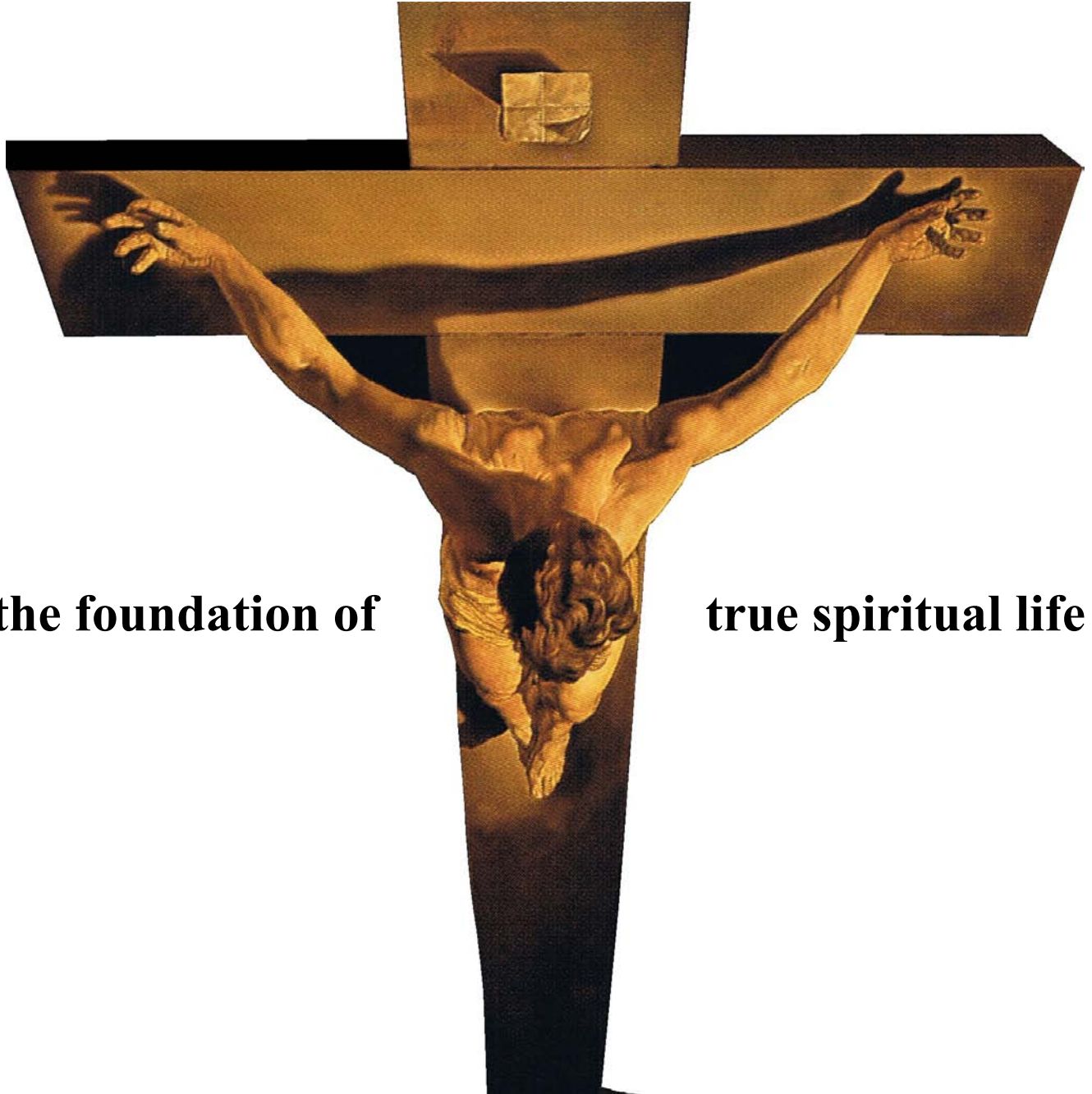


SALVATION



the foundation of

true spiritual life

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I. Salvation

What is it?

A. Salvation is a saving from our sin. (Mt 1:21)

Mat 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall _____ his people from their _____."

B. Salvation is a saving from the due reward for our sin- death, Hell and the Lake of Fire. (Ro 6:23; Rev ch.20;)

Rom 6:23 "For the wages of sin is _____; but the gift of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Mat 25:41 "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into _____, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

C. Salvation is an accomplished fact with present and future benefits for those who are saved.

1. It is an accomplished fact.

It is a present possession and not a process; i.e., not a future end to be worked for.

I Cor 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which ____ saved it is the power of God.

II Cor 2:15 "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that ____ saved, and in them that perish:"

Jn 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:"

Jn 3:15 "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but _____ eternal life."

Jn 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but _____ life."

2. Present benefits.

a. Adoption into the family of God.

Rom 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the _____."

Rom 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of _____, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

b. Our spirit is sanctified and our soul is redeemed from the curse of the Law and are no longer subject to God's wrath.

I Cor 6:11 "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye ____ sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

Gal 3:13 Christ hath _____ us from the _____ of the _____, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"



**I Thess 5:9 "For God hath _____ appointed us to _____,
but to obtain _____ by our Lord Jesus Christ,"**

c. Strength and guidance as we go through this life on earth.

**Psa 18:32 "It is God that girdeth me with _____,
and maketh my _____ perfect."**

d. It is being released from the bondage of sin.

**Rom 6:16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves
servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;
whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"**

**Rom 6:14 "For sin shall not have _____ over you: for ye are
not under the law, but under grace."**

e. Various other benefits are loaded upon us.

**Psa 68:19 "Blessed be the Lord, who daily _____ us
with _____, even the God of our salvation. Selah."**

3. Future benefits.

a. The deliverance of the whole creation from the curse. **(Rom 8:22-23)**

This will happen at the redemption of our body.

**Rom 8:22 "For we know that the whole _____
groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."**

**Rom 8:23 "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits
of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for
the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our _____."**

b. The redemption of our body.

According to **Ro 3:22-23** this is a future event that we are yet waiting for.

c. An inheritance and glory.

**Rom 8:17 "And if children, then heirs; _____, and
joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him,
that we may be also glorified together."**

**Rom 8:18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy
to be compared with the _____ which shall be revealed in us."**

d. Other unimaginably glorious things are prepared for us both present and future
which we can only conceive of by the Spirit of God that dwells within us.

**I Cor 2:9 "But as it is written, Eye hath _____, nor _____ heard,
neither have _____ of man, the
things which God hath prepared for them that love him."**

**I Cor 2:10 "But God hath _____ them unto us by his _____:
for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."**

D. Salvation is an escape from Hell and the Lake of Fire and gives us a home in Heaven.

1. Our name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life and we are given entrance into
the heavenly city.



Rev 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the _____ ."

2. We are no longer in danger of eternal punishment.

Rev 20:11 "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

Rev 20:12 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were _____ out of those things which were written in the books, _____ ."

