

## The ABCs of Salvation

\_\_\_\_\_ **to God that you are a sinner.** All persons need to be saved from sin's penalty which is death. Sin is failing to meet God's holy standard of perfection. Everyone that does not live a life of perfect obedience to the Lord is guilty of sin. Romans 3:23 says, *all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.*

The result of sin is eternal separation from God. *The wages of sin is death* (Romans 6:23). Admitting that you are a sinner and separated from God is the first step of repentance, which is turning from sin and self and turning toward God.

\_\_\_\_\_ **that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He is the only way to obtain salvation—to get to heaven.** Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation, God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. John 3:16 tells us that, *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

\_\_\_\_\_. The Bible says, *If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation* (Romans 10:9-10). Confessing 'Jesus is Lord' means making Jesus the king of your life. It means putting God in the driver's seat of your life. It's making the decision to let Christ rule in your life from this day forward and walking in complete obedience to His will.

## A Simple Prayer for Salvation

*Dear God:*

*I admit that I have sinned and fallen short of Your holy standard. I understand that my sin separates me from You. But I believe You loved me so much You sent Your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin by dying on the cross. God, please forgive me.*

*I am asking You to come into my life and be my Lord and Savior. Today, I am making the decision to turn away from my sin and begin obeying and following You for the rest of my life.*

*I pray these things in the name of Jesus,  
Amen.*

EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

# HOPE



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***"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).***

**His People Have \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"He will save his people from **their sins**" (v. 21, emphasis added).*

**Sin** – Gk. *harmatia*

### God's Standard

- Never ever have another god before God.
- Never ever worship or bow down to a carved image.
- Never ever use the Lord's name in vain.
- Never ever work on the Sabbath.
- Always honor your father and mother.
- Never ever murder.
- Never ever commit adultery.
- Never ever steal anything.
- Never ever lie.
- Never ever covet someone else's stuff.

**Score:**

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23).

## Sin Has a Pretty Hefty \_\_\_\_\_.

• God to Adam and Eve in Garden of Eden: *"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it \_\_\_\_\_"* (Genesis 2:17).

• Paul to the believers in Rome: *The wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_* (Romans 6:23)

• John to the 7 churches in Asia: *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the \_\_\_\_\_* (Revelation 20:15).

*First death –*

*Second death –*

• Paul to the believers in Ephesus: *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us... \_\_\_\_\_ together with Christ* (Ephesians 2:4-5).

• The Gospel according to John: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him \_\_\_\_\_ but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

• Peter to 1st century believers: \_\_\_\_\_ *in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness* (1 Peter 2:24).

• Paul to the believers in Rome: *There is therefore now \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are in Christ Jesus* (Romans 8:1).

• Paul to the believers in Colosse: *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, \_\_\_\_\_* (Colossians 2:13-14).

*If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent an educator.*

*If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist.*

*If our greatest need had been money,  
God would have sent us an economist.*

*But since our greatest need was forgiveness,  
God sent us a Savior!*

Charles Sell, **Unfinished Business**, p. 121

**I can have HOPE because Jesus saved me  
from my sin's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Even though Jesus paid my sin's penalty...

**There is a Part I Must Play – Something I Must Do.**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

