

THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD

The best known verse in the Bible is:

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

Everyone that is alive on this earth has to make the most important decision of their life. That is to accept or reject God's sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son The Lord Jesus Christ. You may be asking why do I need to trust the Lord for Salvation. Because when we come into the world, we are born with a sinful nature.

1) OUR SIN NATURE. The Word of God says we are all sinners. In other words we are separated from God because of our sin nature.

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isaiah 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2) WE ALL OWE A SIN DEBT.

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

It says the wages of sin is death. There are two deaths that a person has to be concerned about. The first is your Physical Death. At physical death your spirit and soul are separated from your body. That also means you are alive after death. That may surprise some of you. But the Bible teaches you will either go to Heaven or Hell. And let me add there is no Fairy-Land in between.

Luke 16:19-31 - *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 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; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 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. 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. 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. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Yes the Bible teaches there is a Heaven, and there is a Hell.

We see the first death is our spirit and soul are separated from our body. However the Second Death is the death we must avoid.

***Revelation 20:14** - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

We see here the Bible teaches the second

death is eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire.

3) WE CAN NOT SAVE OURSELVES.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - 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.

Here is where we run into a major problem. The Bible teaches that Salvation is a gift from God. You don't pay for a gift. If you try and pay for a gift, it would no longer be considered a gift. In order to receive the gift of salvation from God you must come to Him by faith. The Bible teaches that:

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. and the Bible also gives the definition of faith:

Hebrews 11:1-6 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do

appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

To gain a deeper understanding of faith you may want to read all of Hebrews Chapter 11.

4) THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS ALREADY PAID OUR DEBT.

Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

God only has one plan of salvation. Paul tells us what that is in:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you,

unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

The Bible is saying that the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ is the Total payment for all our sins. God will reject anyone who tries to add or take away from that. Also Paul warns if anyone should preach any other gospel, let them be accursed.

Galatians 1:6-9 - I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

5) WE ALL MUST REPENT AND TRUST JESUS AS OUR SAVIOR. The Lord Jesus warned His Apostles that they must Repent

or Perish.

Luke 13:1-5 - There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Real Repentance is Godly sorrow. Repentance starts out with a change of the mind. We must change our mind about God. We must see ourselves as God sees us, as a lost sinner headed to hell. We must repent of our sins and trust in the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ. God is not the problem. He has already done what was necessary to save us. The Lord has never turned anyone down who comes to Him by faith. The Bible says:

John 1:12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Jesus also says:

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Romans 10:9 - 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.

We all must call on Him to be Saved.

Romans 10:13 - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

If you would like to trust the Lord for your Salvation you can pray this prayer.

Dear Lord I realize that I am a sinner. I believe that you died for my sins. Lord have mercy on me a sinner. In Jesus Name I pray Amen.

If you prayed that prayer and called on the Lord for your salvation it says in:

Romans 10:13 - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

That you are saved. Jesus said in :

John 6:37 - All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

You can not lose what Christ paid for on the Cross.

John 3:36 - He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

You are kept by the power of God. In closing remember:

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