

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT SALVATION

**1. Why is salvation necessary? Because sin separates us from God.**

*Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*

**2. Without Christ, all will experience eternal damnation in hell forever.**

*Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**3. God could see the situation mankind was in and He sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. He desires that all people be saved and spend eternity in Heaven with Him.**

*John 3:16-17, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten [unique or special] Son that who so ever believeth [to trust, cling to, rely upon] in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*

*1 Timothy 2:4, "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*

**4. Jesus Christ provides the one and only way to God and eternal life.**

*John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me [through me]."*

**5. No one can bring salvation to himself or herself. Salvation is a gift from God that is a result of faith in Christ and does not have its source in man (i.e., it is not of 'works' or the good things we do).**

*Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

*Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*

**6. Repent for sin. This means to acknowledge one's sin, confess it, and to have a Godly sorry for it.**

*Acts 3:19, "Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out."*

*Luke 13:3, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."*

*1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

**7. Believe in Christ and express your faith in Him.**

*Acts 16:31, "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."*

*Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

**8. Baptism follows repentance. Baptism symbolizes the grave where we bury our past sinful life and through Christ we arise to a new life. The water itself has no cleansing effect.**

*Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

*Romans 6:3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"*

**9. Followers of Jesus Christ are to grow in their understanding of the Bible and serve Christ in order to glorify God.**

*2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."*