

5 - ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN SAVE, HEAL, PROTECT, AND GRANT YOU PEACE THROUGH JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH!

Dear Friend, In view of what you have just heard about the Judgment Day, would you like to have your name registered in GOD's Book of Life to avoid spending eternity in the lake of fire? The sooner you surrender your life to Christ the better, as no one knows what will happen tomorrow. Millions of undecided sinners, who postpone making a decision to accept Christ today never live to see the next day! The eternal choice for your soul is yours!

Q. How can my sin's penalty be paid so I may be saved and escape hell?

A. The Holy Bible teaches that the sinless Son of GOD, the LORD Jesus, has already paid the penalty for all your sins on the Cross at Calvary! You should read what Christ assured us in John 12:32.

Also, pay attention to the Apostle John's admonition to the First Century Christians in 1st John 2:1-2.

You may think that you have to lead a good life and do good deeds before GOD will love you. GOD's Holy WORD says that Christ Jesus loves you enough to die for you, even when you did not care about Him, as the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 5:8.

Q. What happens when my penalty is paid?

A. You automatically receive GOD's free Gift of Salvation found in Ephesians 2:8-9:

Grace is GOD offering you something you could never provide for yourself--forgiveness of sins and Eternal Life. GOD's Gift to you is FREE and it sets you FREE!

You do not have to work for a gift. All you have to do is receive it: believe with all your heart that the LORD Jesus Christ died for you--yes, to save YOU! The acronym **"GRACE"** is expressed as **G**OD's **R**edemption **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense!

Q. What do I have to do to get GOD's Gift?

A. Incidentally, a long time ago, a certain man asked the same question in the Book of Acts 16:31, and the same answer that he received applies to you today: "And he [the jailor] brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they [the Apostles Paul and Silas] said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." That is all you have to do: "believe on the Savior Jesus."

All of these and much more are confirmed in John 1:12. Then you become a special and redeemed child of GOD and heir of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Also in Romans 8:16-17, "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of GOD, and if children, then heirs--heirs of GOD and joint heirs with Christ." What a glorious inheritance for Christians!

Q. How do I do that?

A. You must make a confession of faith right now to receive the LORD Jesus Christ into your life. Romans 10:9 encourages us that: "if you confess with your mouth the LORD Jesus and believe in your heart that GOD has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Here is how you should pray right now to receive GOD's Salvation, and start enjoying a blessed, *personal relationship with the LORD.* Pray the following:

6 - REMEMBER, YOU ARE EITHER SAVED ETERNALLY THROUGH GOD'S GRACE OR LOST FOREVER!

"Dear LORD Jesus Christ, I know that I am a guilty, lost, and helpless sinner, and I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins and turn to You by faith right now. I thank You for dying on the Cross for me and paying the price for all of my sins. I surrender my life to You right now as my LORD and Savior. I ask for the Holy Spirit to take control of my life so I may obey You. Thank You LORD Jesus. Amen."

Congratulations, our Christian Brother or Sister, we join you in thanking GOD for your salvation!

GOD's Word assures us that if you believe in your heart, genuinely repent of your sins, and surrender your life to the LORD Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are born again of the Holy Spirit, and are given Eternal Life. Only the LORD Jesus Christ guarantees your Eternal Salvation because of His death and resurrection. Praise GOD, and believe this with all your heart right now! Amen.

Remember: the Christian faith is not a "one-step" process; you must spend some time to study GOD's Word every morning and evening, and constantly pray that the Holy Spirit will guard your heart and control your life to be obedient to the LORD Jesus!

After receiving GOD's Eternal Salvation, the LORD expects you to lead a new (Godly) life as evidence of your obedience to Him--you must bear some of the spiritual fruits listed in Galatians 5:22-23 and Colossians 3:12-17. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you bear these fruits.

The next steps for you as a new Christian are: purchase GOD'S Holy Bible, (we recommend a KJV or NKJV Bible) and start reading the Gospel of John from Chapter 1 to 21, or listen to the audio from our website: <http://www.fcgchurches.org/GODslove.htm>. You may also request a Bible from us.

We encourage you to join a Christ-believing Church, have fellowship with other believers, attend regular Church services and submit to the pastor for water baptism.

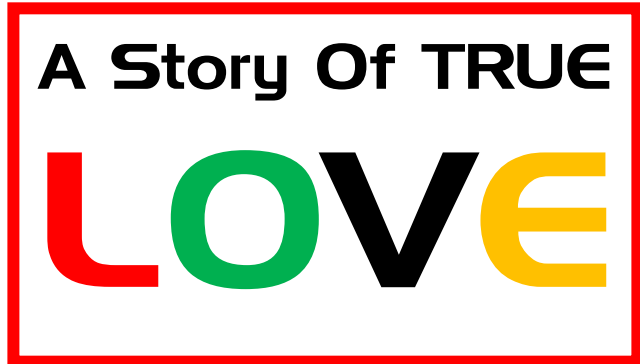
If the Holy Spirit has touched your heart to believe on the LORD Jesus Christ and surrender your life to HIM as your Savior, or if you are already a born-again believer, would you share this Good News with a friend, a stranger, your neighbor or family? Do not keep this story to yourself or put it aside; share this tract or request copies for others or download it from our website.

