

When God created the Earth and all Creation, He placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. “¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” **Genesis 2:16-17** Up until this point, wide was the gate that led to life, and narrow was the way to destruction. But Adam and Eve did not follow this simple instruction from God, they chose the narrow path and ate of the forbidden fruit, therefore sin entered into the world. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” **Romans 5:12** God loves His Creation very much; however, because of His holiness and purity, He cannot tolerate sin. God sent His Son to be the atonement for our sins (Rom. 5:11) by dying on the cross and being raised again on the third day. “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. ¹⁷ 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** Which leads to that very important question; how can I be saved from eternal destruction, to be forgiven of the sin in my life that I may enter into Heaven when my earthly time is complete? Belonging to a church cannot save you, being a member of a particular denomination cannot save you, water baptism and performing good works cannot save you, even giving money cannot save you. In John 14:6 it states that, “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**” The only way to be saved is through Jesus Christ the Son of God, who paid the price of our sins on the cross and rose from the dead on the third day. We have broken salvation down into three very simple steps that we refer to as the ABC’s of salvation, because it is that simple.



ADMIT you are a sinner

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

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:”
Romans 3:10

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;” **Isaiah 64:6a**

BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, died for your sins, and rose again

“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life

through his name.” **John 20:31**

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.” **Romans 5:8-9**

“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:”
1 Corinthians 15:3-4

CONFESS unto salvation

“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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” **Romans 10:9-10**

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” **Romans 10:13-14**

Now before we get too far, you should know a little more about the second step – Believe. *Pisteuo* (pist-yoo-o) (verb) is the Greek word from the original text translated into the English word **believe**. This word believe was not intended to mean that you only believe that God exists; rather that you believe all of God’s instructions, place all your trust in Him and commit your ways unto Him. It is a word of action and commitment to His ways. *Pisteuo* is translated 239 times in the New Testament into the word believe or believeth including the Scriptures John 20:31 and Romans 10:9-10.

If you are ready to take these three simple steps, to place your trust in Him and to be saved from eternal Hell, and to place Him as your Savior in your life, will you please pray this following prayer out loud.

*Heavenly Father, I come to you today a lost sinner.
I am asking you that you save my soul and cleanse me from all sin.
I realize in my heart, my need of Salvation, which can only come through Jesus Christ.
I am accepting Christ into my heart and what He did on the Cross in order to purchase my Redemption.
In obedience to your Word, I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead.
You have said in your Word, which cannot lie, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13.)
I have called upon your name exactly as you have said, and I believe that right now, I am saved.*

If you have prayed these words, and believe in your heart upon the Lord Jesus Christ, you are at this moment saved, and your name written down in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

True salvation produces evidences that you are one of His now. Water baptism- this is an outward sign stating that you are one of God’s children by showing your love and obedience for Him by following His command to be baptized. This may be pictured as wedding rings are a symbol of love and dedication between a husband and wife; the rings are merely an outward symbol and not the actual means of marriage. God’s Word is very clear, that we are to be baptized after we repent of our sins, which we cannot do until we understand we are sinners. “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38

As you just read in Acts 2:38, “ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Jesus refers to the Holy Ghost as the Comforter in the Gospel of John. Comforter from the original Greek text is *Paraclete* (par'-a-klet), which is a word interpreted as a helper, advocate, instructor, guide, intercessor, or one called alongside to help. This is important for two big reasons. First of all, even though we are saved by grace, we are not to continue in sin any longer (Romans 6). The Holy Ghost will lead and guide us to walk in God’s ways and not enter into sin. Secondly, Jesus tells us in John 3:3, “**Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” To be born again means that we will no longer follow after our own passions and desires, instead we will seek to live out God’s desires and will in our lives. The Holy Ghost will guide us, and not we ourselves.

In Matthew chapter 7 verses 13 and 14, Jesus tells us in His Sermon on the Mount, “¹³ **Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**” Jesus is the only way to receive salvation. We encourage you to trust Him as your Savior today; the benefits are out of this world!

If you have now trusted Jesus as your Savior, please let us know by e-mailing or calling. We would love to welcome you to God’s family and send you further information to help you begin your walk with God.

If you have questions or would like someone to pray with you, please e-mail or call us.