Rev 20:13 "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their _____ ."

Rev 20:14 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the _____ death."

Rev 20:15 "And whosoever was _____ found _____ in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

3. Our future eternal abode is with the Lord.

I Thess 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _____ in Christ shall rise first:"

:17 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we _____ with the Lord."

Jn 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ for you."

Jn 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there _____ also."

II. Salvation

Where did it come from and how is it brought about?

Salvation comes from God alone!

Psalm 3:8

"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD ..."

A. Salvation is exclusively from God because of His mercy and grace; and not by our works. (Eph 2:4-9)

1. God gave us Salvation by mercy and grace.

Eph 2:4 "But _____, who is rich in _____, for his great love wherewith he loved us,"

Eph 2:5 "Even when we were _____ in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"

Eph 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in _____:"

Eph 2:7 "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his _____ in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

Eph 2:8 "For by _____ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God:"

2. Not by our works.

Eph 2:9 "_____ of works, lest any man should boast."

3. Because grace and works are mutually exclusive.

If it is by one then it cannot be mixed with the other; i.e., if you mix works with grace, then grace is no longer grace. And the contrary is also true.

Rom 11:6 "And if _____, then is it _____: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

B. God supplied the means of our Salvation.

Jn 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the _____ of man be lifted up:"

Jn 3:15 "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but _____ eternal life."

Jn 3:16 "For _____ so loved the world, that he _____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but _____ life."

I Jn 4:14 "And we have seen and do testify that the _____ sent the _____ to be the _____ of the world."



C. God gave Salvation to us because of His love for us.

Jn 3:16 "For ____ so loved the world, that he ____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but _____ life."

I Jn 4:9 "In this was manifested the _____ of God toward us, because that God sent his _____ into the world, that we might live through him."

I Jn 4:10 "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he _____, and sent his _____ to be the _____ for our sins."

D. God chose to give us His Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Jn 3:16 "For ____ so loved the world, that he ____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but _____ life."

Jn 3:17 "For God sent not his ____ into the world to condemn the world; but that the world _____ might be _____."

Jn 3:18 "He that believeth on ____ is ____ condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Jn 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath _____: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Rom 10:9 "That if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord _____, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be _____."

Rom 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto _____."

Rom 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be _____."

Act 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be _____."

E. God gave us Salvation and He chose to do so before we ever existed.

I Peter 1:18 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not _____ with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;"

:19 "But with the precious blood of _____, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

:20 "Who verily was foreordained _____ the _____ of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,"

"foreordained" Gk προγνωσμενου, *pro-genohs-menoo*,
def. to know before, to foreknow, foreordained



God knew that He would supply Salvation to us before He ever brought about the creation because He knew that mankind would choose to sin and, thus, would be in need of Salvation by His grace. And He chose, before the foundation of the world, to bring about that Salvation through Jesus Christ.

F. God chose to tell us of His Salvation by His Word- the Bible.

I Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the _____ of _____, which liveth and abideth for ever."

:24 "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:"

:25 "But the _____ of the Lord endureth _____. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

G. God has chosen to deliver His Salvation to us through the channel of Faith.

Eph 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God:"

H. And God has chosen that "saving Faith," the channel by which He has chosen to deliver His Salvation to us, will come to us by His Word.

Rom 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the _____ _ _____."

I. God has chosen to send His Salvation to the whole world.

Rom 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to _____ that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Rom 3:22 "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto _____ and upon _____ them that _____: for there is no difference:"

Rom 3:29 "Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:"

Rom 3:30 "Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the _____ by faith," and _____ through faith."

J. Summary- Salvation is of God.

In His love, God has provided the means of Salvation, His only begotten Son, the channel of Salvation, saving Faith, the messenger of saving Faith, His Word, the deliverer of the message, the preacher, the broadness of His Salvation, to every one that believeth, and supplied it all because of His love, mercy, grace, and kindness. We are, therefore, left with only one conclusion. Salvation is of God and there is nothing, no works of any kind that we can do to add to or take away from its total effectiveness. All we can do is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and accept God's Salvation as a gift.

Rom 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the _____ _ _____: for it is the _____ of _____ unto salvation to _____ that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Eph 2:8 "For by _____ are ye saved through _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of _____:"

Eph 2:9 "_____ of works, lest any man should boast."



Act 16:30 "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be _____?"

**Act 16:31 "And they said, _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be _____ ..."**

**Act 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is _____ name
under heaven given among men, _____ we must be saved."**

Salvation comes from God alone!

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III. Salvation

How do we get it; and, What are the benefits of it?

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PART ONE

SALVATION- HOW DO WE GET IT?

A. Not by our works. (Eph 2:8-9)

1. God gave us Salvation by mercy and grace.

Eph 2:8 "For by _____ are ye saved through _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God:"

2. Not by our works.

Eph 2:9 "_____ of works, lest any man should boast."

3. Because grace and works are mutually exclusive.

If it is by one then it cannot be mixed with the other; i.e., if you mix works with grace, then grace is no longer grace. And the contrary is also true.

Rom 11:6 "And if _____, then is it _____: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

Rom 3:20 "Therefore by the _____ of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

4. Therefore, we must conclude that we can not get Salvation by any works that we can perform.

B. Not by our Baptism.

1. The thief on the cross was not Baptized and yet he was saved.

Luk 23:43 "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou _____ in paradise."

2. Baptism is a work that we do ourselves and, thus, it cannot save us.

Eph 2:9 "_____ of works, lest any man should boast."

3. Verses that seem to suggest this are clarified by God.

The main verse that is quoted is:

Mar 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mar 16:16 "He that _____ and is _____ shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."



This is not talking about water baptism but rather it is talking about one of the other various baptisms with which the believer is baptized.

Such as:

- a. Baptism into the body of Christ.

I Cor 12:12 "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

I Cor 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all _____ into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Gal 3:27 "For as many of you as have been _____ have put on Christ."

- b. Baptism into Christ and into His death.

(This is actually part of the previous baptism- Baptism into the body of Christ).

Rom 6:3 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were _____ into Jesus Christ were baptized into his _____?"

- c. Baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Act 11:15 "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost _____, as on us at the beginning."

Act 11:16 "Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed _____ with _____; but ye shall be _____ with the _____."

- d. Baptism of repentance.

Luke 3:3 "And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the _____ of _____ for the remission of sins;"

- e. Summary.

God is very careful to clarify the verse, Mt 16:16, that we originally mentioned.

Mar 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth ____ shall be damned."

Because of the careful wording, we can easily understand that although one of the baptisms is mentioned, all of which happen now at Salvation, the only thing that can bring condemnation is if we believe NOT. Baptism, (whichever one that is meant here) or rather the lack of it, is not denoted as bringing condemnation. That is reserved for "not" believing. Is baptism put forth here as a desirable thing? Absolutely! But, it is differentiated from believing, leaving "not" believing alone as the thing that can bring forth damnation.

