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# *INTRODUCTION*

**T**he issue of mankind's need for salvation is one of the most important topics that we all need to know and understand.

The entire scriptures point to the fact that without God, man is depraved and is ultimately heading for eternal destruction. Therefore man needs a Saviour.

Volume One of this TOPIC SERIES of Salvation focuses on equipping us regarding why we need salvation and how we can become saved.

# Are All People Children of God?

Are All People Children of God? Does every person regardless of background, religion or race have the right to call themselves children of God? What does the Bible say?

Whilst it is true that the whole of mankind was created by God, however due to the fall of Man in the Garden of Eden, the Scriptures clearly differentiate between people who are children of God and people who are NOT God's children.

According to the Bible only a person who is born again/Christian/saved is viewed by God as being a child of God.

## **Bible Verses About People Who Are Children of God**

**John 1:12-13 NKJV** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

**Romans 8:14-17 NKJV** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

**1 John 3:1 NKJV** *Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

A person can only become part of the family of God upon realization that we are all sinners and that only Jesus can save us from hell. Therefore we must personally believe & receive Jesus Christ as Lord & Saviour (**John 1:12, John 3:16**).

A person does not become a child of God on the virtue that they are God's creation but we become children of God by believing that only Jesus Christ gives us access into the family of God by the grace of God. (**Ephesians 2:8, John 14:1-6**)

God loves ALL people regardless of whether that person is Christian or non-Christian. However God loves us ALL so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life (**John 3:16**)

### **Scriptural Names Given To Non-Christians**

In the Scriptures, the non-Christians / non-believers are never referred to as being God's children. Instead, non-believers are given other names which are as follows:

1. Sons of disobedience – **Ephesians 2:2**
2. Children of wrath – **Ephesians 2:3**
3. Children of the devil – **John 8:44 , 1 John 3:10**

#### 4. Friends of the World / Enemies of God – **James 4:4**

Therefore, as long as a person does not become a born again Christian, in the eyes of God this person is not seen as a child of God.

**Galatians 3:26 NKJV** *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

**2 Peter 3:9 NKJV** *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

The love & grace of God is abundant and always present to allow any person to become a child of God. Therefore if you are reading this article and have never given your life to Christ or have never been born again – God is ready to receive you today as His son or daughter if by FAITH you will believe in His Son Jesus Christ and believe in the work that Jesus did on the cross by taking your penalty upon Himself dying on the cross in your place for your sins.

Salvation is TOTALLY FREE. It is a GIFT of God. You are saved by GRACE and not by your personal ability or works. You are saved because Christ paid for your sins. Do you believe? Believe in Christ today & by faith give your life to Him & become a child of God.



# Why Did Jesus Die For You?

Why did Jesus die for you? Why did Jesus have to die for our sins? Could we not pay for our sins ourselves with our own good merit? When you ask many people this question even if they are church-goers we may discover that many people have not fully grasped or been taught the purpose of why it was necessary for Christ to come to earth, die on the cross & resurrect from the dead.

For example, as mankind we are like a criminal who committed crimes and then we are told to pay a huge fine for the crimes that we have committed. The problem however is that we do not have the money nor the personal capacity to pay for our crimes. The criminal does not have the payment and neither will the criminal be capable to work his entire lifetime to pay for that enormous debt or penalty for the crimes he committed.

Then comes a loving & gracious man who has the amount or exact capacity to pay all the debt that the criminal owes. Therefore the loving & gracious man is willing & able to pay the entire debt for the criminal so that the criminal is set free.

When the full penalty is paid by the loving & gracious man and the criminal is set free because of the payment:

1. The glory for the payment automatically goes to the loving & gracious man who paid the enormous debt. The loving & gracious man should receive the praise for rescuing the guilty criminal.
2. The criminal is set free not because of his own personal effort but because of the gracious work / payment done by the loving and gracious man. In this particular case, it would be foolish if the criminal boasted in his own failed effort to attempt to pay his own penalty.
3. The criminal was fined because he was guilty of his crimes but yet the loving & gracious man still paid the enormous debt on behalf of the criminal.
4. The criminal did not have to pay a single cent to bail himself out because the entire debt was paid by the loving & gracious man.
5. The criminal has the freewill or option to refuse the loving & gracious man from freely paying for his penalty / fine. This refusal has grave consequences in that forfeiting payment will result in a lengthy jail-time for the criminal.

