

# Sharing Salvation

Are you a Christian? **If NO**, Do you believe in God of the Bible? Would you like to know why we need salvation & how to get it? **If YES**, Do you know for sure that you have Eternal Life & you are going to heaven after you die? What if God asked, "Why should I let you into heaven?" What would you say? Who is Jesus to you? What is your relationship with Jesus? Is Jesus your *Lord & Savior*?

**God's Purpose:** God wants you to know He loves you unconditionally & wants you to have a loving relationship with Him. God wants you to have a full & meaningful life now & an Eternal Life in heaven with Jesus.

**Our Need:** Read "*Why We Need Salvation*":

We are spirit beings (who will live forever) living in physical bodies which will die. Our spirit will live in heaven with God **OR** in hell without God. We were designed to have a relationship with God and God desires one with us, but our sin separates us from God. Sin is anything we do, say, or think which disobeys or displeases God. We deserve the penalty for sin, which is physical and spiritual death (separation from God) to be paid in hell filled with hate. We need to be saved by Jesus through our faith in Him and by His forgiveness of our sin, so we can enjoy a relationship with Him now and so we can live our eternal life in heaven filled with love.

**God's Provision:** Read "*The Gospel (or Good News)*":

**God loves us** so much that He came to earth as **Jesus Christ** and sacrificially **died for us** to pay the debt (or penalty) we owe for our sin. Jesus arose to life and now **believers** in Jesus can have a **relationship** with Him, be **forgiven** for our sin and be **saved** for an **eternal life** of peace, joy and love in **God's kingdom** now and in heaven, instead of perishing in hell.

"What's this mean to you?"

For another view of **Our Need & God's Provision:**

Read **Romans Road to Salvation:**

Our disobedience (sin) makes us wrong with God. **Romans 3:10** "*As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one.*"

We are all sinners by nature and by choice. **Romans 3:23** "*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*"

We deserve death due to our sin. **Romans 6:23** "*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" God demonstrated His unconditional love for us by Jesus's sacrificial death.

**Romans 5:8** "*But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" Our assurance of salvation is through Jesus. **Romans 10:13** "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

We must confess our sin and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. **Romans 10:9-10** "*That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified; and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*"

**Our Response:** Does all this make sense?

Are you ready to: **Believe** in the Gospel (Y/N); **Accept** Jesus Christ as your personal *Lord & Savior* (Y/N); **Recognize, Confess** and **Repent** of (or turn away from) your sin and turn to God for righteousness (Y/N); **Ask** Jesus for forgiveness & to save you (Y/N).

**Your Commitment:** When ready to be saved for a relationship with Jesus, pray this (or a similar) Sinner's Prayer: "Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank You for the forgiveness and everlasting life I can now have through faith in Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen."

Congratulations on your decision to be saved by Jesus. Now begin *telling others* about your decision. Also read "*After Salvation, Now What?/Discipleship!*" to help you grow spiritually.

## **After Salvation, Now What? / Discipleship!**

Being saved is only the beginning. Now, grow into spiritual maturity by regularly praying to Jesus, studying and obeying God's Word (the Bible), trusting Jesus, sharing Jesus with others and fellowshipping with other believers. Once saved, consider being baptized to publicly demonstrate the decision you made for Jesus. Also, the Holy Spirit of God now lives in you to guide, teach, and strengthen you. He is your connection to God. He can help you develop the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The Christian life is not part-time, it is lived every day. Build relationships with Jesus & other believers. Find & fulfill God's purpose for you. Once saved, God will give you Spiritual Gifts to help you help others. Jesus is pleased when you help others. If you doubt your salvation, the cause may be unanswered questions, continued sin or neglected time spent with Jesus, His word and worshipping God. If so, these verses may help: John 5:24, 10:28, 14:21, 15:10; 1John 1:9,2:3-5. Learn more about why to believe, what to believe and how to grow as a Christian, read the New Testament (start with the book of John) and visit [www.BiblicalReliability.com](http://www.BiblicalReliability.com) (see home page questions).