

# Salvation

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## Testimony

I sat alone in the dimly lit hallway, it was around 2:00 AM. and most of the nurses were at the nurses station. All I could seem to pray was, " Lord please don't let her suffer anymore," With that I went back into the intensive care room. My wife had a rare heart disease and had been given 1-2 years to live, this was the end of the second year. I noticed that she wasn't asleep and once again I asked her, " Honey are you sure that you asked Jesus to forgive your sins and be your Savior?" She winked her eyes one time in an affirmative yes. She was on a respirator and couldn't speak, in fact she could hardly move anything but her eyes; they had given her a number of muscle relaxers in order to put her on the respirator. We had devised this plan so that we could communicate, one wink was for yes and two winks was for no.

Several nights before she had to go into the hospital, she came into the living room and said, "will you come into the bedroom and pray with me?" I felt so helpless, I had not prayed for many years, in fact I had been running from God and had been a Christian at one time. Even though I didn't profess to be a Christian, I had shared the gospel message with her numerous times over the years. We went in and sat on the edge of the bed, she prayed and all I could do was hold her hand.

Just as the doctor came in, my wife went into total heart failure, I could only watch as he did all he could for her. She lurched up off the bed and peaceably sank back down. With tear filled eyes the doctor look at me and said, "she is gone." She was 28 yrs. old.

## Gone Where?

### For the Christian

[What Jesus told a dying man.](#)

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[What Apostle Paul said](#)

Philippians 1:21-24 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.

23. For I am hard pressed between the two, **having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.**

24. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

7. For we walk by faith, not by sight.

8. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather **to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**

God created us as triune beings.

1 Thessalonians 5: 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When a person dies, the spirit and soul leaves the body. If the person is a Christian, they depart to be with Jesus Christ.

According to Jesus Christ and Apostle Paul there is life after death, for a Christian; one who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

## Where is Jesus Christ?

In paradise-heaven

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In heaven sitting at the right hand of God

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

1 Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Acts 7:55-56 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Jesus Christ is in heaven and for a Christian, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Two years after my wife's death I finally recommitted my life to the Lord, after I was shipwrecked upon the rocks of alcoholism and drug abuse. The Lord picked up all the broken pieces and gave me a new life, a life of peace, joy and hope. That was around twenty years ago.

Is there a Hell, a place of eternal torment?

Let us see what the Lord Jesus said concerning Hell.

Jesus spoke about hell just as much as he did heaven and warned about the consequences of ending up there.

In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus tells us of a man in the torments of hell. The man was aware of his surroundings, he was thirsty, he realized he had a family on earth and wanted to warn them about the place he was in.

The Bible says hell was not prepared for man but for the devil ( Matthew 25:41 ), but because of his sinful condition, this fate awaits man as well. The Bible says that it is not God's will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance ( 2 Peter 3:9 ). God has provided a way of salvation for man and it is through his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- Luke 16:22-31
22. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
23. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
24. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
25. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
26. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
27. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
28. For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
29. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
30. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they

will repent.

31. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Matthew 25: 41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

Matthew 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 3:41-42 The Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them that do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 3:12, 25:41 Jude 1:7, and Revelations 20 ).

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Mark 9:43 It is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell. into the fire that shall never be quenched: Where the worm dieth not. and the fire is not quenched.

**The occupants of hell will be Satan, the antichrist, the false prophet, fallen angels, and all unsaved people. ( Revelations 20:10, 19:20, 20:15, and 2 Peter 2:4 ).**

### **Each of us has a choice to make; what will be your choice?**

Jesus Christ came to this earth to save us from eternal damnation in a fiery Hell. He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the 3rd.day.

The blood of Jesus Christ is the payment for sin BUT it is not automatically applied to the human race. It is applied only to those who hear the Good News of Jesus and then turn to Him in repentance.

## **For Salvation**

The Gospel message is that God loves you and that you can have eternal life through His only begotten Son, His Majesty, The Lord Jesus Christ; but you must make the choice yourself. The Lord invites you to receive Him into your life, right now as your Savior. God will not get you into a headlock and force you, to accept Him, He loves you and invites you. Following is three steps " **A-B-C** " to receive Christ into your life.

### **A. Recognize**

#### **1. God Loves You**

John 3:16 God so loved the world ( people ) that He gave His Only Begotten Son and whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life.

#### **2. God Desires That None Perish**

2 Peter 3:9 God wills that none perish, but that all should come to repentance.

#### **3. Jesus Died For Our Sins**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Christ died for our sins, He was buried and rose again on the third day.

### **B. Recognize**

#### **1. Your Need of Jesus Christ**

Romans 3:10, 23 There is none righteous, no, not one: all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

1 John 5:12 He that has the Son has life, and he that has not the Son of God, has not life.

#### **2. Jesus Christ is The Only Way**

John 14:6 Jesus said, " **I am the way, the truth, the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me.**"

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

### **C. Recognize**

#### **1. To Receive Salvation You Must Ask Him**

Romans 10:13 Whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

John 1:12 As many as receive Him. to them gives He power to become the sons of God.

My friend the choice is yours, acknowledge to God that you have sinned and that you need Jesus Christ. Today is the day of salvation, will you come to Jesus? Right now, before it's to late.

**A prayer:** Lord please forgive all my sins, I believe in Jesus Christ, that He died for me and rose again on the 3rd. day. I repent and turn to you Lord Jesus and accept you as my Savior.

If you have sincerely prayed and accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior then according to God's Word, you are now a Christian. There are some things that you should do: Attend a church that preaches God's Word, and Jesus Christ as Lord. Begin to read the New Testament and fellowship with other Christians.

See the Study Course - For New Christians

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