This analogy is an understanding of what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross. Jesus paid our ransom / debt according to [Mark 10:45](#) which says **“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”**.

Jesus came to pay our penalty because like the criminal, we cannot pay for the debt or penalty by ourselves. This is a picture of God's grace through His Son Jesus Christ.

## 1. WE ARE ALL SINNERS & OUR SINS SEPARATE US FROM GOD

**[Romans 3:23 NKJV](#) – For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

Like the criminal who breaks the law, we are all sinners who have broken God's commandments & laws. Sin is committed when we break God's commandments. For example, I am positive that there is nobody who can say that they have never broken at least one or more of God's 10 Commandments. Breaking just one of God's commandments makes us sinners. Therefore, because we have broken God's laws, we automatically have a debt to pay as a penalty for our sins.

Since Adam & Eve ate from the forbidden tree, Mankind has been sinful by nature. We are all born with Sin & we are all sinners. Living a life in sin hinders us from reconciling with God & having fellowship with God.

**REASON 1: Christ came to die for our sins even though we are sinners. God loves us and because of His love,**

**God was motivated to send Christ reconcile us to God & have eternal fellowship with Him.**

**Romans 5:8 NKJV** – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## 2. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

**Romans 6:23 NKJV** – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you were facing certain death even if you had not been aware of it – would you not want to be saved from death? Would you not want to be rescued from a situation that you knew would destroy you eternally?

The consequence of living in sin or according to the sinful nature is death (hell & eternal separation with God). However God offers us a FREE gift. This FREE gift is eternal life (and eternal fellowship with Him) through Jesus Christ.

**REASON 2: Christ Jesus died on the cross to save us from eternal death or eternal separation from God.**

**John 3:16-17 NKJV** – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in

Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### 3. WE CANNOT PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS WITH OUR OWN WORKS / OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

[Isaiah 64:6 NKJV](#) – But we are all like an unclean thing,  
And all our righteousness are like filthy rags; We all  
fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have  
taken us away.

[Galatians 2:21 NKJV](#) – I do not set aside the grace of  
God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then  
Christ died in vain.”

The penalty for our sins cannot be paid by us because our personal merit & our own righteousness are not enough before a perfect & holy God. The price of sin is too high for sinful man to pay the debt owed for sin.

The law cannot save us but its purpose is to only reflect our imperfections and bring us to the foot of the cross of Christ.

**REASON 3: Christ Jesus died on the cross so that you may no longer be under the law but so that you may be under grace**

**Galatians 2:16 NKJV** – knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

**Galatians 3:24-25 NKJV** – Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

#### 4. GOD LOVES YOU AND HAS A REDEMPTION PLAN FOR YOU

**John 3:16-17 NKJV** – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**1 John 4:10 NKJV** – In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Despite the fact that we are sinners, God loves us unconditionally. God desires to reconcile with mankind & He is willing for every individual to have fellowship with Him. Our sin does not hinder God's unconditional love for us & this is why God has a redemption plan for us – JESUS CHRIST.

**REASON 4: Christ Jesus died on the cross because God does not want anybody to perish but that everyone should willingly desire to repent and follow Christ**

[2 Peter 3:9 NKJV](#) – The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

## 5. JESUS CHRIST PAID THE DEBT WE CANNOT PAY

[Isaiah 53:5 NKJV](#) – But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

[Mark 10:45 NKJV](#) – For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Since the penalty for sin is too high for sinful man to pay – God Himself decided to pay for our sins through Christ.

Jesus who is without sin paid for our debt which we cannot pay through the blood He shed for us on the cross.

**REASON 5: Christ Jesus died on the cross to pay the debt we could not pay. He paid the penalty for our sin by His blood.**

[2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV](#) – For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## 6. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN RECONCILE WITH GOD

[John 14:6 NKJV](#) – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”.

