

Salvation is of the LORD

Jonah. 2:9

Are you sure you are going to heaven when you die? Are your parents, grandparents, children, spouse or grandchildren who have passed away in heaven? Or are they going to heaven someday? Perhaps, some time ago someone said to you that belonging to a church, keeping the commandments, receiving the sacraments or “accepting Christ” will give you the assurance of salvation. Perhaps you are one who believes that God is so gracious that he loves everyone and everyone is going to heaven. You know; *“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**

Dear reader, may I share something with you from the Bible...God’s Holy Word. The Bible teaches us that we cannot save ourselves. That God has to do all the work of salvation. There is no ritual, no person, no work of any kind or type except that done by the Lord Jesus at the cross that can save us. Believing or having faith in the Lord Jesus as your savior is the **“result of salvation not the cause of salvation.”** *“But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Titus 3:4-5*

Dear reader, take a moment of your time and examine this small Bible study. I can assure you that you will **NOT** like what you read. I promise you that **IF** you read it, and examine it by comparing it to the Bible, you may find that God has **NOT** saved you. On the other hand, perhaps, just perhaps, the Father is drawing you. *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.”* **John. 6:44** Is the Lord Jesus drawing you? Is He calling you? Are you one of His? Would you like to know for sure? Please read on and find out for yourself what the Bible has to say.

If God has saved you, (forgiven your sins), then He has put His Spirit in you and given you a new soul. That is, you are a new creature in Christ.

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them”. **Ez 36:26-27.** In other words; If God has saved you from hell, then the Lord Jesus paid for all of your sins with His life so that you now have eternal life. *“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:”* **Gal 1:4** *“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.”* **Eph. 2:8-9**

However, if God does not save you before you die, or the Lord Jesus returns in judgment, you will spend eternity in hell under the wrath of God paying for your sins. *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”.* **Rev. 20:15** *“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”* **2 Thess. 1:7-9.** *“So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”* **Matt. 13:49-50.**

You may be thinking something like this right now, “Gee, I’m a good person, I go to church, I receive the sacraments, I accepted Christ, as a matter of fact, my church teaches and I believe that God is Love and he does not want anyone to go to hell right?” You know *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* **Rom. 10: 13**

Unfortunately, this is **NOT** what the Bible teaches about salvation. The problem is that most people don’t understand what salvation is and they rely on what their church teaches or what someone has told them rather than what the Bible has to say about salvation. You see, it is the Lord Jesus that must do ALL the work of salvation. **“...Salvation is of the LORD”.** **Jonah. 2:9** Unfortunately, we are dead in our sins until the Lord Jesus saves us. Are you saying that there is no way to escape hell except through the Lord Jesus?

What about religions that profess faith in Christ? Will they go to hell? **Yes!** The churches cannot escape the fact that the Lord Jesus holds each one of us accountable for our sins. The Lord Jesus is the only one who is able to save us. Therefore, one must leave his “religion” and come to trust the Lord Jesus alone. *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”* **John. 14:6** At this point you may feel desperate and asking yourself what can you do to be saved? **There is nothing you can do to become saved?** Surprised? You should be. No action on your part can save you or me.

There are 3 important things you should be aware of regarding salvation, and you nor I have any control in this;

1). The Lord Jesus had to elect you. He had to choose you. *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you”* **John. 15:16** *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”* **Eph. 1:4-6**

2). The Lord Jesus had to pay for the sins of the one he came to save. He had to endure the wrath of God equal to spending eternity in hell. If He did not do this, then He could not save us. *“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:”* **Gal. 1:4** *“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** *“We love him, because he first loved us.”* **1 John 4:19**

3). The Lord Jesus has to give that one He chooses a new resurrected soul. Because we are dead in our sins, we have to be born again from above. There is nothing we can do about this, the Lord Jesus has to do it. *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* **John. 3:3** *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* **2 Cor. 5:17.** These three things are an impossibility for any human. Only the Lord Jesus can accomplish this. It is all the work of the Lord Jesus. This is why He is called the **“Savior.”**

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins”. **Matt. 1:21**

Only the Lord Jesus can save us. Hopeless? Perhaps not. Perhaps He has chosen you from before the foundation of the world. *“For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”* **Rom. 9:15,16.** *“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.”* **Luke 18:13** **Also see: Matt. 9:13**

