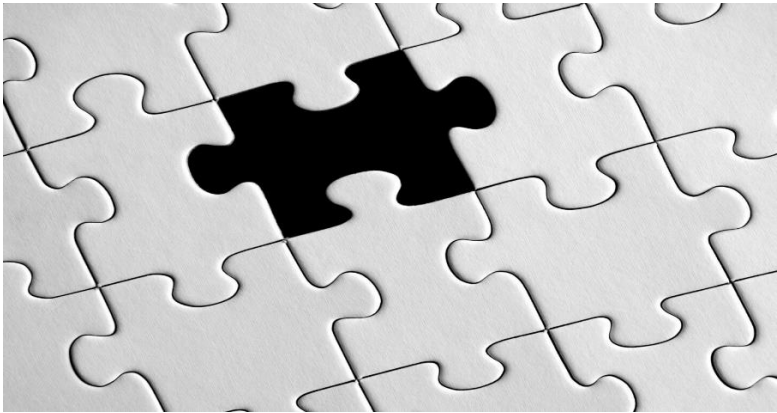


Finding Christ



*Receiving Christ as
your
Personal Saviour*

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Do you want to be saved?

Have you asked God to save you?

Read this first:

Before you start reading the verses and questions in this booklet, think about this: *how will you know when you **are** saved?* Will you know you are saved because of some special feeling you will get? Will you know you are saved if you are able to figure it all out? Will it be a signal, like a light or something that causes you to know you are finally saved? Will you know when some other Christian tells you that you are truly saved?

The answer to all those questions is NO!

What about this: If **God** Himself told you that all the sins that were blocking you from Him and keeping you from going to Heaven ---- if **God** told you that all your sins were taken care of by Christ when He died for sins on the Cross – If **God** told you that the PROBLEM between you and He was GONE, would you believe Him? You might not believe many other people, but if **God** told you something, could you believe Him?

How could God tell you such a wonderful thing that your sins were paid for by Jesus Christ? Will He give you a dream or will you hear a voice? No!

The answer is: God will tell you in His Word, the Bible. You will see it in writing.

When you read a verse from the Bible that tells you Jesus looked after all your sins, you have two options: you can either believe it and be saved or refuse to believe God's Word and perish.

God's Totally Reliable Word - the Bible

The following pages hi-lite verses from God's Word, with corresponding questions for you to think about.

If, as you read these verses, you find a verse where God tells you that Christ did something to deal with your biggest problem – *the problem of your sin*, how will you respond? Will you rely **or** trust **or** believe **or** accept **or** rest on His Word and be saved? Or will you keep looking for something more? If you have God's Word for it, isn't that enough? (Read these verses: Hebrews 6:18; 1John 5:10)

The way anyone knows they are saved is through the Bible. It is not based on our feelings or someone else's word. My salvation is based 100% on the authority of God's Word.

How I Received Christ

Many years ago, I was bothered about my sin. I was bothered by the fact that **my sins were taking me to Hell**, where I would be separated from God forever. One night, I read in my Bible that Christ died for all my sins.

He took the punishment that I deserved - He bore my sins all by Himself on the Cross. (1Peter 2:24)

The only thing God ever had against me was not my looks or how much money I had; the only thing He had against me was my sins. (And that is the only thing He has against you.) My sins had offended God. But, through reading the Bible, I found out that Christ died for all my sins. The very thing that had upset God about me, had been totally looked after by Jesus when He died on the cross 2000 years ago.

My Debt Paid in Full by Christ

God was totally satisfied that my debt of sin had been paid completely by Christ. God raised Jesus from the dead, proving He was totally satisfied that the problem of sin had been removed.

According to what I read in the Bible, God was *willing* and *waiting* and *wanting* to accept me, based on what Christ did for me on the Cross. When I read those words from God Himself in the Bible, I simply rested on God's Word. I was saved. If God was satisfied, why couldn't I be?

How will you know if your sins are gone? If God tells you, will that be enough for you? And once again, how will God tell you? Through His Word - the Bible. Read it.

In the next few pages, I have listed some verses from the Bible for you to think about. Perhaps you know many of these verses. Maybe you do not. Think about each verse as a sentence or a paragraph in God's letter (The Bible) to you.

It will be helpful if you locate each verse in your own Bible and underline it.

If you are serious about wanting to be right with God; if you are serious about wanting to have your sins forgiven; if you are serious about wanting to find peace; and if you are seriously wanting to be saved – then, before you read these verses – bow your head right now and pray and tell God exactly what you are thinking. Tell Him you really want to be saved. Call out to Him from your heart. (Romans 10:13)

Verses about your problem and the only remedy

Your iniquities have separated between YOU and YOUR GOD, and YOUR SINS have hid His face from you...
Isaiah 59:2

ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

The soul that sins it shall die. Ezekiel 18:20
The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

Think about the verses you just read:

1. What is your greatest problem right now?
2. Why are you not right with God? What will keep you from going to Heaven when you die?
3. Who are your sins *against*?
4. Are you personally guilty? Romans 3:19

You do not have to understand 'how' dark your heart is. It's not so much the sins you have already done or ever will do, it's what you are by nature and what you have the potential to do. You may not appreciate the full extent of your sins, but can you accept God's x-ray report of your heart in **Romans 3:10,11,12,23** and in **Isaiah 64:6**? *(Read these verses in your Bible and see if they accurately describe you.)*

1. What does the Bible say about the consequences of sin?
2. Would God be righteous and fair if He punished you for your sins?
3. Have you ever told God your answer to #2?
4. If you died suddenly, right now, before you finished reading this, where would you be?