[1 Timothy 2:5-6 NKJV](#) – For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,



There is only ONE way to God – Jesus Christ. Our personal merit & works are not enough; Our church will never take us to Heaven; Our pastor will never take us to Heaven; Our religion will never take us to Heaven. Only Jesus Christ will reconcile us with God & only Jesus Christ will give us eternal life and eternal fellowship with God.

**REASON 6: Christ Jesus died on the cross because there could be no other Saviour who could save us. Not even angels can save us from sin. It had to be Jesus the Son of God.**

# Understanding Grace

What is grace? Grace is to receive something that you don't deserve. Therefore the grace of God is when God gives us what we don't deserve.

The Greek word for grace is [*Charis*] meaning *favour; kindness*.

Therefore the grace of God is unmerited favour or unmerited kindness. When God shows us grace, it's not because we deserve it – but God gives us grace because it is who He is – God is a gracious God.

## Difference Between Grace & Mercy

Mercy is when God does NOT give us what we deserve. Mercy withholds punishment we deserve. Grace is when God GIVES us what we don't deserve.

For example, [Romans 6:23](#) says “*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*”. This is a verse that incorporates both the mercy and the grace of God.

Through [Romans 6:23](#) we can learn that since man is a sinner and is guilty of sin, man deserves death (which is spiritual separation from God or hell). However, God is able to show MERCY to man by NOT giving man what he actually deserves, which is death. God therefore withholds the punishment we deserve. Instead God has shown GRACE to man by offering man unmerited or

undeserved kindness by giving to man the GIFT of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

### **Salvation by Grace**

Therefore according to [Romans 6:23](#), eternal life is an unmerited GIFT.

As you may know, a gift is something that one receives freely or for free. A gift is not paid for by the one who receives the gift. Therefore we receive eternal life as a gift by the grace of God.

[Ephesians 2:8-9](#) says *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast”*.

Therefore when rephrased, [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) is saying that Christians are saved by the unmerited favour or undeserved kindness of God. Furthermore this salvation is a gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone and not because of a person's personal effort or work.

Therefore the grace of God is not earned. The grace of God is not something you work for. The grace of God is not something that you receive because you deserve it. The grace of God is extended to all of mankind irrespective of race, background or belief system.

### **[Ephesians 1:7-8](#)**

**In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace**

According to the riches of God's grace we receive redemption and the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and the blood He shed of mankind on the cross. A Christian is saved by grace alone through faith or total trust in Jesus Christ. It is not through the law or through personal effort that a person is saved but it is because of the undeserved kindness of God.

# Is Jesus Really The Only Way to Heaven?

If many religions exist, then is it possible that there are many religious paths that can lead us to God and to heaven? Is Jesus the only way to Heaven – or have Christians taken an arrogant and intolerant view of other religions?

These are the sort of questions that have been asked many times which some people find difficult to answer or reconcile.

Also in a world where political correctness has taken precedence over divine truth and godly principles, people are forced or persuaded to compromise on the divine truth of God's word which is able to save lives. To answer the question of whether Jesus is the only way to heaven, we must study and understand the Person, the Uniqueness, the Teachings and the Works of Jesus Christ.

## What Did Jesus Say About Himself?

- **John 14:6** ESV – *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"*

- **John 8:24 ESV** – *I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins.*
- **John 8:58 ESV** – *Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”*

## What Did Jesus’ Disciples Say About Him?

- **Acts 4:12 ESV** – *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*
- **Romans 6:23 ESV** – *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV** – *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

Nobody could say or do the things that Jesus did whilst He was on the earth. Jesus made extraordinary claims and performed extraordinary deeds to prove His claims. Therefore, it is logical to conclude that what Jesus said was true – especially since He claimed to be God. Jesus is the only way to heaven and by whom we can be reconciled to God. **(Colossians 1:15-20)**

