not do it alone. I need your help. Help me Lord. I need a Savior. I know you are great and good. I want to follow you. I surrender my heart to you. I give up. I love you."

If you say a prayer like the one above, the angels are celebrating right now (Luke 15:10). You have already passed from death to life (John 5:24). Today, you are free of sin (Romans 6:18). I encourage you to make a public confession of your decision to follow Jesus in front of a Christian audience.

Find a church where they teach only the Bible without the traditions of men (Colossians 2:8). Buy a Bible translated directly from the original manuscripts, not a paraphrase.

There are 7 defenses against our 3 enemies; our flesh, the world and the devil.

1. Read the Bible daily (Acts 17:11, 2 Timothy 3:16). The Word of God (the Bible) is perfect and does not contain errors (Psalms 18:30, 2 Timothy 3:16). Start with the book of John and then the rest of the New Testament.
2. Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
3. Belong to a congregation (Hebrews 10:25). Compare the words of men to God's words in the Bible (Acts 17:11). Trust nobody except the word of God (Jeremiah 17:5).
4. Serve God (Matthew 4:10).
5. Be obedient (Deuteronomy 13:17 and 18, 1st John 2:3 and 4, John 14:21).
6. Praise the Lord with singing. Listen to praise music (Matthew 4:10).
7. Be a witness for God and share the Gospel with the world (Mark 16:15).

This brochure was given free of charge. I don't want your money, or your membership in a denomination in particular. I only want you to be in heaven with the Lord forever (Revelation 21:4). It is an act of love.

Pass this booklet to others to share the love of God. Thank you and God bless you.

What Must I Do to be Saved?

This is the same question that a jailer asked the Apostle Paul in the Bible 2000 years ago (Acts 16:30). This is the most important question in life. Some do not ask it because they assume that they are saved. While others do not ask because they don't understand the importance of salvation.

Have you asked this question? Earthly life is fleeting. Eternal life will last forever. What is eternity? A few thousand years? A million years? More? Despite the beliefs of many, we do not cease to exist (Hebrews 9:27). There are only 2 places where we will spend our eternity: we will be in the presence of God in heaven or we will be apart from the presence of God in hell (Luke 16:19-31 and 2nd Corinthians 5:10). God is Pure and Holy, and we can not be in His presence if we are not pure and holy. But we cannot obtain purity and holiness in our own strength (Romans 3:10). These are a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8 and 9). Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Therefore we do not deserve to be in His presence. All have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3: 23, Jeremiah 17:9).