

# ARE YOU SAVED?

## 7 Essential Steps for new believers

God is looking to save those who, in their hearts, want to give Him everything they have. Their love, their devotion, their time, their hearts, their thoughts, and their service. When Jesus died on the cross He gave His all. He suffered unbelievable agonies, shed His life's blood, and died a cruel death, so that we all may be saved. What does Jesus save us from? He saves us from our sins and rescues us from an eternity separated from Himself in the Lake of Fire. Scripture says, - "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (2Thess 1:7-8)

You see though praying a prayer for salvation is good and God will save you if you believe, and receive Him by faith, - it is equally important that you follow Him, and obey His Word. Remember, the Scripture you just read says that God is coming back with His mighty angels, - IN FLAMING FIRE – TAKING VENGEANCE ON THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, AND THAT --- OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Having said all of this, let me tell you what you need to know and do from here.

1. **CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD, ASKING HIM TO FORGIVE YOU.** With a heart that wants God and His righteousness, - and a heart that is truly sorry for offending God with your sins - It is often good to take some time and confess all the sins that you can remember. Ask God to forgive you of the remainder of your sins, even though you can't remember them, --- AND HE WILL GRACIOUSLY FORGIVE THEM ALL. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
2. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS:** Repent means to have a change of direction, a change of mind, and heart toward sin. You agree with God that you have sinned against Him and now you want nothing more to do with them. You stop sinning, and turn to Jesus with all your heart, and you live a holy life. Will we ever make mistakes and sin? Yes, of course, but it will no longer be a way of life, and if we really want to live for God we will repent immediately. The demand of the gospel is that 'WE SIN NOT', but if we do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. An advocate is a lawyer, an attorney who pleads our case when we sin. He also pleads our case because he sees the intentions of our heart to depart from all evil, and live for Him (I John 2:1).
3. **NEXT, RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, AND BELIEVE ON HIS NAME.** When you do this, God will give you power to become one of His sons or daughters (John 1:12).
4. **START READING YOUR BIBLE, - BEGINNING WITH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.** Underline Scriptures that speak to your heart. Scriptures that will help you believe God and follow all that he tells us (in His Word) to do.

5. **PRAY EVERY DAY.** Prayer is your lifeline and connection to God. The Holy Spirit works in your life when you pray. He guides you, gives you light and understanding, and enables you to live a godly life. He will also give you victory over sin, temptation, and the attacks of the devil. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (John 4:7).
6. **FORGIVE EVERYONE.** Forgive those who in any way have hurt you, or offended you. Jesus tells us if we don't forgive others, God will not forgive us. If we want to go to heaven we must have God's forgiveness. (And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:25-26).
7. **FIND A CHURCH THAT PREACHES THE FULL GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.** You need to become part of a Church that prays together, fellowships together, and prays one for another. You need to tell others what Jesus has done for you, and how he has saved you and changed your life. People need to see the life of Jesus in you. They need to see that Jesus has put his life in you which will show in joy, peace, right-living, and right believing. Notice what God tells us about attending church -- "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Web 10:25).

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