4. Another verse that seems to teach Baptism as part of Salvation but does not actually do so.

Act 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be _____ every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ _____ the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

"for" Gk εἰς, *ice or ayss*, def. *into, as far as, to the extent of, or in the presence of*



Since a causative connection between baptism and salvation (remission of sins) is not taught anywhere else in the Bible, then to take this one scripture and make it teach that precept is to do violence to the scriptures. To prevent doing such violence one must accept the meaning of the word εἰς, (for), as being the latter in the list of definitions above. That is, here we must take εἰς, to mean "in the presence of."

This is in complete accord with other usage of εἰς, as in Acts 22:30 and other passages of Scripture where the word is used with the meaning of "in the presence."

Act 22:30 "On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him _____ (εἰς, in the presence of) them."

5. Diametrically opposed.

Contrary to the belief that baptism is part of Salvation, God specifically tells us through Paul that baptism can only be administered AFTER salvation and not before it nor as part of it. He shows us that the proper order is Salvation then baptism.

Act 8:36 "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth _____ to be baptized?"

Act 8:37 "And Philip said, __ thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, _ _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Act 8:38 "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he _____ him."

C. How do we obtain God's Salvation gift.

1. Repent of our sins in sorrow.

II Cor 7:9 "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye _____ to _____: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing."

II Cor 7:10 "For godly sorrow _____ repentance to _____ not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

2. Ask for God's Salvation by faith, believing on Jesus and accepting Him as Saviour.

Rom 10:11 "For the scripture saith, Whosoever _____ on him shall not be ashamed."

Rom 10:12 "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that _____ him."

Rom 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be _____."

Act 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be _____."



3. Accept God's gift of Salvation by His grace through faith alone and add no works to it.

Eph 2:8 "For by _____ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God:"

Eph 2:9 "_____ of works, lest any man should boast."

Rom 11:6 "And if _____, then is it _____: otherwise grace is _____ grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

I Jn 4:14 "And we have seen and do testify that the _____ sent the _____ to be the _____ of the world."

D. Summary- God's simple three-step plan.

1. Repent of our sin in sorrow and admit to God we are a sinner in need of His Salvation.
2. Ask for God's Salvation by faith, believing on Jesus and accepting Him as Saviour.
3. Tell God you accept His gift of Salvation by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone and add no works to it.

PART TWO

SALVATION- WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF IT?

E. What are the benefits of God's Salvation in Christ?

1. Eternal/everlasting life.

Jn 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the _____ of man be lifted up:"

Jn 3:15 "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have _____ life."

Jn 3:16 "For _____ so loved the world, that he _____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but _____ life."

Jn 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath _____: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

2. Freedom from condemnation.

Jn 3:17 "For God sent not his _____ into the world to condemn the world; but that the world _____ might be _____."

Jn 3:18 "He that believeth on _____ is _____ condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Rom 8:1 "There is therefore now _____ to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."



3. A mansion in Heaven and an eternity with Jesus.

Jn 14:2 "In my Father's house are many _____: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place ____ ____."

Jn 14:3 "And if ____ and prepare a place for you, ____ will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where ____ am, there ye may be also."

4. A glorified, incorruptible, immortal body at the resurrection.

I Cor 15:51 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be _____,"

I Cor 15:52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised _____, and we shall be changed."

1Co 15:53 "For this corruptible must put on _____, and this mortal must put on _____."

5. Victory over death and the grave.

I Cor 15:54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in _____."

I Cor 15:55 "O _____, where is thy sting? O _____, where is thy victory?"

I Cor 15:56 "The sting of _____ is sin; and the strength of sin is the law."

I Cor 15:57 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the _____ through our Lord Jesus Christ."

6. Freedom from the bondage of sin.

Rom 6:16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his _____ ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

Rom 6:17 "But God be thanked, that ye _____ the _____ of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

Rom 6:18 "Being then made _____, ye became the servants of righteousness."

7. Freedom from fear of unwanted adverse circumstances.

Rom 8:28 "And we know that _____ work together for _____ to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

8. Freedom from bondage to the flesh, if we walk in the spirit, since it is crucified with Jesus Christ.

Gal 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have _____ the flesh with the affections and lusts."

9. Freedom from the fear of death and its resultant bondage.

Heb 2:15 "And deliver them who through _____ were all their lifetime subject to _____."



- 10.** An inheritance with Christ of all that is His if we are faithful after receiving God's Salvation.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, _____ prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

Act 20:32 "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an _____ among all them which are sanctified."

Act 26:18 "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and _____ among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

Ro 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the _____ of God."

Ro 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of _____, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Ro 8:16 "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the _____ of God:"

Ro 8:17 "And _____ children, then _____; heirs of God, and _____ - _____ with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

I Pet 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

I Pet 1:4 "To an _____ incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,"

There are a multitude more benefits of God's Salvation. We have studied just a few of them. I pray that you continue your study of God's Word so you can discover more of them.

We have seen that the only way to receive God's Salvation is to accept Christ as your Saviour by grace through faith and to not confuse the issue by trying to add works, such as Baptism or other good works.

Salvation comes from God alone and can only be attained by God's plan!

Psa 3:8

"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD ..."

IV. Salvation

How long is it for?

Salvation comes from God alone!

Psalm 3:8
"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD ..."

PART ONE

SALVATION- HOW LONG IS IT FOR?

A. Upon receiving God's Salvation, a person is "born again."

1. This is known as "regeneration," or, to put it another way, being "generated" again.

Tit 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of _____, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Tit 3:6 "Which he shed on us abundantly through _____ our Saviour;"

"regeneration" παλιγγενεσιας, *pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-as*, from παλιν, *palin*, "again" and γενεσις, *gen'-es-is*, birth, successive generation, descent

Jn 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

B. Upon receiving God's Salvation, a person becomes a "new creature" (creation) of God.

II Cor 5:16 "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the _____: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."

II Cor 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a _____: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become _____."

In Christ, the believer is a brand new creation. He is connected to the old, as the doctrine of the resurrection shows, and yet the new creature is different in some essential and fundamental aspects. (We will get to those in a later segment.)

C. Upon receiving God's Salvation, a person is conformed to the image of Christ.

Rom 8:29 "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be _____ to the image of his _____, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

D. Upon receiving God's Salvation, a person is given eternal/everlasting life.

Jn 3:15 "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have _____."



Jn 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 _____."

Jn 10:28 "And I give unto them _____; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Ro 5:21 "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto _____ by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Ro 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

And this eternal life through Christ is given to us in fulfillment of a promise made by God.

I Jn 2:25 "And this is the _____ that he hath promised us, even _____."

And God recorded that promise for us in His Word.

I Jn 5:11 "And this is the record, that God hath given to us _____, and this life is in his Son."

I Jn 5:12 "He that hath the Son hath _____; and he that hath not the Son of God hath _____."

I Jn 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have _____, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Jn 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath _____: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Jn 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath _____, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto _____."

Jn 6:47 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath _____."

