
What Is the Christian Message of Salvation?

It is important that you understand what salvation is so that you may receive it as a gift and benefit from its blessings.

What is Salvation?

Salvation is deliverance (freedom) from the authority and control of sin. According to the Word of God, you will be saved from enemies (Luke 1:71), sin (Rom. 10:1,9-10), bondage (Acts 7:25) sickness, and disease (Acts 4:12).

Salvation comes from the Greek word, *soteria*, which means deliverance. Salvation, in the New Testament, refers to eternal and temporary deliverance from danger. Deliverance is a release from bondage, imprisonment and captivity.

Salvation is a gift available to all who repent (change their attitude and direction toward sin) and believe in Jesus (Roman 10:9-10) which prepares you to confess Him as your Savior and Lord.

Why must I be saved?

You should be saved because God loves you and wants you to be saved (John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:3,4). Jesus died for your sins so that you can have an abundant life. (John 10:10)

Does being saved mean I'm perfect? No, but you are forgiven (Rom. 3:23,24).

Will I be tested?

Yes, Satan will tempt you as he tempted Jesus in Matthew 4:3-11, but you can count it all joy when you fall into various temptations and know that the trying of your faith works patience (James 1:2,3). Patience, when it is finished, will leave you perfect (complete), wanting nothing.

James 1:13 says "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man..."

What does salvation cost me?

The price of salvation was paid by the blood of Jesus Christ. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, the apostle Paul says that you are not your own, but you have been bought with a price. Jesus paid the price for you to receive the gift of salvation.

What does knowing Jesus have to do with my salvation?

Jesus is the only way to the Father according to John 14:6. Acts 4:12 also says that there is no other name under heaven by which we may be saved.

A Prayer to Receive Jesus as Savior

Heavenly Father,

I realize and admit that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask you to forgive me. You said in your Word, "... Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). Jesus, I'm calling on your name.

You also said, "... if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10).

I believe with my heart that Jesus was raised from the dead so that I may live eternally. I confess Him now as my Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Hallelujah, I am saved!

(If you prayed that prayer for the first time today, we would like to send you a free gift that will help you understand the new life in Christ. Please e-mail us at yourdestiny@cfaith.com and we will send it to you. Be sure to give us your mailing address in the e-mail. God Bless You!)

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