

GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION

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

So, I am asking you the most important question of life.
Your joy or your sorrow for all eternity depends upon your answer.

The question is: **Are you saved?** It is not a question of how good you are, nor if you are a church member, **but are you saved?**

Are you sure you will go to Heaven when you die?

God says to go to Heaven, **you must be born again.** In John 3:3, Jesus said to Nicodemus, "... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In the Bible God gives us the plan of how to be **born again**, which means to be **saved**.

His plan is simple! You can be **saved today. How?**

1. First, you must realize you are a sinner.

" For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"
(Romans 3:23).

Sin is when you break God's law.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."
(Proverbs 14:12).

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"
(Romans 3:10)

"Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."
(Romans 5:12)

We sin by **nature** and we sin by **choice**. We have a sin nature coming all the way down through the generations from Adam. We also **know certain behaviors are wrong**, but we **do them anyway**. This is a **spiritual versus carnal issue**.

2. Disobeying God and breaking God's law is sin and it has consequences.

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

(Romans 6:23).

When your soul and spirit separate from your body you physically die.

".. it is appointed unto men once to die [physical death], but after this the judgment"

(Hebrews 9:27)

This means **separation from God** trapped in the lake of fire forever. It is not annihilation or destruction, it is **separation**.

"And **death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.** This is the **second death** [spiritual death]. "

(Revelation 20:14)

3. Jesus took all our punishment

The punishment for sin is death and Jesus took all our punishment on the Cross and is the Saviour of all people. He is available to be your Saviour.

There are two births and two deaths:

BORN AGAIN means to not only be born physically but also renewed spiritually.

The Scriptures say "**quickened**" and made alive spiritually.

"**And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins**

(Ephesians 2:1)

Jesus Christ is SAVIOUR (Sin Bearer) of All people.
Heaven is now open for ALL to enter. HOW?

4. You must BELIEVE and RECEIVE

You must **BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ

- Is GOD the SON (100% man and 100% God)
- DIED FOR YOUR SINS (in our place)
- ROSE AGAIN BODILY from the DEAD

Then you need to **RECEIVE** him as your **SAVIOUR**

**"But as many as received him, to them gave he power
to become the sons of God, even to them that believe
on his name."**

(John 1:12)

Adopted (gaffed) into God's 'family'.

Why receive? Because it is a **GIFT** and you need to **RECEIVE** it by faith to be yours.

**"but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ
our Lord."**

(Romans 6:23b).

**"And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall
be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again."**

(Romans 11:23)

But God loves His creation (you) so much He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, to bear your sin and die in your place. [He who knew no sin]

**"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no
sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God
in him.**

(2 Corinthians 5:21)

Jesus had to shed His blood and die.

"For the wages of sin is death;..."

(Romans 6:23a)

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood"

(Leviticus 17:11).

"... without shedding of blood is no remission [no pardon]"

(Hebrews 9:22).

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**"

(Romans 5:8).

Although we cannot understand how, God said **my sins and your sins were laid upon Jesus and He died in our place. He became our substitute.**

It is true. God cannot

My friend, "**God ... commandeth all men everywhere to repent**" (Acts 17:30). This repentance is a change of mind that agrees with God that one is a sinner, and also agrees with what Jesus did for us on the Cross. He died for our sins, yours and mine.

In Acts 16:30-31, the Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas: "... '**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**' And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

You cannot work, pay, or earn your salvation through your good works. **You cannot save yourself.** God does not want anything from you except for your faith in Jesus

"For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT OF GOD: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

(Titus 3:5-7)

Simply believe on Him as the one who bore your sin, died in your place, was buried, and whom God resurrected. His resurrection powerfully assures that the believer can claim everlasting life when Jesus is received as Saviour.

Belief is a choice. Every man believes in something. Because we believe in something does not make it right. We could be sincerely wrong.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

(John 14:6)

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe on His name**"

(John 1:12).

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"

(Romans 10:13).

Whosoever includes you. Shall be saved means **not maybe, nor can, but SHALL be saved.**

Surely, you realize you are a **SINNER!** Right now, wherever you are, **REPENT** (trusting Jesus Christ **alone** to save you), lift your heart to God in prayer.

In Luke 18:13, the sinner prayed: "...God be merciful to me a sinner." Pray something like this if you would like to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour right now:

"Almighty God, I know that I am a sinner. I have sinned in thought, word and deed. I am sorry for this and I ask you to forgive me of my sin. I believe Jesus was my substitute when He died on the Cross. I believe His shed blood, death, burial, and resurrection were for me.

I ask Jesus Christ to be my personal Saviour and save me from the Lake of Fire.

Give me the gift of Eternal Life and a home in Heaven when I die.

I now receive You as my Savior. I thank You for the forgiveness of my sins, the gift of salvation and everlasting life, because of Your merciful grace. I now open the door of my heart for you to come in to be my Saviour, my Friend and my God, in Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Just take God at His word and claim His salvation by faith. Believe, and you will be saved. No church, no lodge, no good works, no tribe, no religion, can save you. **You cannot save yourself.** Remember, **God does the saving.** All of it!

God's simple plan of salvation is: You are a sinner.

Therefore, if you decide not to believe on Jesus Christ Who died in our place, God will honor that decision and will not make you do anything. You will spend eternity in the lake of fire serving out your own punishment.

If you **believe in Him** as your **crucified, buried, and risen Savior**, you **receive forgiveness for all of your sins** and His **gift of eternal salvation by faith**.

You say, "Surely, it cannot be that simple." **Yes, that simple!** It is **Scriptural**. It is **God's plan**. **Believe on Jesus and receive Him as Saviour today.**

If His plan is **not perfectly clear, read this explanation again and again, without stopping, until you understand it.** Your soul is worth more than all the world.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

(Mark 8:36).

Be sure you are saved. If you lose your soul, you lose all. God's power will save you, keep you saved, and enable you to live a victorious Christian life.

Never Perish:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."

(John 10:27-30)

Overcome Temptation:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be

(1 Corinthians 10:13).

Do not trust your feelings:

They change. Stand on God's promises they never change.

IF YOU HAVEN'T already, **Call on Christ NOW** to be **SAVED**. He is your only hope of forgiveness and eternal life.

To grow in Christ there are three things to practice daily for spiritual growth:

1. **Pray** - you talk to God.
2. **Read your Bible** - God talks to you.
3. **Witness** - you talk for God.

You should be **baptized** in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ as a public testimony of your salvation (not to get saved but as a testimony you are saved). and then unite with a Bible-believing church without delay.

ARE YOU SAVED?

Have you called on Christ?

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, **now is the accepted time**; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**)

2 Corinthians 6:2.

If you are saved through reading this tract please let us know by writing your testimony and sending it to us through our contact and questions page so that we can rejoice with you.

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A Matter of Life or Death

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