Upon receiving God's Salvation, a person is given immortality and life. Not by our works but according to God's purpose and grace.

II Tim 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, _____ according to our _____, but according to _____ own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"

II Tim 1:10 "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought _____ and _____ to light through the gospel:"

E. Those who have accepted God's Salvation are kept by God's power and shall not come into condemnation.

Jn 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath _____, and shall not come into _____; but is passed from death unto life."

Jn 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:"

Jn 10:28 "And I give unto them _____; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man _____ them out of my hand."



Jn 10:29 "My Father, which gave them me, is _____; and no man is able to _____ them out of my Father's _____."

Jn 10:30 "I and my Father are one."

Jn 3:18 "He that believeth on him is _____: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

This is so because God, in Christ, has already condemned our sinful flesh. He would be unrighteous and unjust to condemn us twice.

Ro 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me _____ from the law of sin and death."

Ro 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, _____ sin in the _____:"

Rom 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ _____."

Far be it from God to ever destroy the righteous.

Gen 18:23 "And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also _____ with the wicked?"

Gen 18:25 "That be _____ to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth _____?"

God tells us that the saved cannot come into condemnation because their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life and, therefore, they cannot be judged out of the books of their works and be condemned.

Rev 20:11 "And I saw a _____, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

Rev 20:12 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the _____ were opened: and another book was opened, which is the _____: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the _____, according to their _____."

Rev 20:13 "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their _____."

Rev 20:14 "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the _____."

Rev 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the _____ was cast into the _____."

F. Collation of material.**1. Eternal life/Everlasting Life.**

Jn 3:15 "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have _____ life."

Jn 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 _____ life."

These scriptures, and many others, plainly teach that upon receiving God's Salvation, which is ours upon our repentance and our receiving Christ as Saviour by faith without the addition of any works, we then receive eternal/everlasting life.

def. "everlasting life"/"eternal life" Gk, ζῶντιν αἰωνιον, *dzo-ayn ahee-oh-nee-on*

ζῶντιν, life, and, αἰωνιον, indeterminate as to duration, eternal, everlasting

Thus, this term, "everlasting/eternal life" denotes a life within a framework of time that has no determined ending; i.e., it will last forever; and it means that upon salvation, the child of God is given life that has no ending.

In the New Testament the term "life," which includes that "eternal/everlasting life" that is given to the saved upon their acceptance of Christ, is used in contrast against the unsaved who are represented as being "dead" or receiving "death." This is most probably in reference to their soon to be experienced physical death as well as their future eternal existence in the Lake of Fire which is called, "the second death" (δευτερος, *deu-teh-ross*, meaning "second" - θανατος, *than-ah-toss*, meaning "death").

We can summarize the use of the terms, "life" and "death (or dead)," in the spiritual realm, to mean: "life" as pertaining to those who have accepted God's Salvation through Christ without addition of works; and "death" or "dead" as pertaining to those who have rejected God's Salvation and are under judgment and condemnation, upon their physical death, to Hell and the Lake of Fire which is the second death.

Eph 2:1 "And you hath he quickened, who were _____ in trespasses and sins;"

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is _____; but the gift of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"life" Gk ζῶν, *dzoay*, life

"death" Gk θανατος, *thanatoss*, death

"dead" Gk νεκρους, *nek'roos*, a corpse

Rev 20:12 "And I saw the _____ (*nekroos*), small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of _____ (*dzoays*): and the _____ (*nekroi*) were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Rev 20:14 "And _____ (*thanatoss*) and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second _____ (*thanatoss*)."

- 2. What kind of "life" (Gk ζῶν, *dzoay*) are we talking about that is given to the saved in Christ? To answer that question we need to first define who Christ was and is. There are many scriptures that show that Christ was God.**



- a. He was the "Word of God" that "was God" in John chapter one:

Jn 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and _____ God."

Joh 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt _____, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

- b. And then, Jesus himself spoke these words in John chapter ten:

Jn 10:30 "I and my Father are _____."

- c. Even at the announcement of His impending birth He was called God:

Mat 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name _____, which being interpreted is, _____ with us."

- d. There are many other scriptures that can be referred to that prove that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. To see further scriptural proof of His deity, please see our online first year course, "Bible Doctrines," and the section entitled "The Doctrine of Jesus Christ."

For our purposes I believe if we will take these verses at face value that they will be sufficient proof that Jesus Christ declared and believed himself to be God incarnate and that a scrutiny of the rest of the Scriptures will easily show that they agree on the matter.

3. Now that we have determined that Jesus Christ is God, then we can ask ourselves the real question: "What kind of life did Christ possess to give to those who have accepted God's gift of Salvation?"

- a. Logically, since Christ is God, then the life He possessed must be the eternal life of the eternal God.

This is in complete accord with the many scriptures, quite a few of which we have already looked at, that plainly state that the life that Christ gives to the saved is, indeed, "**eternal life**," which is also called "everlasting life" since, as we saw in an earlier segment, both terms are translated from the same two Greek words:

def. "**everlasting life**" and "**eternal life**,"

Gk, ζῶην αἰώνιον, *dzo-ayn ahee-oh-nee-on*.

- b. The use of the two terms, "eternal life" and "everlasting life," can be considered as viewing the life that Christ possesses and confers, from, on the one hand, an essential point of view and, on the other hand, from an experiential point of view.

- 1) From an essential point of view, the life force is "eternal;" i.e., the essence of it is the very life force of God himself. And that life force has no beginning nor does it have an end. It is the eternal life force of the Eternal God, Jehovah, that has existed from eternity past, and beyond, and will extend into eternity future. Thus, when the term "Eternal life" is used, we can view it as referring to the eternal essence of the "life" force itself.



- 2) From the experiential point of view, the life force is everlasting. In the experience of the one who accepts God's gift of Salvation, the life that is conferred upon them replaces the temporal life, the one that they had that would have ended in physical death, and the life force of their soul that would have lived on in eternal condemnation in the Lake of Fire, which is called "the second death." In place of that life, the new life force conferred upon them by Christ will continue on from the moment of their salvation and on out through eternity and brings them from "death," which includes eternal condemnation, into "life" without end that cannot experience condemnation.
- 3) The two terms are used synonymously, in many instances, because they are both talking about the same life force; only, as we have seen, they are from two slightly different points of view or points of reference if you will.

c. We must conclude that the life that God gives those who accept His gift of Salvation in Christ is the eternal life force of Christ who is the Eternal God.

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The _____, The _____ Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:7 "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be __ ____, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even _____. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

Note: "everlasting Father," Heb. אָבִי עוֹלָם, "ad awb"

def. "ad" eternity, everlasting, world without end

"awb" father, in literal and immediate, or figurative and remote application

This scripture plainly states that Christ is the everlasting Father. Therefore, we can see that it reinforces our conclusion that the life force of Christ is the eternal/everlasting life force of God himself.

