

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

This question was asked long ago by a Roman Jailer, who was shaken by the presence of the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul... "What must I do to be saved?"

Paul's answer was concise, succinct and to the point, he said, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house"** (Acts 16:30-31)

That means one has to realize that he is a sinner in need of salvation that is brought about by conviction of the Holy Spirit. This is what the bible refers to as "being born again".

Jesus answered (Nicodemus) 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)

All Are Sinners

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

That means all men are sinners, we're born that way, and there are no exceptions. This means every human being born is separated from God and is in desperate need of a Saviour.

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Paul further states in Romans 6:23 **"For the wages of sin is death"**

This means that anyone who dies in that state will be eternally lost forever. But God didn't leave us in this predicament, He has done something about it... **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

Understanding What God Has Done

For God so loved the world (that refers to you), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)

That means man is incapable of saving himself and it necessitated Christ to become a man. He was born of a virgin and lived a perfectly sinless life. He suffered the penalty of our sins, that meant he had to die, to pay off our sin debt to God, **"that whosoever will, may come and drink freely of the waters of life"** (Revelation 22:17)

What Does It Mean To Accept Christ

It means that one places his trust in Christ and his finished work understanding that Jesus died in our place as our substitute and by faith we depend upon what he has accomplished for us to come into right relationship with God.

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. [10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This means we identify with him, in his death, burial and resurrection, as our redeemer. This has to be our heart conviction and not mental assent. Upon faith in what was done at Calvary, become the recipient of eternal life, hence, born again.

Not of Works

God has made it simple and has leveled the ground at the Cross. All can come and all can believe and thereby be saved. All he requires is childlike faith in his redemption plan **"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)

The answer Paul gave to the Jailers, **"and they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"** (Acts16:27-31) and He was saved that moment.