You may request related sermons on "GOD's Eternal Salvation," "Justification by Faith," "Requirements to Eternal Life," and "What is a True Christian?" We publish sermons on how to have a successful relationship with GOD, union with Christ, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, Christian responsibilities, and deliverance from the power of sin and Satan. Other sermons are available, and we would gladly send them for free upon request.

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This is a True Story!

As you review this important story, prayerfully consider the questions and answers that follow because your eternal future will depend upon your personal response.

Now, examine the theme of the Holy Bible, which is our Almighty GOD's special love for you and me. Our Heavenly Father manifested His greatest love when He sent His Beloved Son, Who is our Blessed LORD and Savior Jesus Christ to come into this world. Christ came so He could redeem us spiritually and personally from our penalty of sin, which is spiritual death. Remember, our first parents, Adam and Eve, disobeyed GOD's commandment on the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, as recorded in GOD's Holy Bible in Genesis 2:15-17.

Since the LORD Jesus Christ, in His Deity, is a Spirit Who cannot die, He had to take on the nature of a human being. By GOD's miraculous design, the LORD was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. The LORD Jesus humbled Himself to be born in a stable in Bethlehem of Judea in Israel.

Because of His Divinity, the LORD Jesus Christ is sinless from birth and lived a life without sin. No other person or angel was qualified enough to redeem us, so Christ assumed the office of a spiritual defense attorney and high priest to pay for our sins. For the three years of His Ministry, starting when He was about 30, our Messiah and LORD Jesus went about the towns in Israel teaching and preaching the Gospel of repentance, grace, salvation, mercy, love, healing, obedience, and forgiveness of sins to all who believed in Him.

As an evidence of the Omnipotent Son of GOD, Christ performed amazing miracles by healing all types of sicknesses and diseases caused by the devil and his demons, which neither a doctor nor surgeon could perform. The LORD brought back to life many who had died, and even raised Lazarus from the dead, who was in the tomb for four days. He brought a glorious deliverance and freedom from the bondage of the devil to the world as written in Matthew 8:17 and John 11:38-44.

2 - REPENT OF YOUR SINS, SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST, AND SUBMIT YOURSELF TO WATER BAPTISM!

The Gospel of Matthew 4:23-24 validates the Supremacy of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, where it states, *"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them."* What an amazing GOD!

The Holy Bible reminds us in Colossians 1:15-17, that the LORD Jesus Christ: *"...is the image of the invisible GOD, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."*

We testify to the fact and history confirms it that all who depend upon the Atonement Work of Christ by faith for their salvation also receive divine deliverance, peace, and blessings from GOD, including the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The precious blood that the LORD Jesus shed by His death on Calvary's Cross is as powerful today as it was over 2000 years ago.

Our LORD Jesus warned His Apostles many times about His impending death and resurrection, but they doubted Him. They thought He was the greatest prophet who had come to reign on planet earth and deliver them from their Roman oppressors as recorded in Matthew 17:22-23.

Then, the devil instigated one of the LORD's disciples, Judas Iscariot, to betray Him to the Jewish leaders and high priest, who handed Him over to the Roman Governor Pilate. They condemned the Lamb of GOD to die by crucifixion, which is a cruel way of killing, in fulfillment of the prophecy that Isaiah the prophet made about 700 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem.

At His trial, the soldiers beat the LORD Jesus mercilessly and whipped Him 39 times. They placed a crown of thorns on His head, ridiculed and harassed Him, yet the LORD did not open His mouth to protest or complain about His human rights. Let us read how prophet Isaiah predicted the LORD Jesus would respond in Isaiah 53:1-7.

After that, the soldiers forced the King of kings to carry His heavy cross unto a hill where they nailed Him to it at a place called Calvary. In His Deity as GOD, the Spirit in Christ lived on, but the human part of our Savior Jesus suffered for six long hours while He hung on the cross, and later died for our sins.

Isaiah, the prophet predicted the fulfillment of these events in Isaiah 53:8-9, and Luke 23:32-33 recorded for us what happened next.

Then two of His secret disciples, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who at first came to the Messiah Jesus at night, gave Him a Royal Burial as narrated by the Apostle in John 19:38-42.

However, after three days, the Almighty GOD resurrected the LORD Jesus Christ from the dead. Unlike other dead prophets, the tomb of the LORD is empty because He rose from the dead, and is indeed alive today as recorded in Matthew 28:1-2,5-7 and 1st Corinthians 15. Hallelujah!