## Why Is Jesus The Only Way?

1. **Unlike other religions, you cannot earn your way to Heaven.** Your personal good works cannot save you if you do not have Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.)
2. **Without Jesus you are unrighteous and condemned to hell in God's eyes.** Anyone who does not accept Jesus is already condemned. (**John 3:17-18** – *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*)
3. **Without Jesus you cannot be reconciled to God.** Only Jesus reconciles us to God because Jesus paid our debt (**2 Corinthians 5:18-19** – *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*)
4. **Only Jesus who is innocent & without sin could pay the ransom for our sins** (**2 Corinthians 5:21** – *For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,*

*so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.)*

5. ***If mankind could have reached God any other way, then Jesus would not have had to die.*** ([Luke 5:31-32](#) – *And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”*)
6. ***He is God who took the form of the person of Jesus Christ*** ([John 1:1,2,14](#) – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*)
7. ***He resurrected from the dead*** ([Romans 1:4](#) – *And was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord*)
8. ***No one else could do the signs that Jesus has done***; like raise the dead; control a storm; heal every disease and sickness. Even the demons believed He was the Son of God ([John 20:30-31](#) – *Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*) ([John 21:25](#) – *Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every*



*one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself  
could not contain the books that would be written.)*

So is Jesus the only way?

YES He is. Jesus is the ONLY way.

# Lessons From The Thief On The Cross

## [Luke 23:39-43 NKJV](#)

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

If you have only a few minutes to live, what will you want? What will be most important to you?

1. Will you find comfort in all the material possessions you acquired during your lifetime?
2. Will you find solace in looking at your certificates, diplomas & degrees one more time?
3. Will you find security by reading your financial statement?
4. Will you find comfort that you attended church as often as you could?

5. Will you hope that God will take into account your personal merit & personal good works and allow you to enter His kingdom of Heaven?

**WILL ALL OF THESE THINGS MATTER WHEN YOU DIE?**

**WHAT IF YOU WERE STILL GOING TO HELL DESPITE THE ABOVE ACHIEVEMENTS?**

When Jesus was crucified, there were 2 criminals also being crucified with Him.

Both criminals were guilty of their crimes but Jesus Himself was innocent of any wrongdoing.

One of the thieves was repentant, but the other was unrepentant even unto death.

The repentant thief on the cross was a criminal & guilty of his crimes. In his final moments before he died, this thief came to the realization that there was only one thing that was important in this life & in the next – **AN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP & FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

**In the thief's final minutes...**

1. The thief understood & **confessed** that he was a sinner who deserved to be punished not only for

his crimes on earth but also for his sins against God ([Luke 23:40, 41](#))

2. The thief **believed** that Jesus was not only perfect and innocent, but that Jesus was the Messiah being crucified for the sins of mankind ([Luke 23:41](#))
3. The thief **believed** that Jesus was the only way by which he could enter God's kingdom and not because of his own personal merit or works. He knew that Jesus was not an ordinary Man. He knew Jesus had a Kingdom and he asked Jesus to remember him. ([Luke 23:42](#))
4. The thief **believed** that his salvation is by God's grace and Christ responded to his faith by promising the thief that he will enter Paradise ([Luke 23:42, 43](#)). The thief knew that he could not enter Heaven on the basis of his own merits. He was a criminal. He knew that only the grace of the Lord would allow him into God's kingdom.

### [Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV](#)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

### [Titus 3:5 NKJV](#)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but

according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

## **IF JESUS COULD SAVE A CRIMINAL – WILL HE NOT SAVE YOU?**

I once read a poster image that said the following: ***“IF JESUS DIED FOR PERFECT PEOPLE – THEN HEAVEN WOULD BE EMPTY”***

In [Luke 5:31,32](#) Jesus says the following: **Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”**

Therefore God’s grace & salvation extends to the worst of the worst kind of people. God’s love and grace extends to thieves, murderers, rapists and all kinds of people. You might be reading this article, and thinking “I’m not worse than a murderer or thief or rapist”. However, you’re still a sinner and fall short of God’s glory and therefore you need Jesus as your Lord & Saviour.

The writer of more than half of the New Testament was Paul the Apostle. Paul used to persecute the church and kill Christians, yet God used him for His divine purposes after he repented.

Do you feel as if your sins are unforgivable? Do you feel as if it's too late to turn to God and receive His salvation?