4. With the plain statements of the Scriptures from both the Old and the New Testaments, we are forced to conclude that when a person accepts Christ as Saviour, according to God's plan which is by faith alone with no admixture of works of any kind, then, totally by God's grace, that person receives eternal/everlasting life. That means life without end and the attendant freedom from condemnation for ever. And since it is a gift by grace and not payment for our works, then it can never be taken away because of our works.
5. When God says the life He gives us is eternal in its essence and everlasting experientially for us, then for Him to take it away for any reason would be to make His statements concerning that gift, a lie. And that is impossible.

Num 23:19 "God is not a man, that he should ____; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not __ __? or hath he spoken, and shall he not _____?"



When God says something, it is always true. When God promises something, He always keeps His promise. When God says He will do something, He is able to make it so. That would, of course, include those things that He confers upon us.

Concerning the question at hand- how long is Salvation for? He said it is life **eternal**, and it is. He said it is life **everlasting**, and it is. When He says it is life without end, then as the omnipotent God He can make sure it is without end! In spite of anything man, beast, or devil, has done, can, or ever will do, the fact of God's gift of Salvation and the attendant eternal everlasting life that He gives along with it by His wonderful grace and infinite power, is a fact based in God and not dependant on our works nor the works of any of His creatures- physical or spiritual.

6. How long does our Salvation last? It is eternal and everlasting- period! Not because of our works but because God said it is so and He alone is able to make it so. We did not earn it by our works and we cannot keep it by our works. We are in God's hands and no one, not even ourselves, can pluck us out.

PART TWO

Warnings!

A. The first warning - Living faith and dead faith.

If it is God and not our works that keeps us saved- then what of works?

1. According to the book of James, there are two kinds of faith, living faith and dead faith.

**Jas 2:14 "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say
he hath faith, and _____? can faith save him?"**

Jas 2:15 "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,"

**Jas 2:16 "And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;
notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body;
what doth it profit?"**

Jas 2:17 "Even so _____, if it hath _____ works, is _____, being alone."

**Jas 2:18 "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me
thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."**

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

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is _____?

In this passage of Scripture God is telling us that there is a difference between dead faith and living faith. Living faith is proved by our works. Someone who claims to be saved and then continues living like the devil is fooling himself, at the least, or a blatant liar, at the worst. In either case, their lack of works is convincing proof that they never had a living faith in the first place but rather a dead faith. And even our human experience shows us that death cannot bring forth life.



Therefore, we can conclude that those who say they have Salvation by faith and yet continue to live like the devil, never had a living faith in the first place. Ergo, they never did get saved but were only fooling themselves. Even Jesus stated this same precept, concerning works and Salvation while here on earth.

**Luk 6:43 "For a good tree bringeth ____ forth corrupt fruit;
neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."**

**Luk 6:44 "For every tree is _____ own fruit. For of thorns men do
not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."**

**Luk 6:45 "A _____ man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth
that which is _____; and an _____ man out of the evil treasure of his heart
bringeth forth that which is _____: for of the abundance of the heart his
mouth speaketh."**

Luk 6:46 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and _____ the things which I say?"

2. It is easy to see that faith and works work together. However, they only work together as an indicator of whether we have a living faith or a dead one. In other words, our works give us confidence that we really have received God's Salvation in Christ. Good works are the natural outcome of Salvation by grace through faith.

**Eph 2:10 "For we (by context, the saved) are his (God's) workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before _____ that we
should _____."**

3. Another effect of works is that if we tell a lost person, or a saved person for that matter, that we are saved and they look at our works, our "fruit" if you will, will they believe we are telling them the truth? Or will they think we are lying? If it is a lost person and our works make us a liar, then will they ever believe us when we tell them about God's gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ? Will they believe that they can be saved by faith when they look at our works and by them they are shown that our faith, the one we claim is the channel by which we were saved, is a dead faith that does not bring forth good works? God warns us that those who "say" and "do not" are nothing but "hypocrites." Will our lack of good works cause others, both saved and lost, to rightly judge us also as hypocrites? If they do, and rightly so, then our hypocrisy may cause a lost person to reject God's gift of Salvation or maybe cause a fellow Christian to fall into sin by following our example or maybe cause them to turn away from the godly path and have to suffer in sin and chastisement from God as He works to bring them back into the right way. Either way, our works will either encourage or discourage. Bring others to God or drive them away from God. And these resultant positive and negative effects are true even concerning ourselves. Our works will either make us feel closer to God, if they are good godly works, or they will make us doubt if they are bad ones. And this is even to the doubting of our Salvation. "Did I have a living faith or a dead faith" I will begin to ask myself? "Did I truly believe to the saving of my soul or did I only get religion instead of Salvation?" My good works are the indicator that will help me keep, or maybe regain, my assurance of my Salvation. Not "keep or regain my



Salvation," but rather "keep or regain the assurance of my Salvation." We have already seen that we are kept by the promise and power of God, not by our own works or power. We have seen that NOTHING can take away that gift of God's Salvation. Not anything or anyone physical nor anything spiritual. The scriptures guarantee that NOTHING can separate us from God's love!

Ro 8:33 "Who shall lay ____ to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth."

Ro 8:34 "Who is he that ____? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Ro 8:35 "Who shall ____ from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

Ro 8:36 "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Ro 8:37 "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Ro 8:38 "For I am persuaded, that neither ____, nor ____, nor ____, nor ____, nor ____, nor things ____, nor things ____,

Ro 8:39 "Nor ____, nor ____, nor any other ____, shall be able to ____ us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

4. But we should also not forget the loving but also chastening hand of our heavenly Father.

Heb 12:5 "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the ____ of the Lord, nor faint when thou art ____ of him:"

Heb 12:6 "For whom the Lord loveth he ____, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

Heb 12:7 "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with ____; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

Heb 12:8 "But if ye be ____ chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

Heb 12:9 "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which ____ us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

Heb 12:10 "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our ____, that we might be partakers of his ____."

Heb 12:11 "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be ____, but grievous: nevertheless ____ it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."



It should, by now, be obvious that we are safe in the Lord and no thing, nor any person, physical or spiritual, past, present, or future, can cause a loss of our Salvation which is the expression of God's love toward us in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is abundantly made clear in God's Word.

**Ro 5:6 "For when we were yet _____ ,
in due time Christ died for the ungodly."**

**Ro 5:7 "For _____ for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure
for a good man _____ would even dare to die."**

**Ro 5:8 "But God commendeth his _____ toward us, in that,
while we were yet sinners, _____ ."**

5. So the first warning is:

Although works are not what saves us or keeps us, that is done strictly by God, still works do indicate whether we have a living faith or a dead one; i.e., they indicate whether we are truly saved or not. And they indicate this to ourselves as well as others. They help us to keep our assurance, our peace of mind, about our Salvation. But even more important, our works also effect others, both the saved and the lost, either positively or negatively depending on whether our works are good or evil. And we are our brothers keeper, so we need to maintain good works after we are saved- for their sakes and for ours.