After His resurrection, the SON of GOD gave His Apostles the

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"Great Commission" and divine healing powers with which to heal any sickness and disease and to perform "miraculous signs and wonders." For over a month, the LORD commanded His 11 Apostles to unite in love and wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

Now we come to the story of the Ascension of our Advocate Jesus Christ into Heaven, and the pouring of the Holy Spirit on believers. Then one day, Christ ascended to Heaven to be with His Father. Seven days after His ascension, on the Day of Pentecost, the LORD Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as confirmed in Acts 2:1-5.

GOD's Special Plan of Salvation for the whole world is the completed work of Atonement by our Savior Jesus Christ. The Plan involves the Virgin Birth of Christ; His Gospel of the Kingdom of GOD; His Redemptive Death on Calvary's Cross to defeat the devil; washing away of our past, present and future sins; His call to believe on Christ as the Only Savior; and uniting us as joint-heirs with Christ.

Therefore, you and I can receive forgiveness of our sins by faith and obtain Eternal Life, if we confess them to Christ. We can know for sure what will happen to us after we die if we believe in and surrender our lives to the Savior Jesus Christ by obeying His commandments. GOD's free Gift of Grace and Justification by Faith unto Eternal Life cannot be yours unless you believe that the LORD Jesus Christ is GOD's SON, Who died for you by accepting GOD's Salvation Plan.

You may ask: **"How or why should I place my confidence in GOD's Salvation Plan?"**

The most important reason is that there is no other way to GOD or Heaven except through the Messiah Jesus Christ.

Secondly, through Christ, **GOD requires each person to respond to His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, and not directly to HIM.** Besides, while our Almighty Heavenly Father may answer their prayers for your salvation, your father, mother, or pastor cannot take you to Heaven. Even if you grow up in a Christian home or attend regular Church services that cannot get you into Heaven although they are helpful. Each person must believe on and pray to the Savior Jesus Christ to save them, just as the thief on the cross believed on the LORD as the Christ and received Eternal Life.

Our Almighty GOD says in Joel 2:32: **"And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."**

Dear Friend, Do you have the Eternal Salvation, also known as Eternal Security for your soul? Where will you spend eternity? Have you made eternal arrangements for your soul? Have you surrendered your life to the LORD Jesus Christ, the Savior of this world? Do you have a personal relationship with GOD? Have you been born again of the Holy Spirit? Do you exhibit some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit? For the list of some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, read Galatians 5:22-24 and Colossians 3:12-17.

All right, let us rephrase the question: **If you died right now, would you go to Heaven or hell? Are you 100% sure?** Whether or not you are sure of your Eternal Salvation, our Almighty GOD desires that we examine our lives today before we die.

Q. "Why do I have to respond?" you may ask.
A. The Holy Bible warns: *"Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to the LORD, and*

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He will have mercy on him, and to our GOD, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7).

Q. How do I know that GOD loves me?
A. We see GOD's declared love to save us in the Gospel of John 3:16: *"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"*

Q. What does it mean to believe in the LORD Jesus Christ?
A. Believing in the LORD Jesus Christ is not just holding an opinion. It means to surrender your life, to the LORD and trust HIM to bless you spiritually, physically, and materially because of our union with Christ. Moreover, He gives you a new life that will last forever, even after physical death.

Q. Why do I need to believe on the LORD Jesus Christ?
A. Because of sin, and the fact that believing on the LORD Jesus to forgive your sins is the only sure way GOD will accept you in Heaven.

On the Day of Judgment, the SON of GOD will send away millions of morally good people from other religions because they did not believe on the only Savior of the world, yes, in the LORD JESUS CHRIST! Christianity is the only doctrine that guarantees true Salvation to Heaven and a real relationship with GOD, without discriminating on the former religion of new believers. The Apostle Peter boldly affirms this fact in Acts 4:12.

Dear Friend, You must realize that sin has separated us from GOD-because GOD is Holy and Good, and we are not. None of us is perfect; all of us make mistakes because we were born in sin. We all do things that we know are wrong. For example, a parent never has to teach a child how to tell a lie, but the child knows how to tell lies by instinct. That is the reason the Holy Scripture reminds us in Romans 3:23: *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD."*

Q. What is the big deal about sin if nobody is perfect?
A. Because GOD's Word in Romans 6:23 warns us time and again that *"the wages of sin is death."*

The Bible warns us that those who refuse to repent, but choose to remain and die in their sins, are going straight to hell, and will spend eternity in the lake of fire where the torment is endless. Sinners who will find themselves in the lake of fire will regret that they refused to heed the warning from GOD's Word. It will be impossible for them to repent of their sins in hell. Remember, today is the acceptable day to repent and receive GOD's Salvation, not "tomorrow" or "next time."

Dear Friend, Consider the LORD's tender warning that He gave us in Matthew 13:49-50: *"So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

As you know, criminals must pay the penalty for their crimes, so sinners too must pay the penalty for their sins. The penalty for sin is spiritual death; you will not only die physically, your sins will separate you from our Holy Father for all eternity.

THEREFORE, you must positively respond to the Savior's urgent call. Consider another critical warning given to us in Revelation 20:11-15.