As long as you are alive, it's never too late to receive forgiveness and salvation from the Lord. God's FREE gift and God's love and grace are still ready to be received by you.

1. God LOVES YOU unconditionally & He sent Jesus to die for your sins ([John 3:16](#))
2. We are all sinners. There is none righteous and the wages of our sins is death which is eternal separation from God. ([Romans 3:23](#)), ([Romans 6:23](#))
3. There is no sin too big for God to erase. Jesus died for our sins so that we do not have to suffer eternal separation from God. Therefore as sinners we need Jesus as our personal Lord & Saviour ([Romans 6:23](#)), ([John 14:6](#))
4. Salvation is a FREE gift from God through Christ. We are saved by God's GRACE (unmerited kindness) and not by your personal merit or works ([Ephesians 2:8](#))
5. We must believe, trust and accept Jesus to be our Lord & Saviour so that we may become children of God; born again; a new creation in Christ ([John 1:12](#), [John 3:3](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17](#))

# Where Will You Go When You Die?

All of us at some point will face death. Today you might be alive but nobody knows the time of his/her death except God.

Statistics reflect that over 153000 people die every single day. This means that more than 56 million people die every year.

The most important thing we must ask ourselves however is: Where will you go when you die?

Will you go to heaven – or will you go to hell? Or do you presume that you will just return to dust and cease to exist?

The Bible tell us that we are made in God's image ([Genesis 1:27](#)). Therefore just as God is Spirit, we as humans also have a spirit. We are more than just flesh. But when our flesh dies, our spirit will still live.

Therefore when we die, our spirit will either go to heaven or go to hell and where we go depends on just one very important choice that we make in our life.

That simple choice is whether or not we believe and genuinely accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord & Saviour.

Jesus said: *"In My Father's house there are many rooms... I go and prepare a place for you"* ([John 14:2](#)) and then He says *"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"* ([John 14:6](#)).

Jesus also says that unless we are born again – we cannot enter the kingdom of God ([John 3:3](#)).

So if you would like to go to heaven when you die – you simply by faith accept & receive Jesus Christ into your life. You put your total trust in Him to be your Lord & Saviour.

Salvation is a free gift because Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross. The Bible says that we are saved by grace and not by our own works or personal merit ([Ephesians 2:8,9](#)).



# How Can I Know I Will Go To Heaven When I Die?

**“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”**

If you were to die today, do you know for CERTAIN where you would go? Would you go to Heaven – or – would you go to hell?

It is important to know that Heaven and hell are real and it is also imperative for us to know that we are only on this Earth for a very, very short time.

The existence of Heaven is eternal and the existence of hell is also eternal. Therefore whilst we still are alive on Earth we must do what is necessary according to God’s grace and God’s will to ensure that we have a place reserved for us in Heaven and not in hell.

## **What Do You Need To Do & Know To Be Assured of A Place in Heaven?**

**(1) YOU MUST BE A TRUE, GENUINE BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN – ([John 3:3](#) – Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born**

again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”)

Here, Jesus was responding to Nicodemus who was a Jewish ruler. Jesus clearly tells Nicodemus that only people who have been born again will “see the kingdom of God”. In other words only children of God will be assured of a place in Heaven.

**(2) BECOMING BORN AGAIN MEANS THAT YOU MUST BELIEVE & RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD & SAVIOUR – ([John 1:12-13](#) – But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become CHILDREN OF GOD, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.)**  
Being born again means that you become a child of God. You also become a new creation (**read [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)**). It means that you surrender your life to God and allow Jesus to dwell inside you and become your Lord and Saviour so that you may live by Christian or Biblical values.

**(3) YOU MUST BELIEVE & UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY JESUS CHRIST ALONE IS THE WAY TO HEAVEN – ([John 14:6](#) – Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”)**  
Do not for example think that you can be a Christian and a Buddhist at the same time. Nor can you be involved in any idolatrous or occult traditions and follow Jesus at the

same time.