B. Second warning- what if we could lose our Salvation?

To forestall any tendency to think that we, our works specifically, can be effectual in any way to help us gain, retain, or regain our Salvation, God makes it plain the hopelessness that would ensue IF we could ever lose it and then try to get it back.

**Heb 6:4 "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have
tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,"**

**Heb 6:5 "And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the
world to come,"**

**Heb 6:6 "If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing
they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."**

Let's briefly dissect this piece of Scripture.

1. Who is being spoken of in this passage?

It is those who have been "**enlightened,**" and "**tasted of the heavenly gift,**" and they were "**made partakers of the Holy Ghost.**"

The only group that fits those criteria are the Saved, so we can safely assume that this passage of Scripture is informing us about something that concerns only the Saved.

2. What is God saying about the Saved?

He is telling us that "if they shall fall away..." He is not saying that they can or will, rather He is saying that "if" that could possibly happen then something will or will not happen to them.



3. What is God saying would be the remedy IF they did fall away?

The fact is that He offers absolutely NO remedy; but rather a warning! God is telling us that it would be "**impossible**" (v:4) "**If they shall fall away**" (v:6) to ever "**renew them again unto repentance**".

4. What does that mean in regard to their Salvation?

Since without repentance there can be no Salvation, then there is no way for them to ever be saved again "**if**" they should ever lose it.

This should be a warning to us and to those that believe, contrary to the Scriptures, that they can lose their Salvation. And the warning to all of us, plainly stated in the Word of God, is that IF we could ever lose it then God says we could NEVER get it back!

One more reason to stay with the plain teachings of God exactly as He presents them to us in His Word. To preach loss of Salvation is a scare tactic that is contrary to the Word of God and, therefore, not an acceptable practice. This warning just studied is there specifically to prevent such heretical preaching and to show us, and those to whom we preach God's Salvation, that God's Salvation is once and forever. And it is also there to make it plain that those who preach loss of it are indeed preaching a doctrine that is untenable from both a positive view, in that it contradicts God's positive teachings that the life attained through God's Salvation is eternal and everlasting, and also from a negative view as shown here in this passage of Scripture. Negative in that if one could lose it, then they could never get it back and that is a negative proof that such foolish heresy would contradict God's teachings that once you have His Salvation, then you have it forever, i.e., it is everlasting and eternal. If you could lose it and be unable to ever get it back, as is so plainly taught here, then that would be to say that God is a liar for saying it would be yours forever when it could not be under this "lose it and it is gone forever" precept so plainly taught here in His Word.

The obvious conclusion is that to believe this heresy that you can lose your Salvation, is to call God a liar. And, personally, I would rather believe God in this matter the same way I choose to believe Him in ALL matters!

No matter who may be teaching contrary to God's precepts, God is always true.

Romans 3:4

"Let God be true, but every man a liar..."

Salvation comes from God alone and can only be attained by God's plan!

Psa 3:8

**"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD:
thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah."**

Now we can add to this the fact that once we are saved, then we are kept by God's power. And since God's power is eternal and His veracity unchallengeable, then when He tells us that the life He gives us in Christ will have no end, that it is eternal and everlasting, and that it can not be abrogated by any person or thing, not even ourselves, then we must conclude that our Salvation will last forever!

Jn 10:28

**"And I give unto them eternal life;
and they shall never perish, neither shall
any man pluck them out of my hand."**

V. Salvation

By whose power is it given and sustained?

Salvation comes from God alone!

Psalm 3:8

"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD ..."

PART ONE

SALVATION- BY WHOSE POWER IS IT GIVEN?

A. God's Salvation is given by the power of Jesus Christ- God the Son.

Jn 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath _____, and shall not come into _____; but is passed from death unto life."

Jn 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:"

Jn 10:28 "And I give unto them _____; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man _____ them out of my hand."

Heb 1:1 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,"

Heb 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of _____, by whom also he made the worlds;"

Heb 1:3 "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and _____ by the word of _____, when he had _____ purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

B. God's Salvation is given by the power of God the Father.

Exo 15:13 "Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast _____: thou hast guided them in _____ unto thy holy habitation."

Psa 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my _____; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the _____ of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psa 118:14 "The LORD is my _____ and song, and is become my _____."

Psa 37:39 But the _____ of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their _____ in the time of trouble."

Psa 62:11 "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that _____."

Jn 10:29 "My Father, which gave them me, is _____; and no man is able to _____ them out of my Father's _____."

Rom 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto _____ to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."



I Cor 2:4 "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the _____ and of _____:"

I Cor 2:5 "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the _____."

I Cor 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the _____ of God."

Eph 1:19 "And what is the _____ of his _____ to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his _____,"

Eph 1:20 "Which he wrought _____, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,"

II Thess 1:11 "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our _____ would count you worthy of this calling, and _____ all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith _____:"

I Pet 1:5 "Who are kept by the _____ through faith unto _____ ready to be revealed in the last time."

II Pet 1:3 "According as his _____ hath given unto us all things that pertain unto _____ and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"

C. God's Salvation is given by the power of God the Holy Spirit.

Ro 8:2 "For the law of the _____ of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Eph 1:13 "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your _____: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were _____ with that _____ of promise,"

I Thess 1:5 "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in _____, and in the _____, and in much assurance ..."

D. Since God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are one God in three persons, then all of the above scriptures can be used as proof texts that Salvation is by the power of God.

PART TWO

SALVATION- BY WHOSE POWER IS IT SUSTAINED?

A. The Creator and sustainer of the Creation, both physical and spiritual, is also the omnipotent controller of it.

Jn 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word _____."

Jn 1:3 "All things were _____; and without him was _____ made that was made."



Col 1:16 "For by him were _____, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

Col 1:17 "And he is before all things, and _____ all things _____."

"consist," Gk συνεστηκεν, *seu-nes-tay'-ken*, def. to have been permanently framed
God has permanently framed the entire Creation and it is only by His power that they retain their permanence.

B. No power in heaven or in earth can resist, control, or abrogate the eternal will and power of the eternal God.

Ro 1:20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his _____ and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Ro 8:31 "What shall we then say to these things?

If God be for us, _____?"

Job 42:2 "I know that thou canst _____, and that no thought can be withholden from thee."

Gen 18:14 "Is _____ too hard for the LORD? ..."

Dan 4:35 "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to _____ in the army of _____, and among the inhabitants of the _____: and _____ can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

C. Summary.

Since God's Salvation is given by the infinite power of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, then it is not logical to think that there is or ever could be anything within the power of any thing or being inhabiting the finite Creation of God that could control, abrogate, or in any way change the progress or effectiveness of that eternal, infinite, omnipotent power once it has been physically or spiritually put into motion to accomplish some physical or spiritual purpose of God!

Since God in His infinite wisdom, and initiated and sustained by His infinite power, has set into motion this thing called Salvation, and has purposed and plainly stated that it is eternal/everlasting in its duration once received, then obviously no finite thing or being can ever stand against His will in this matter.

