

WHAT MUST YOU DO?

You cannot earn salvation. You receive it.

God commands us to repent and believe the good news. Turn from your sin. Stop depending upon your own goodness. Stop trying to justify yourself before God. Put your trust in Jesus Christ.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

Acts 16:31

Salvation is by God's grace through faith - not by our works.

WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE?

Begin reading the Bible. Start with John, Matthew, Mark or Luke.

Speak with God regularly in prayer.

Find a faithful church where the Bible is taught and Jesus Christ is proclaimed.

Tell a mature Christian that you have put your trust in Christ and ask them to help you grow.

Continue trusting not in your own goodness - but in Jesus Christ.

ARE YOU RIGHT WITH GOD?



Not: Are you religious? Not: Are you a good person? But: Are you right with God?



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HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

Most of us can find someone worse than ourselves. So perhaps we conclude: I'm basically a good person.

But when we stand before God, He will not compare us with the worst person we can think of. He judges us according to His own perfect holiness.

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

Every one of us has failed to love God as we should. We have lied. We have been selfish. We have harboured wrong desires. We have failed to love others. We have rejected God's authority and lived according to our own way.

We have sinned not merely against rules. We have sinned against God.

GOD IS LOVING - AND GOD IS JUST

A good judge cannot simply pretend that evil never happened. God is perfectly loving. And He is perfectly just. Our sin matters.

"The wages of sin is death..."

Romans 6:23

We cannot bribe God with good works. Religion cannot erase our guilt. Being sincere cannot erase our guilt. Comparing ourselves with worse people cannot erase our guilt.

We need something we cannot provide for ourselves. We need a Saviour.

JESUS CHRIST CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

God's answer to our guilt is astonishing. He sent His own Son. Jesus Christ became truly human while remaining truly God. Unlike us, Jesus never sinned. He was innocent. Yet He willingly died on the cross.

Why would the innocent One die? For the guilty. Jesus stood in the place of sinners and bore the judgment they deserve.

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

THE GRAVE COULD NOT HOLD HIM

Jesus truly died. He was buried. And on the third day He rose bodily from the dead. Jesus is alive. Christianity rests on Jesus Christ - crucified and risen.

YOU CAN BE RIGHT WITH GOD

Not because you finally became good enough. Not because God decided your sin didn't matter. But because Jesus Christ died and rose again.

In Christ, sinners can be forgiven. The guilty can be declared righteous before God. Enemies can be reconciled. Those facing death can receive eternal life.

There is no sin so small that you do not need Christ. And there is no sinner who should think Christ's mercy is too small for them.

Come to Him.

IF YOU ARE READY TO TRUST CHRIST

Be honest with God. You do not need impressive religious language. If these words express the genuine response of your heart, you can pray:

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

I have sinned against You. I cannot excuse myself and I cannot save myself.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died for sinners and rose from the dead. I turn from my sin and put my trust in Jesus Christ alone.

Please forgive me, reconcile me to Yourself and make me Your own. Teach me to follow Jesus as my Lord. Thank You for Your grace and mercy. Amen.

Saying a prayer does not earn salvation. Jesus saves. Trust Him.