

We were created by God for the purpose of being His perfect image. When we reject God by choosing to do what we want instead of what He wants we distort His image and make ourselves an enemy of God. We call this action, choosing to obey self rather than God, sin. Because God is holy and just He cannot permit sin to go unpunished.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death... (Eternal suffering and separation from God's love)

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 9:27-28

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

God's just nature requires that God judge sin. Jesus took upon Himself your judgment and has paid the penalty of all of your sins. We call this **Grace (God's riches at Christ's expense)**. The penalty for sin could not go unpunished. Our sin earns us death; however Jesus who is God in the flesh, who was without sin, took on our sin and died in our place. His resurrection gives us the opportunity for life and peace with God and to become His perfect image.

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John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

God desires for you to be saved from the destruction your sin has earned and He has made that possible by giving us His one and only Son who died in your place and gives you the opportunity to receive God's gift of salvation.

Ephesians: 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.

Salvation from the penalty of sin is based on Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross and not based on anything we have done or can do. We cannot earn salvation and we cannot give it up nor have it taken away.

So how do you receive this salvation?

Romans 10:9-10

If you declare 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 profess your faith and are saved.

We are not saved by believing that there is a God. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. James 2:19. Salvation comes from accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord. This means that you give control of your life to God.

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2 Corinthians 5:15

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Acts 17:26-27

From one man he made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

God desires to have a relationship with you. He has brought you here to this place in time at this time in your life so that you will have the opportunity to receive Him as your Lord and Savior.

Are you ready to confess that you have sinned against God and want to receive salvation?

Are you ready to realize the perfect plan God has for your life and be the image of Him that you have been created to be?

Are you ready to have that empty void in your heart filled with the Presence of God?

Are you willing to give your life to Jesus Christ?

If your answer is yes, you need to pray and ask Jesus to come into your life as your Lord and Savior. He will, and he will fill that emptiness with His presence and Love.

Praying to God is easy. Just tell Him what is on your heart, He is listening. Remember He is not far from any of us.