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Psa 3:8

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Now we can add to this the fact that once we are saved, then we are kept by God's power. And since God's power is eternal and His veracity unchallengeable, then when He tells us that the life He gives us in Christ will have no end, that it is eternal and everlasting, and that it can not be abrogated by any person or thing, not even ourselves, then we must conclude that our Salvation will last forever!

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VI. Salvation

Is it mine and who says whether it is or not?

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God, knowing us as He does, knows that in the weakness of our flesh we will need, from time to time, reassurance that we truly are saved. That we truly do possess God's Salvation through Christ. We can only praise Him for His love for us as His children that He will pick us up when we are down and soothe our fears with words of encouragement, assurance, and love.

He has even given us an example and a prayer for such occasions of human weakness when we may start to look with the eyes of sight instead of the eyes of faith and belief and we cry out to Him for help and assurance:

Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Mark 9:24 "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, 'LORD, I BELIEVE; HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF.'"
(Look up and read the context of these verses in Mark.)

In the following study are many words of encouragement and assurance from God our Saviour to help us know that His Salvation is truly ours.

These we need to learn so we can share them with others who may be subject to the same fears from time to time. For as long as there is a Devil to taunt and whisper, and as long as people are in this flesh, the fears will be there- from time to time.

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A. Repentance is necessary.

The first criteria for Salvation and assurance is: have we repented of our sins?

Luk 24:47 "And that _____ and _____ should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Act 5:31 "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a _____, for to give _____ to Israel, and _____ of sins."



- Act 11:18 "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the _____ granted _____ unto ____."
- Act 20:21 "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, _____ toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Rom 2:4 "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of _____ to repentance?"
- II Cor 7:9 "Now I rejoyce, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to _____: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing."
- II Cor 7:10 "For _____ worketh _____ to _____ not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."
- Heb 6:1 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of _____ from dead _____, and of faith toward God,"
- Heb 6:2 "Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of _____."
- II Pet 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to _____."
- Mar 1:14 "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,"
- Mar 1:15 "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: _____ ye, and _____ the gospel."

It is obvious that the first step of knowing that Salvation is ours is to check that we have met the first criteria- have we repented of our dead works.

Heb 6:1 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of _____ from dead _____, and of faith toward God,"

And that brings us to our 2nd criteria- Faith and belief!

- B.** Faith and belief are necessary to work in conjunction with repentance.
Have we exercised faith and belief?

- Act 20:21 "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, _____ toward God, and _____ toward our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Hab 2:4 "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his _____."
- Act 26:18 "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by _____ that is in me."



- Ro 3:22 "Even the righteousness of God which is by _____ of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:"
- Ro 3:24 "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in _____:"
- Ro 3:25 "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through _____ in his _____, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"
- Ro 3:26 "To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which _____ in Jesus."
- Ro 3:27 "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of _____."
- Ro 3:28 "Therefore we conclude that a man is _____ without the deeds of the law."
- Ro 3:29 "Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the _____ also:"
- Ro 3:30 "Seeing it is one God, which shall _____ the circumcision __ faith, and uncircumcision _____ faith."
- Ro 4:16 "Therefore it is of _____, that it might be __ _____; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the _____ of Abraham; who is the father of us all,"
- Ro 5:1 "Therefore being _____, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"
- Ro 5:2 "By whom also we have access by _____ into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
- Gal 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the _____ of Jesus Christ, even we have _____ in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the _____ of Christ, and _____ by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."
- Gal 3:7 "Know ye therefore that they which are of _____, the same are the children of Abraham."
- Gal 3:8 "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through _____, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."
- Gal 3:9 "So then they which be of _____ are blessed with faithful Abraham."
- Gal 3:11 "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by _____."
- Gal 3:23 "But before _____ came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the _____ which should afterwards be revealed."
- Gal 3:24 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by _____."
- Gal 3:25 "But after that _____ is come, we are _____ under a schoolmaster."



Gal 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God ____ in Christ Jesus."

C. Have we accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour; and that, by God's grace alone?

This is the third criteria for assurance that Salvation is ours.

Ro 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the ____ of Christ: for it is the ____ of God unto ____ to every one that ____; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Heb 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with ____ in them that heard it."

Jn 3:15 "That whosoever ____ in him should not perish, but have ____."

Jn 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever ____ in him should not perish, but ____ everlasting life."

Jn 3:17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be ____."

Jn 3:18 "He that ____ on him is not condemned: but he that believeth ____ is condemned already, because he hath not ____ in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Eph 2:4 "But God, who is rich in ____, for his great ____ wherewith he loved us,"

Eph 2:5 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by ____ ye are saved;)"

Eph 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in ____:"

Eph 2:7 "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his ____ in his kindness toward us through ____."

Eph 2:8 "For by ____ are ye saved through ____; and that not of yourselves: it is the ____ of God:"

Eph 2:9 "Not of ____, lest any man should boast."

Gal 2:21 "I do not frustrate the ____ of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in ____."

Php 3:9 "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the ____ of Christ, the ____ which is of God by ____:"

I Tim 1:14 "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with ____ and love which is in Christ Jesus."

I Tim 1:15 "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to ____ sinners; of whom I am chief."

I Tim 1:16 "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter ____ on him to ____."

II Tim 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto ____ through ____ which is in Christ Jesus."

Ro 10:8 "... The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of ____, which we preach;"



**Ro 10:9 "That if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,
and shalt _____ in thine heart that God hath raised him from the
dead, thou shalt be saved."**

**Ro 10:10 "For with the heart man _____ unto righteousness;
and with the mouth confession is made unto _____."**

D. Assurance that Salvation is ours.

In several places in the Bible we find scriptures that tell us of several things that will assure us that Salvation is truly ours.

1. Our best word of assurance is because God tells us that it is ours!

This is easily seen by the multitude of scriptures to which we have already referred.
Such as:

**II Tim 3:15 "... the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise
unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."**

And those scriptures are the very words of God himself- inspired by Him and written down for us by the hands of those through whom God breathed His word to us.

II Tim 3:16 "All scripture is given by _____ of God ..."

"inspiration" Gk θεοπνευστος, *they-op-neu-stoss*, def. divinely inspired from: θεος, *they-oss*, "God"; and πνεω, *pney-oh*, to breath or to blow
From this we get the definition of "God breathed out" for the word "inspiration."

Therefore, it is from the very Word of God, the Scriptures, that were "breathed out" by God himself that gives us our greatest assurance that Salvation is truly ours.

And this is what God tells us in His very Word- the Bible:

**I Jn 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the _____,
the _____, and the _____: and these three are one."**

**I Jn 5:8 "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water,
and the blood: and these three _____ in one."**

**I Jn 5:9 "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of ____ is greater:
for ____ is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son."**

**I Jn 5:10 "He that _____ on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:
he that believeth not God hath made him a ____; because he believeth not
the record that God gave of his Son."**

**I Jn 5:11 "And this is the record, that God hath given to us _____,
and this life is in _____."**

**I Jn 5:12 "He that hath the _____ hath ____; and he that hath ____ the
Son of God hath ____ life."**

**I Jn 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of
the Son of God; that ye may _____ that ye _____ eternal life, and that ye
may believe on the name of the Son of God."**

It is easy to see that God tells us that we can "know" that we have "eternal life ...
in his son."