This is where trusting and waiting upon God comes in. We approach the Lord Jesus very humbly for His salvation and we must wait for Him to answer. Always remembering that the Lord Jesus is a very merciful God. *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”* **Prov .3:5** *“It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.”* **Lam. 3:26** *Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.* **Jer 17:7**

So then, how would you know if the Lord Jesus has saved you? If He has saved you, you would cry out to God for mercy and forgiveness of your sins. You would meditate on and read God’s Holy Word. You would seek His face. You would seek to do His will. You would turn from your sins. You would share the gospel with others. You might say to yourself that you can’t read the Bible because of all those “thee’s and thou’s and that you don’t understand it. Well, to be quite honest, you have been reading portions of the Bible as you were reading this small tract...Surprised? **1Jn.2:27...** *and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

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May the Lord Jesus Bless you as you contemplate and meditate on His Holy Word.

Has God Saved You?

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
Rom. 10:17

I AM THAT I AM

Ex 3:14

Who is God? What do you know about Him? Where could you find Him? How do you know He will hear you when you call on Him? Is there a person that can tell you about Him? Is there a place you can go and have an audience with Him? You **CAN** find out about Him in His Word, - the Bible.

One of the most difficult of God's attributes for men to accept is the **Supremacy of God**. Because He is God, He can do what so ever He wants, when He wants. **1Chron 29:11,12...**for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. All men have the tendency to think that God is like man. Here is what God says; **Ps. 50:21...**thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself. Unfortunately, the "god" of the 20th century no more resembles the Supreme Sovereign of Holy Writ than does the dim flickering of a candle (in) the glory of the midday sun...The heathen outside of the pale of Christendom form "gods" out of wood and stone while millions of heathen inside Christendom manufacture a "god" out of their own carnal mind. ① In addition to His Supremacy, **He is also Sovereign**. He is subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent; He does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases. Non can hinder Him. **Dan. 4:35** And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou? **Ps. 135:6** Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. **He does not change**. He is immutable. Because He has no beginning and no end, He can know no change. **He is everlasting**. **Jas. 1:17...**the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. He is perpetually the same. **Ex 3:14** I AM THAT I AM. **His love is eternal**. **Jer. 31:3** ...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: **His mercy** ceases not for it is everlasting **Ps.100:5** For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; Here in lies our comfort in prayer. **God is Holy**. **1Jn.1:5** ...that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.. And again, **Hab.1:13** Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: And again, **Isa.6:3** Holy, holy, holy, is

God is all powerful. **Ps. 62:11** God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. "God hath spoken once" nothing more is necessary. **Job 9:4-8** **He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Job 22:14** he walketh in the circuit of heaven.. Truly He "holdeth our soul in life" **Ps.66:9** Well may the saint trust such a God! **Nothing is too hard for Him. Nothing can be concealed from Him. Ez. 11:5** "for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them." And again, **Ps 147:5** Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. **Gen 16:13** "him that seeth me.". He knows all about us. **Ex. 33:17** I know thee by name. **Jer. 1:5** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, The truth is, **He "forknows"** because He has elected. God not only knew the end from the beginning, but He planned, fixed, predestinated everything from the beginning. **God is solitary** (He has no need of anything or anyone outside of Himself), in His excellency. **Ex. 15:11** "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" **Mal. 3:6** "For I am the LORD, I change not;" **Isa. 40:18** "To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?" We also read of Him, **1 Tim. 6:16** "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting." Such a God cannot be found out by searching; He can be known, only as He is revealed to the heart by the Holy Spirit through His Word. The God of Scripture can only be known by those to whom He makes Himself known. Unless a man is born again supernaturally brought forth from death unto life, miraculously translated out of darkness into light, he cannot even see the things of God. **Jn. 3:3** "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And again, **1 Cor. 2:14** "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

"To him be glory both now and for ever." **2 Pet. 3:18**

"I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD"

