

The Power of Salvation

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

[1Cor. 1:18 NIV]

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

[Mark 16:15 NIV]

What is the Gospel?

1. **God- Creator** [Gen. 1:1 NIV] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [Psalms 19:1 NIV] The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Holy & Righteous [Exo. 34:5-7 NIV] Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

2. **Man**-When Adam and Eve fell from their original righteousness and communion with God they became dead in sin. From this original sin our natures became sinful. Because of the sinfulness of man, sinful man is inclined to serve his own will instead of God.
[Rom 3:23] **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"**

It's Not Just Outside, but in Our Heart (Matt 15:19)

**"For the wages [payment] of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).
(Hebrews 9:27) " . . . it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" This includes eternal separation from God.**

3. **Christ**- The Bible teaches that God has provided salvation for man in the person and work of his son Jesus Christ.

Death on a Cross

[2Cor 5:21 NIV] God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

[1Peter 3:18 NIV] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

[Rom. 5:8 NIV] 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Resurrection

[John 11:25 NIV] said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

[1Cor. 15:13 NIV] If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

[Phl. 3:10 NIV] I want to know Christ--yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

4. Response- What will our response be? Either we accept or we reject Christ.

How are we Saved?

A. Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Mark 1:15 NIV] "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

B. Believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Rom. 10:9-10 NIV] 9 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. 10 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.

Q1. What should I do when I sin after trusting in Christ?

Confess, Repent, Ask forgiveness

Psalm 38:18-I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.

1 John 1:9-If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Q2. How do I stop sinning?

(we can stop intentional sinful acts but not our nature, that's why we fall short daily)

Change your patterns

Romans 12:2- Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

With salvation we are set apart from sin and dedicated to God for fellowship and service.

This sanctification is both instant and progressive in the life of the saint.

(1 Thess. 4:7, 1 Thess. 5:23, Heb. 10:4, 1 Pet. 1:2)

Do not trust your feelings. They change. Stand on God's promises. They never change. After you are saved, there are three things to practice daily for spiritual growth:

- Pray -- you talk to God.
- Read your Bible -- God talks to you.
- Witness -- you talk for God.

Homework: Memorize John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in me shall not perish but have everlasting life"