- There is no greater assurance to be found anywhere that we do have God's Salvation; but, God has chosen to give us other assurances in His Bible besides this greatest of assurances.
2. Our spiritual fruit also gives us assurance that Salvation is truly ours.

- a. Good works are the natural fruit of a saved person.

Mat 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that ____ the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Luk 6:43 "For a good tree bringeth not forth ____ fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Luk 6:44 "For every tree is ____ his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."

Luk 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is ____; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Luk 6:46 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and ____ the things which I say?"

I Jn 1:6 "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in ____, we ____, and ____ the truth:"

I Jn 1:7 "But if we walk in the ____, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son ____ us from all sin."

Gal 5:22 "But the fruit of the ____ is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"

Gal 5:23 "Meekness, temperance: against such there is no ____."

Gal 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have ____ the flesh with the affections and lusts."

Gal 5:25 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also ____ in the Spirit."

Eph 5:8 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: ____ as children of light:"

Eph 5:9 "(For the fruit of the ____ is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)"

Eph 5:10 "____ what is acceptable unto the Lord."

- b. A living faith that is shown forth in good works gives us assurance that Salvation is ours.

Jas 2:17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is ____, being alone."

In Christ we are created **"unto"** good works, not **"by"** them.

Eph 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus ____ good works, which God hath before ordained that we should ____ in them."

Good works shows others, and ourselves also, that we have a living, saving, faith; and assures us that through the channel of that faith that God truly did save us by His grace.

Jas 2:18 "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: ____ thy faith without thy works, and I will ____ my faith ____ my works."

Eph 2:8 "For by ____ are ye saved ____ faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"



Eph 2:9 "Not of _____, lest any man should boast."

c. Our self-sacrificing love for the brethren also will give us assurance.

I Jn 3:10 "In this the children of _____ are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth _____ righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth _____ his brother."

I Jn 3:11 "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should _____ one another."

I Jn 3:12 "_____ as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."

I Jn 3:13 "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

I Jn 3:14 "We _____ that we have passed from death unto life, _____ we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

I Jn 3:15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a _____: and ye know that no murderer hath _____ abiding in him."

I Jn 3:16 "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we _____ lay down our lives for the brethren."

From these scriptures, and many others, we can see that our love for the brethren gives us much assurance that we truly have received God's Salvation.

D. Summary.

Our exercise of faith and belief in the gospel plainly given in the Scriptures, and our personal acceptance of God's grace without any of our works and receiving of Christ as our Saviour by calling on His name, these things plus our spiritual fruit, our love of the brethren, and the good works that we naturally began to do following our Salvation, all of these give us undeniable assurance that God's Salvation is truly and personally ours.

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VII. Salvation

The conclusion of the whole matter.

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We will now sum up what we have learned
about Salvation and assurance of it.

PART ONE

HOW TO HAVE GOD'S SALVATION

A. Step one- Do you believe God's Word that says you are a sinner?

**Ro 3:9 "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have
before proved both ____ and _____, that they are ____ under sin;"**

Ro 3:10 "As it is written, There is _____ righteous, no, not ____:"

Ro 3:23 "For all have _____, and come short of the glory of God;"

It is obvious from these scriptures, and many others that agree with them, that everyone on earth, both Jew and Gentile (non-Jew), are sinners.

B. Step two- Do you believe God's Word that tells of condemnation for sin?

**Ro 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."**

Heb 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the _____:"

**Rev 20:11 "And I saw a _____, and him that sat on it, from whose
face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."**

**Rev 20:12 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books
were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and
the dead were _____ out of those things which were written in the
books, according to their works."**

**Rev 20:13 "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and _____ and _____
delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every
man according to their works."**

**Rev 20:14 "And death and hell were cast into the ____ _ _____.
This is the _____."**

**Rev 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life
was cast into the ____ _ _____."**



The Bible is plain concerning condemnation. All who die without Christ as Saviour will go to Hell and, at the final judgment, they will be cast body and soul into the Lake of Fire forever.

C. Step three- Do you believe God's Word that says He loves you and doesn't want you to be condemned?

II Pet 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, ___ willing that any should perish, but that ___ should come to repentance."

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Ro 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet ____, Christ ____ for us."

Remember this- God loves us just the way we are, lost, but too much to leave us that way!

John 3:16 "For God so _____, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

D. Step four- Will you obey God's Word that says you must ask for His Salvation and believe that you can have it through Christ alone?

Ro 10:8 "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of ____, which we preach;"

Ro 10:9 "That if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt _____ in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be ____."

Ro 10:10 "For with the heart man _____ unto righteousness; and with the mouth _____ is made unto salvation."

Ro 10:13 "For whosoever shall ____ the name of the Lord shall be ____."

And do you believe it is by grace alone without your works?

Eph 2:8 "For by _____ are ye saved through faith; and that ____ of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

Eph 2:9 "____, lest any man should boast."

Rom 11:6 "And if by grace, then is it ____ of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

E. Summary.

If you have done these things that God in His Bible has told you to do, then you do have God's Salvation. You have believed God's gospel and not some other gospel that will send you to Hell instead of take you to Heaven!



God warned us about the false gospels.

Gal 1:6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto _____ gospel:"

Gal 1:7 "Which is ____ another; but there be some that trouble you, and would _____ the gospel of Christ."

Gal 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be _____."

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PART TWO

TO HAVE ASSURANCE THAT GOD'S SALVATION IS YOURS

- A.** Step one- Do you believe God's Word that says you have eternal/everlasting life through Christ?
- B.** Step two- Have you repented of your sin; i.e., turned your back upon it in sorrow for what you have done?
- C.** Step three- Have you cast all hope of reaching Heaven upon God's grace and mercy- and included NONE of your works in your hope of receiving Salvation?
- D.** Step four- Have you confessed Jesus Christ as Saviour by praying to God and accepting Christ?
- E.** Step five- Good works. After your profession of Christ, do you have a desire toward doing good works and have you observed godly fruit in your life and a decrease in the amount of attraction to sinful pursuits; i.e., have you maintained good works after Salvation and by doing so have shown to yourself and others that you truly do have a living faith instead of a dead faith?
- F.** Step six- Do you now exhibit a godly love for your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- G.** If you answered "Yes" to all six of these questions, then they will give you God's promised assurance from His Word that you truly have God's Salvation; and an escape from Hell and a guarantee of a Heavenly home and eternal/everlasting life that can never be taken away or lost by anything that you or anyone or anything in God's spiritual or physical creation can do; and a promise of an inheritance with Christ.

God has promised in His Word and all we can do is accept it:

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