"God Is..."*

Ge 21:22 God is with thee in all that thou doest: **Ge.31:50** God is witness betwixt me and thee. **Ex 20:20** God is come to prove you, **Nu 23:19** God is not a man, **De 4:7** God is in all things **De 4:24** God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. **De 4:31** God is a merciful God; **De 6:4** God is one LORD: **De 6:15** God is a jealous God. **De 7:21** God is among you, a mighty God **De 9:3** God is he which goeth over before thee; **De 10:17** God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, **De 20:1** God is with thee, **De 20:4** God is he that goeth with you, **De 33:27** God is thy refuge, **Jos 1:9** God is with thee **Jos 3:10** God is among you, **Jos 23:3** God is he that hath fought for you. **1Sa 10:7** for God is with thee. **1Sa 16:16** God is upon thee, **2Sa 22:33** God is my strength **1Ch 14:15** God is gone forth before thee **1Ch 17:2** God is with thee. **2Ch 30:9** God is gracious and merciful, **Ezr 8:22** God is upon all them for good that seek him; **Job 33:12** God is greater than man. **Job 36:5** God is mighty, **Job 36:26** God is great, **Job 37:22** God is terrible majesty. **Ps 7:11** God is angry with the wicked every day. **Ps 14:5** God is in the generation of the righteous. **Ps 33:12** God is the LORD; **Ps 37:31** God is in his heart; **Ps 45:6** O God, is for ever and ever: **Ps 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **Ps 46:5** God is in the midst **Ps 47:5** God is gone up with a shout, **Ps 47:7** God is the King **Ps 48:3** God is known **Ps 48:14** God is our God **Ps 50:6** God is judge himself. **Ps 54:4** God is mine helper: **Ps 56:9** God is for me. **Ps 59:9** God is my defence. **Ps 62:7** God is my salvation **Ps 62:8** God is a refuge for us. **Ps 68:15** God is as the hill of Bashan; **Ps 68:20** **God is the God of salvation;** **Ps 71:19** God, is very high, **Ps 73:1** God is good **Ps 73:26** God is the strength of my heart, **Ps 74:12** God is my King **Ps 75:7** God is the judge: **Ps 77:13** God, is in the sanctuary: **Ps 84:11** God is a sun and shield: **Ps 89:7** God is greatly to be feared **Ps 94:22** God is the rock of my refuge. **Ps 99:9** God is holy. **Ps 115:3** God is in the heavens: **Ps 116:5** God is merciful. **Ps 118:27** God is the LORD **Pr 30:5** Every word of God is pure: **Ec 5:2** God is in heaven **Isa 12:2** **Behold, God is my salvation;** **Da 2:47** God is a God of gods, **Da 9:14** God is righteous in all his works **Na 1:2** God is jealous, **Hab 3:19** God is my strength, **Zec 8:23** God is with you **Mt 3:9** God is able **Mt 12:28** God is come unto you. **Mt 22:32** God is not the God of the dead **Mr 1:15** **God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

Mr 12:29 God is one Lord: **Lu 3:8** God is able **Lu 7:28** God is greater. **Lu 10:9** God is come nigh unto you. **Lu 17:21** God is within you. **Lu 21:31** God is nigh at hand. **Joh 3:33** God is true. **Joh 4:24** God is a Spirit **Joh 6:33** God is he which cometh down from heaven, **Ac 10:34** God is no respecter of persons: **Ro 1:9** God is my witness. **Ro 1:18** God is revealed from heaven **Ro 2:2** God is according to truth **Ro 6:23** God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **1Co 1:9** God is faithful, **1Co 1:25** God is wiser than men; ...God is stronger than men. **1Co 1:30** God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **1Co 3:17** God is holy, **1Co 10:13** God is faithful, **1Co 14:33** For God is not the author of confusion, **2Co 1:18** God is true, **Ga 3:20** God is one. **Ga 6:7** God is not mocked: **Heb 1:8** God, is for ever and ever: **Heb 12:29** God is a consuming fire. **1Jo 1:5** God is light, **1Jo 3:20** God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. **1Jo 4:8** God is love. **Re 21:3...**God is with men,

Pr 30:5 Every word of God is pure:

Q. What passage is in the center verse of the Bible?

A. Ps. 118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Just a final thought or two...

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Rom. 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Does the Lord Jesus Love You? then IF THE LORD BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM"

1Ki 18:21b

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May God Bless you as you contemplate and meditate upon His Word.

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