

Question: Did you call on Jesus Christ to save you?

Question: What did He say would happen to anyone who called on Him for salvation? Question: Then according to God's Word—not your feelings, guesses, or wishes—what did God do for you? Again, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be _____."* Are you now saved?

Fact #7 You can be as sure as you can be of anything else that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 proclaims, *"These things have I written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that you have eternal life"*. If you now have this life, you will always have it because it is eternal, not temporary or intermittent.

If you sincerely asked the Lord to be your Savior, here's how to "follow through" and become a strong Christian:

- 1.** Follow Jesus Christ by studying and obeying God's Word, the Bible. (John 8:31–32)
- 2.** Pray often daily for guidance, strength, and purpose. (Philippians 4:6–7)
- 3.** Go to an active Bible teaching church every Sunday. (Hebrews 10:25)
- 4.** Tell someone every day about Jesus and His wonderful gift of eternal salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)

SAVED?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



The words “saved” and “save” occur more than three hundred times in the Bible, and they have three distinct meanings determined by context: (1) “except”, Mark 6:8; (2) “rescue from danger or damage,” Matthew 22:23–27; (3) “delivered from the penalty, power, and presence of sin”, Matthew 1:21. The Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son, came to earth to save people from their sins and all its devastating consequences. The Lord Jesus Christ said, *“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. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”* (John 3:16–17). In the apostle Paul’s God-inspired letter to Christians in Rome (The Book of Romans), we find the facts of the Lord’s plan for our salvation fully explained.

Fact #1 In Romans Chapter Three, Verses 10 and 23 (Romans 3:10, 23), we learn that we all have an extremely serious personal problem that requires God’s attention: *“There is none righteous; no, not one”, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”* This means that no human deserves the favor or presence of God because our lifestyle is infected with heinous sin. We all have come way short of what God expects of us and short of the perfection God requires for entering His presence, and entering into His Heaven.

Fact #2 Romans 6:23 reveals the holiness and justice of God with these words: *“The wages of sin is death...”*. Death is actually separation. Physical death occurs when the

spirit and soul are separated from the body (Genesis 35:16–19). Spiritual death is the separation of the spirit and soul from God in this life (Ephesians 2:1). Eternal death is the separation of the body, soul, and spirit from God for all eternity in Hell in the next life (Matthew 10:28; Luke 16:23; Revelation 20:14). We all deserve God’s condemnation as fair punishment for our sins.

Fact #3 The second part of Romans 6:23 immediately extends to all sinners the marvelous and instantaneous remedy for our horrifying dilemma—*“but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Do not miss this! Do not complicate this! Free and everlasting pardon for and cleansing from all sins against God and mankind is a gift from God. This truth is further substantiated by the fact that the word “grace” is always found in connection with any mention of salvation in The Scriptures. A gift costs the recipient absolutely nothing as a prerequisite to receiving it. The only condition to receiving a gift when it is offered is to accept it. The cost has already been totally and solely assumed by the one who offers the gift, along with any loss incurred in the process. A gift is not a reward, a trade, a purchase, or an obligation. A gift is a gift; that is all. The only appropriate response is humble gratitude. All that is left to do with a gift is to reject it or receive it.

Fact #4 The loving voluntary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ is why we can be saved, *“God commendeth [demonstrates] his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8). *“The wages of sin is death”*, but *“Christ died for us.”* We need not die for our sins, because *“Christ died for us.”* Jesus Christ was our substitute. So what is left for us to do? How must we respond to God’s love?

Fact #5 Here are the minimum requirements of making an informed and sincere decision to turn from sin and make Jesus Christ Lord of your life. *“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.” This simply means that we understand and accept the fact that Jesus Christ is God the Son (“the Lord”), and that He rose bodily from the dead to establish that He is God, then in human form, and that He has the power to impart eternal life to all who will accept it.

Fact #6 Plainly stated, if you understand and admit that you are a sinner deserving the judgment of God, and you believe that Jesus Christ paid your penalty when He shed His blood on the cross, and if you will call on Him right now to rescue you from your dreadful circumstance as desperately as a drowning man would call out for a lifeguard, you will immediately and eternally be delivered from your sins and their terrible consequences, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* God promised! Please—right now—bow your head and ask God to save you from sin and judgment.

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Romans 10:13