

## **Salvation in Jesus Christ**

Salvation is a **free gift** from God our heavenly Father. God gives us salvation based on what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross. We **accept** and **receive** it by **believing**. Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for us, bearing in His own body the punishment of God for our sin. God's justice was paid in full with the Lord's sacrifice. Those who **accept, receive** and **believe** are saved from the wrath of God our heavenly Father.

This is more than merely believing a verse, repeating a prayer, or the wanting to live in heaven. It is the beginning of a new life, an eternal, abundant life beginning right now, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Salvation is a **relationship** with a loving Lord who takes over and changes our lives.

Here are some things to help you appreciate Jesus' death and accept Him as Savior.

### **God loves us.**

John 3:16-17, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

### **We have done wrong, and this wrong, called sin, prevents a relationship with God.**

Romans 3:23, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

### **Jesus died to pay for our sin.**

2 Corinthians 5:21, "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

### **We must accept Jesus as our Savior to receive God's forgiveness.**

John 14:6, "Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'"

Ephesians 1:7, "He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son (Jesus) and forgave our sins."

### **When we do this, we become God's children forever.**

John 1:12, "But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

### **He gives us new and fulfilling lives.**

2 Corinthians 5:17, "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

If you are ready, to receive this free gift, find a trusted family member or pastor and pray together. Your prayer could sound something like this.

**Lord Jesus, I admit my sins and ask for your forgiveness.**

**Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior.**

**Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Thank you Lord for saving me and for answering my prayer.**

**In Jesus' name. Amen.**

After the you have prayed to receive Christ, it important to find a place that will help you to grow and develop in your new life. All new Christians need someone who will take a personal interest in helping them grow and understand what it means to have Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives. Finding a church to attend is very important.

There are other things that you can do to help yourself to grow:

- Read God's word daily (The book of John is a great place to start)
- Talk to God in prayer daily
- Tell others what Christ has done for you
- Get involved in a church

Below are some helpful Bible verses to know.

### **Helpful Bible verses to read:**

#### Anger

Ephesians 4:26

James 1:19-20

Colossians 3:8

#### Assurance of Salvation

John 5:24

John 6:37

John 10:28

Matthew 28:20b

II Timothy 1:12

Titus 1:2

Revelation 3:20

#### Christian Challenges

##### **To follow Christ**

Luke 9:23

I John 2:6

I Peter 2:21

##### **To be separate from world**

II Corinthians 6:17-18

Romans 12:1-2

I John 2:15-17

##### **To be strong**

James 1:12

I Corinthians 16:13

I Peter 1:6-7

##### **To endure**

Philippians 1:29

I Peter 4:12-13

Hebrews 12:1-3

##### **To fight in faith**

Ephesians 6:10-18

II Timothy 2:3-4

I Timothy 6:11-12

##### **To witness**

Matthew 28:19-20

Mark 16:15

#### Christian Resources

##### **The Spirit**

Romans 8:14

I Corinthians 2:12

John 16:13

##### **A new nature**

I Peter 1:23

Ephesians 4:24

II Corinthians 5:17

##### **Power**

Colossians 1:11

II Timothy 1:17

Ephesians 3:20

##### **Wisdom**

James 1:5

I Corinthians 1:30

### **Presence of Christ**

Hebrews 13:5-6

Matthew 28:20

Psalms 55:22

II Corinthians 4:8-9

### Discipline

Proverbs 3:11-12

I Timothy 4:7-8

Hebrews 12:6-12

### Discouragement

Joshua 1:9

John 16:33

### Faith

Romans 10:17

Ephesians 2:8-9

Hebrews 11:1-6

Mark 9:23

Luke 17:6

Galatians 2:16

I John 5:4,5,10,13,14

Romans 5:1

### Forgiveness of sin

Psalms 32:5

Psalms 51

Ephesians 1:7-8

Colossians 2:13-14

I John 1:9

Isaiah 1:18

James 5:16

### Forgiving others

Matthew 6:14

Colossians 3:13

### Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

### Fact of sin

Romans 3:23

John 3:19

Romans 3:12