

How to Be Saved

What God's Word Says
About It

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Take Time to Consider This
Short Message on Your Most
Important Interest

"If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for
thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt
bear it."—Prov. 9:12

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Questions For You

“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”
—Matt. 16: 26.

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SOMETHING IS RADICALLY WRONG WITH YOU

YOU WERE BORN WITH A SINFUL NATURE AND DISPOSITION. See what God's Word says: "Shapen in iniquity, conceived in sin." Ps. 51: 5. "The children of disobedience." Eph. 2: 2. "By nature the children of wrath." Eph. 2: 3.

WRONG IN THOUGHT. "The carnal mind is enmity against God." Rom. 8: 7. "Having the understanding darkened." Eph. 4: 18.

EVIL IN IMAGINATION. "For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." Gen. 8: 21.

CORRUPT IN HEART. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts." Mark 7: 21.

WEAK AND PERVERSE IN WILL. "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." John 5: 40.

SINFUL IN CONDUCT. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." Isa. 53: 6. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3: 23.

THE VERDICT IS "GUILTY BEFORE GOD," Rom. 3: 19.

Yes, something is radically wrong with you—a SINNER and GUILTY before God. Sin is the most tragic fact in the universe of God. The possibility of hell-fire is in it, the fire that is never quenched, the worm that dieth not, the outer dark-

ness, eternal exile from God. Paint sin black as you may and our hearts and consciences must say, "yea and amen" to the indictment.

Fools make a mock at sin. Prov. 14: 9.

YOU CANNOT REMEDY YOUR CONDITION

"Who can say, I have made my heart clean?" Prov. 20: 9. "For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God." Jer. 2: 22. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13: 23.

THE CURSE IS NOW RESTING ON YOU. "Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Gal. 3: 10. "But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3: 18. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18: 4. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6: 23. "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1: 15. *The verdict is DEATH.*

Something must be done for you; for, while you may not be guilty of the grosser sins, yet secret sins, like internal cancers, are just as deadly as external and open ones. GOD KNOWS YOUR HEART, YOUR SECRET LIFE, YOUR PAST LIFE, and He knows that if left to yourself your CASE IS A HOPELESS ONE. Do you realize your condition? Do you want a Saviour from the guilt and power and penalty of sin? Then for you there is GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!! GOOD NEWS!!!

GOD HAS PROVIDED A SAVIOUR FOR YOU

"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. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53: 6. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2: 24. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4: 10.

On the cross Christ endured the penalty of your sins, Christ having suffered for your sins, God offers forgiveness and salvation to you if you will repent and believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

SINCE THIS IS SO, WHAT MUST YOU DO? YOU MUST REPENT OF YOUR SINS

"God * * now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17: 30. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13: 3. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 7.

But what is repentance? It is a change of mind with reference to your relation to God. It is such a change in your feeling as makes you sorry for sin against God; it is such a change in your con-

duct as makes you willing to do what God says. Repentance is such a change in one's thought, feeling and conduct, as constitutes a necessary preparation for the heartfelt reception of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and rightful Sovereign of the soul.

O sinner, you **MUST** repent. You must turn to God with a broken and a contrite heart, Ps. 51: 17, utterly renouncing all dependence upon self-doing as a ground of salvation. You must come to Christ saying:

“A guilty, weak and helpless one,
On thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness,
My Saviour and my all.”

YOU MUST TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE FOR SALVATION

“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 Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.” Rom. 10: 4. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5: 11, 12. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” Acts 16: 31. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” John 3: 36.

But you say, “What is it to believe on Christ?” It is to believe that He died to settle your sin debt. It is to feel your need of Him, to believe that He is able and willing to save you, and to save you now: and to cast yourself unreservedly on His mercy, and trust in Him alone for salvation.

Stop right here, reader! Don't go further until you answer these questions: "Have I repented of my sins?" "Do I rest the whole matter of my salvation on the Lord Jesus Christ as my sin-bearer?" "Do I rely in childlike confidence, on His promise, 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out'?" If you have truly repented of your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your substitute, trusted him alone for salvation, you are already saved, for you are now a child of God, and you now possess eternal life and your sins are all forgiven. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3: 26. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." 1 John 5: 13.

"But when I saw the blood,
And looked on Him who shed it,
My right to peace was seen at once,
And I with transport read it."

BIBLE MOTIVES FOR OBEDIENCE

If any one who believes on Jesus already has everlasting life, John 6: 47, and shall not come into condemnation, John 5: 24, shall never perish, John 10: 28, will in no wise be cast out, John 6: 37, why then should that one try to live a Christian life? Why join the church? Why be baptized? Why resist sin? Why give money or time to the Lord's cause? Why obey the Lord Jesus?

BECAUSE THE BELIEVER IS SAVED AND SO IS ALREADY A CHILD OF GOD. Gal. 3: 26, John 1: 12.

If a boy is already his father's son, why should he obey his father? The answer to that question is, because he is his father's son.

Obedience to Christ springs out of the fact of sonship, out of the fact of salvation. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2: 10.

AGAIN, THE CHRISTIAN OBEYS OUT OF LOVE TO CHRIST WHO SAVED HIM AND MADE HIS SONSHIP A REALITY.

"'Tis love that makes our willing feet
In swift obedience move."

The believer does not work in order to be saved, but because he loves Christ who has saved him. We do not work our way to the cross, but beginning with the cross we work our way to the crown.

"I dare not work my soul to save,
That work my Lord has done,
But I will work like any slave,
For love of God's dear son."

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14: 15.

"If a man love me, he will keep my words." John 14: 23.

"The love of Christ constraineth us." 2 Cor. 5: 14.

Love, then, is the mighty motive power in obedience to Christ.

Think once again of the love of Him who died that you might live. It was love—measureless, fathomless, infinite, eternal.

"Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."