There is only ONE path to God and to eternal life in Heaven – and that path is Jesus Christ. Do not believe the lie that all religions lead to the same God. Only Jesus is your ticket to Heaven. Neither your pastor, your church or your parents can assure you of a place in Heaven but only Jesus can.

**(4) YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE NOT SAVED BY YOUR OWN WORKS OR EFFORT, BUT YOU ARE SAVED BY JESUS & WHAT HE DID FOR YOU ON THE CROSS – ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#) – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.)**

Grace is undeserved kindness or favour. God showed us His love and kindness through His Son Jesus who died for us on the cross so that if we would believe in Him we would not perish but have everlasting life in Heaven (**read [John 3:16](#)**). There is nothing that we can do by our own effort and works that will earn us a place in Heaven. There is no amount of good works that we can do WITHOUT Jesus that can earn us eternal life with the Lord. However because of God's grace through His Son Jesus, our salvation is totally FREE because of what Jesus did for us and if we only believe and receive Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour. Jesus Himself paid for our salvation by His death on the cross and by His blood. (**[1 Peter 1:18-19](#) – knowing that you were not redeemed**

**with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.)**

**(5) YOU MUST HAVE A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. YOU MUST NOT LIVE A HYPOCRITICAL OR DECEPTIVE LIFESTYLE –**

**([Matthew 7:21-23](#) – “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”)**

We must be careful of self-deception and of living a hypocritical and disobedient lifestyle. God desires that we live an obedient lifestyle according to His values and not the values of the world or other religions. Therefore if one professes to be Christian, then he/she must live as a Christian and follow and obey the Lord. We must not deliberately live a hypocritical and disobedient lifestyle. We must allow Jesus to change our lifestyle so that we follow Him.

## Conclusion

### [1 John 5:11-13](#)

**And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.**

1. Salvation is FREE.
2. Eternal life is available to us through Jesus.
3. We are saved by God's grace and not by our own effort.
4. Jesus is the ONLY way by which we can be saved and receive eternal life.
5. We must have a personal one-on-one relationship with the Lord and live a Christ-like lifestyle.

# How To Accept Jesus Christ As Lord & Saviour

What does it mean to accept Jesus as Saviour? Does mankind need a Saviour? How do you accept Jesus as Lord & Saviour?

To understand why we need Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and how to accept Him in your life, we must first understand what sin is; who Jesus Christ is and why Jesus had to die on the cross.

## What is Sin?

Sin is any thought, decision or action that rebels or transgresses the law & principles of God.

The Bible tells us that man is sinful and unrighteous ([Romans 3:10](#); [Romans 3:23](#)). All of mankind has a sin nature as a result of the sin of Adam which occurred in [Genesis 3](#).

[Romans 5:12](#) says *“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned”*.

The sin nature or flesh is the part of man that does not think with God nor can it please God. Every person is born with the sin nature in them.

The New Testament Greek word is *sarx*. Kenneth Wuest defines *sarx* as “the totally depraved nature as

dominating the unsaved individual.”

The works or characteristics of the flesh or sin nature are found in [Galatians 5:19-21](#).

The person who has never accepted Jesus as Saviour only has this sin nature inside him and also controlling how he lives. Therefore his internal motives, goals and lifestyle are governed by the flesh or sin nature.

### **The Wages of Sin**

[Romans 6:23](#) tells us that the wages of sin is death. This death that is spoken of in [Romans 6:23](#) means eternal separation from God or hell.

Therefore if there is no intervention from a Saviour pertaining to sin or the sin nature in your life, the eventual result of living as an unsaved person is eternity in hell.

Sin or the sin nature also hinders us from having right fellowship with God.

Before a perfect, holy and just God our sins are likened as debts to God for which we cannot pay those debts ([Matthew 6:12](#)). Failure for those debts to be paid results in eternal punishment.

This is why we all need a Saviour – Jesus Christ.

## Jesus Christ & His Life, Death & Resurrection

[John 1:1,14](#) tell us that Jesus is God who took human form to dwell among the people. Jesus came to earth to teach us and guide us. He also lived as an example for us. Most importantly, He lived a perfect, sinless life which qualified Him to pay for our sins which we cannot pay. Jesus Christ's death on the cross was His payment and sacrifice for the sins of the world ([John 3:16](#)).

