

## SALVATION

### Introduction

Salvation is a crucial need for every human being because of **SIN**. Said another way, you need to be saved from sin to have eternal life. Sin is disobedience and rebellion against God, something that started early in human history with Adam and Eve (**Genesis 3**) and has continued ever since. The ancient Hebrew people walked in sin. People in the generations since have walked in sin. Everyone today has sin. You are a sinner. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (**Romans 3:23**).

If you are not born again (**John 3:1-15**), sin not only separates you from our holy God, it means you are *spiritually dead* (**Ephesians 2:1-10**). The first humans were immortal; their lives were fashioned by God to live forever and be in His presence. When they sinned against God, they died spiritually; they became mortal beings who could not walk in God’s presence, a condition that is yours unless you call upon God and His plan of salvation.

God’s love and mercy for his creation made the way for the plan of salvation. It is a plan that God put in place; no human could have devised it or set it in motion. God did. God’s plan of salvation centers on Jesus, the Son of God, coming to this earth, living among us, teaching God’s will, being arrested and falsely charged for crimes he did not commit, being crucified outside the city limits of Jerusalem, being placed in a tomb, and being resurrected on the day we now celebrate as Easter.

“. . . the message of the cross (the plan of salvation) is foolishness to those who are perishing (to the world), but to us who are being saved (sinners) it is the **power of God**” (**1 Corinthians 1:18**).

### God’s Plan of Salvation for You

You cannot save yourself from sin and death except through the plan of salvation God gave us. There is not enough you could do or sacrifice to atone for your sins. God made the sacrifice for you through Jesus who was holy and without sin (**2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15**). When you realize that that is *only* way that you can be rescued, you can experience salvation and be restored to the presence of God. In both the Old and New Testaments, we are told not to delay; today is the day of salvation

**(Psalm 95:7-8; 2 Corinthians 6:2).** Here are some steps to take if you are at that point:

- **Believe** that God does exist and that Jesus is the one through whom you will find salvation. The apostle Paul said, “**believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved**” (**Acts 16:31**).
- **Repent** – pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for God’s forgiveness. “**If we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness**” (**1 John 1:9**).
- **Believe** that the resurrection of Jesus happened just as the Bible records it and say aloud that ‘Jesus is Lord.’ The apostle Paul said, “**If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and 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**” (**Romans 10:9-10**).

If you’re not sure whether you are saved, learn more by going to [Getting Started](#).

If you have found true life in Jesus recently through resources on this website or some other way, [CONTACT](#) us and share your testimony, if you are willing.

This is an introduction to the subject of **Salvation**. Here are a few other resources you may wish to explore on the subject:

[The plan of salvation – What is it? \(compellingtruth.org\)](#)

[What is the plan of salvation? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[How to Explain the Plan of Salvation \(livingforjesus.com\)](#)

[Microsoft Word - FREE - Plan of Salvation PLUS 3 Lessons 012408.doc \(kjhearthhelps.com\)](#)

[Plan Of Salvation \(allaboutgod.com\)](#)