While we were yet in weakness [powerless to help ourselves], at the fitting time, Christ died for (on behalf of) the ungodly. Romans 5:6

1. How much strength do you have to save yourself from your sins and from Hell?

2. According to this verse do you qualify to have Christ save you?
3. Are you 'ungodly'? God only sees two classes of people. Godly and the ungodly. Are you Godly?
4. What does 'for' mean? Jesus was the innocent One, are you the guilty one?

But God commended (showed or proved) His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

1. What is the evidence that God loves you despite your sins?
2. Do you expect God to show you better proof that He loves you?

Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, (or, the Good One for the bad ones) that He might bring us to God. 1Peter 3:18

1. You are separated from God for ONE reason. What is the reason?
2. Do you want to meet God after you die with all your sins?
3. The suffering in this verse was for ONE reason. What was the reason?
4. Who did the suffering?
5. Who was the Just (Righteous) One?
6. Who is the unjust guilty sinner?

If Jesus took your sins out of the way, what is keeping you from God now?

What?

Who His Own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. 1Peter 2:24

1. Who was on the Cross?
2. Why was He on the Cross?
3. Whose sins were laid on Him?
4. Were your sins placed upon Jesus?
5. How do you know?
6. Were your sins that offensive to God that they caused the death of Jesus?
7. Why did it have to be Jesus on the cross – why couldn't it have been someone else?
8. Who should have suffered in Hell for your sins?
9. Would God be good and fair if you had to suffer for your sins?
10. Why would Jesus want to die for your sins?

Good News: It is finished!

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said: "It is finished:" and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit – He died. John 19:30

Three days later when they were looking for His body the angel said: **"He is not here, but is risen."** Luke 24:6

This Man, after He had offered ONE sacrifice for sins forever SAT DOWN on the right hand of God.
Hebrews 10:12

And now... The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from ALL sin. 1John 1:7

1. Once again, what is the one thing God has against you and His one reason for keeping you out of heaven?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said from the Cross just before He died: "*It is Finished!*"? What did He *finish*? What was done?
3. If God had not been satisfied that Jesus *finished* the work of paying for your sins, would He have raised Jesus from the dead on the third day? By the way, that was an impossible outcome of the Cross!
4. When someone *finishes* their job what do they often do when it is all done? (clue: Hebrews 10:12)
5. Today, how can your sins (past, present and future ones) be washed away and removed from God's Record completely? Just think about it: 2000 years ago, when Christ died for your sins – all your sins were in the future!
6. The resurrection of Christ is God's stamp of approval and satisfaction that Jesus' death paid for all your sins. God is satisfied that His death answered for all your sins. Nothing more is required – from God's perspective. Are you satisfied that Jesus' death was enough to pay for your sins? Have you ever told God how you feel about that?

When someone pays your debt in full, how much is left owing? When a work is finished, what remains to be done? If a load has been lifted, how much weight remains? If a gift is free, how much can you pay for it?

By grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Grace means you did NOT deserve any kindness from God. Faith means trust.

1. What does a gift mean?
2. In this verse, who is giving the gift?
3. How do you receive a gift?
4. Have you received God's gift? Why not?
5. What will you have when you *do* accept the gift?
6. Are you a thankful person or unthankful?

Here is an illustration:

It is your Birthday. **Your friend** saves up money to buy you **a gift**. He buys it. There is a distance between you and your friend, so he packages it and sends it in the mail by special delivery. You will have to sign for it when it arrives. The **mail delivery person** walks up to your doorstep, knocks on the door. You answer it. He says: "I have a parcel for you from your friend." You must **make**

a choice as to whether you will accept it and sign your name as having received the package.

In this analogy – Your friend is **God**. The gift is **His Son Jesus** and eternal life through Him. The delivery person is the **Holy Spirit**. He knocks on the door of your life with a gift from God.

You have a choice to make as to whether you will accept what the Holy Spirit has to give you – Christ Himself forever. Your simple acceptance of Christ is all God wants. Have you ever thanked God for the greatest gift of all? Why not? What is stopping you? Are you going to accept the gift or close the door on the Giver?

Five times the word ‘gift’ is found in Romans 5. What do you think God is trying to tell you by using this word ‘gift’ so often in just this one chapter?

One final thing....

For whom did Christ die? Have you ever thanked Him?

The Bible says: *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12*

The Bible says: **(a)** *“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and (b) he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3:36*

Which part of John 3:36 are you in – (a) or (b)?

**For God so loved the world
that He gave His one and only unique Son
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3:16**

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