Jesus Christ did not come to die for the righteous – because there are no righteous people ([Romans 3:10](#)). Rather, Jesus came to die for sinners and pay the debt of sinners and in doing so He became our Saviour.

[Luke 5:31-32](#) says, *Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

## How To Accept Jesus As Saviour

How do you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? The Bible tells us that we accept Jesus Christ as Saviour through placing our faith or total trust in Him. There are over 50 verses that speak of salvation being through faith in Jesus Christ.

Accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour requires us to believe that salvation is only by Christ alone ([John 14:6](#)) and that only Jesus Christ is the one who paid for our sins on the cross. Therefore eternal life and a relationship



with God is possible only by accepting Jesus as Saviour through faith.

Salvation is a FREE gift. Accepting Jesus Christ is not based on your personal works or merit ([Ephesians 2:8,9](#)). Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ.

### **Romans 10:9-10 NKJV**

*That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

### **Romans 10:13 NKJV**

*For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

### **John 1:12 NKJV**

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name*

## **WHY NOT MAKE YOUR ETERNAL DECISION NOW AND ACCEPT JESUS AS SAVIOUR.**

We become born again Christians by GRACE through FAITH or TOTAL TRUST in Jesus Christ as our Lord & Savior ([Galatians 3:26](#)) & ([Ephesians 2:8,9](#)). Salvation is a FREE gift received through FAITH in Christ.

**PLEASE NOTE: You can choose to pray in your own words. This prayer is a sample prayer and it is only an EXPRESSION of your faith, belief & trust in Jesus. Salvation is by GRACE through FAITH or BELIEVING in Christ Jesus as your Lord & Saviour.**

*“Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your love. I thank You that You died on the cross for me and resurrected so that I may have life through You.*

*I confess Lord that I have sinned against You and today I ask You to forgive me of all of my sins, past present and future.*

*I repent of all of my sins and I ask You to cleanse me Jesus.*

*Thank You for forgiving my sins.*

*From this moment, come into my life Lord Jesus & take full control of my life. I want to follow You Jesus and I want to follow Your ways. Save me and from today, make me the person You want me to be.*

*I receive You Lord Jesus right now by faith. I trust You as my Lord and Savior – Amen”*

# What Happens When You Become A Christian?

What happens when you become a Christian? What happens at the moment of your salvation when you put your trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? The answer is – there are many things that happen from the day you become a Christian. Most of the things that happen are spiritual and therefore are not immediately evident to the physical senses. Therefore even if you don't feel like a Christian when you accept Jesus Christ – it does not mean that you are not a Christian.

The life of a Christian is not lived according to emotion or feelings but the life of a Christian is lived by faith in God and in what He says in His word.

[Hebrews 10:38](#) says *“Now the just shall live by faith...”* and [Ephesians 2:8,9](#) says that our acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour is by grace through faith in Christ. It is not by feelings, emotions or any form of personal effort but through only faith or trust in Christ.

The following things happen when you become a Christian

## 1. You Are A Child of God

When you become a Christian you become part of God's

family. You officially become an adopted son or daughter of God. You are eternally a family member in God's kingdom through Jesus Christ.

[John 1:12-13 NKJV](#) – *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

[Romans 8:16 NKJV](#) – *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*

## **2. The Holy Spirit Dwells Inside You**

The moment you accept Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit dwells inside of you. You are sealed with the Holy Spirit. God Himself is not only with you but God is INSIDE you.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV](#) – *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

[Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV](#) – *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

## **3. You Are A Born Again New Creation in Christ**

Accepting Christ immediately makes you a new creation.

When you become a Christian you become born again and are spiritually regenerated. You are born again not as a result of a person's effort but you are born again as a result of the Holy Spirit through the hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

[2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV](#) – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

[John 3:5-6 NKJV](#) – *Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

#### **4. Your Sins Are All Forgiven & Forgotten**

When you become a Christian all your sins are forgiven. Your sins have been paid for on the cross by Jesus. The sins of mankind were transferred to Christ and when we accept Jesus the righteousness of Christ is imputed on Christians. The Christian is no longer condemned.

[Colossians 2:14 NKJV](#) – *Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

[Romans 8:1 NKJV](#) – *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

#### **5. You Have Eternal Life & Are Saved From Hell**

The moment you become a Christian your eternal life

begins. Christians have eternal life through Christ but those who are not Christians do not have eternal life but face the Second Death which is eternal punishment. Therefore as a Christians you will be eternally with God while the unbeliever will eventually face eternal separation from God.

[John 3:16 NKJV](#) – *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

[1 John 5:12 NKJV](#) – *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

## **6. Your Salvation Is Secure In Christ**

When you become a Christian you cannot lose your salvation. Once you are saved you are always saved. God will not undo your salvation. The blood of Christ has fully paid for every sin of the believer.

[John 10:28-29 NKJV](#) – *And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.*

## **7. You Are Blessed With Every Spiritual Blessing**

[Ephesians 1:3](#) says that “*we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*”.

This scripture does not speak of material blessing but it speaks of the Christian having access to spiritual

blessings. The Christian is fully satisfied in God who is all that we ever need.

## **8. You Are Part of The Body of Christ**

[1 Corinthians 12:20 NKJV](#) – *But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.*

Becoming a Christian immediately causes you to become part of the body of Christ. You are part of the Church.

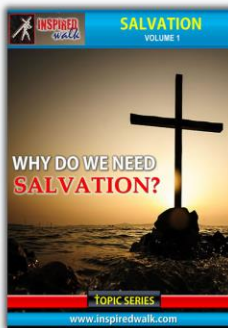
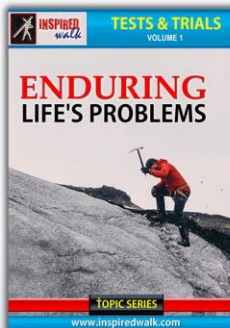
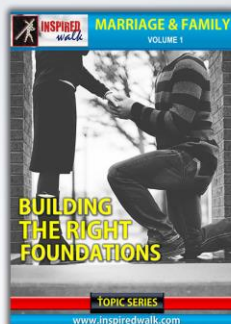
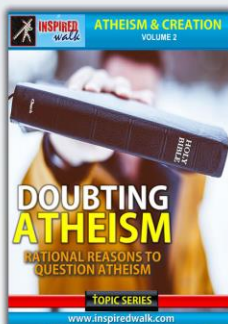
The church is a combination of all genuine Christian believers from different denominations, local assemblies and nations. All genuine Christians from different parts of the world make up the church.

[1 Corinthians 12:12 NKJV](#) – *For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.*

[1 Corinthians 12:27 NKJV](#) – *Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.*

There are many other things mentioned in the Scriptures which happen to a person as a result of becoming a Christian. The Bible mentions at least more than 50 things that happen as a result of accepting Jesus Christ.

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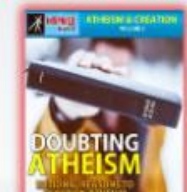
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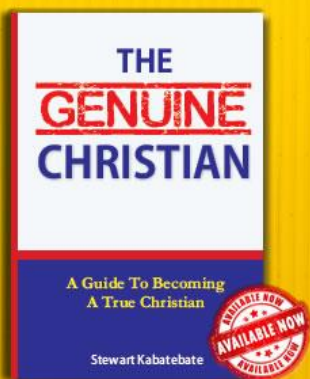
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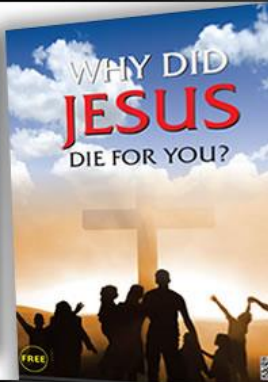
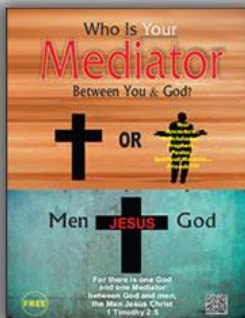
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