

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

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... 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



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The soul doth rest upon Christ for salvation when, being convinced of its lost condition by reason of sin, and its own inability, together with all creatures's insufficiency, to recover it out of this estate, and having a discovery and persuasion of Christ's ability and willingness to save, it doth let go all hold on the creatures, and renounce its own righteousness, and so lay hold on Christ, rely upon him, and put confidence in him, and in him alone, for salvation.

Thomas Vincent, 1674



Jesus made you promises! Find yourself a Bible or a New Testament and feed on his Word:

— *Promises before Salvation* —

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

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.** - Matthew 11: 28-29

— *Promises after Salvation* —

And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself** [the Rapture]; that where I am, there ye may be also. - John 14:3

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation** [the Great Tribulation], **which shall come upon all the world**, to try them that dwell upon the earth. - Revelation 3:10

EXAMPLE 4 - The Philippian jailer and his household

Acts 16:25-34

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

32 And **they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.**

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and **was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, **believing in God with all his house.**

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SALVATION: AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE

THE BEST EXPLANATION OF SALVATION

Isaiah chapter 53

It is our Father in Heaven Himself who explains Jesus and his work of Salvation the best, in the book of Isaiah, written 700 years before Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 53

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

40 **Him God raised up the third day**, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that **it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead**.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins**.

44 **While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word**.

The Holy Spirit was manifested visibly in the assembly **while Peter was still speaking**. It did not wait for some “altar call” or “sinner’s prayer” that would have followed Peter’s speech. **At the very moment of their Faith, their Salvation became apparent.**

The instant the hearers believed in Jesus-Christ, hearing: “*through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins*”, **they were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit**.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, **and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.**

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

Philip explained to the eunuch that Jesus the Messiah, the very Son of God, had to come into the world to redeem (buy back) the souls of them who believe in him. His answer is a testimony that he has understood all that Philip explained to him according to scripture.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, **the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.**

EXAMPLE 3 - Cornelius, his kinsmen and near friends

Acts 10:37-48

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, **after the baptism which John preached;**

38 How God anointed **Jesus of Nazareth** with the Holy Ghost and with power: **who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**

39 And **we are witnesses of all things which he did** both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree:**

THE CONDEMNATION

When they knew God, they glorified him not as God

Romans 1: 20-21

20 For **the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

21 Because that, **when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

The condemnation

John 3: 17-19

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, **because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

19 And **this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

Now they have no cloak for their sin

John 15: 22-24

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but **now they have no cloak for their sin.**

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 *If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.*

WE WERE DEAD

Luke 9: 59-60

59 *And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.*

60 *Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead:** but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.*

We are accounted as dead, before we come to Christ to receive eternal life.

The prodigal son

Luke 15: 18-24

18 *I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,*

19 *And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

20 *And he arose, and came to his father. **But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.***

21 *And the son said unto him, **Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.***

22 *But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:*

23 *And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:*

EXAMPLE 2 - The Ethiopian eunuch

Philip is directed by the Holy Spirit to go and speak to an Ethiopian eunuch who is reading **Isaiah 53**, but has trouble understanding it.

Acts 8: 26-39

26 *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

27 *And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,*

28 *Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.*

29 *Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.*

30 *And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?*

31 *And he said, **How can I, except some man should guide me?** And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.*

32 *The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:*

33 *In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.*

34 *And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?*

41 And we indeed justly; **for we receive the due reward of our deeds**: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, **Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.**

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

“*We receive the due reward of our deeds*”: He confesses his sins, admitting his wrongs, and that they are worthy of death.

“*Lord*”: He recognizes Jesus as Lord.

“*Remember me*”: He puts his hopes in Jesus’s mercy.

“*When thou comest into thy kingdom*”: He recognizes Jesus to be the King of the Jews, the eternal Messiah who must resurrect and enter in his kingdom.

“*To day shalt thou be with me in paradise*”: Jesus promises him a place with him in paradise, that very day.

This man, who lived a life worthy of death, was not baptised, did not have good works, all he had was his **Repentance** (to admit his wrongs toward God) and his **Faith** in Jesus: that Jesus can “remember him”.

Jesus only saves those who admit that they need him to be saved!

Repentance is to believe the Word of God when it says that we are lost; sinners justly condemned.

Faith is to believe the Word of God when it says that Jesus saves all those who come to him, and to him only to be saved; by receiving Jesus’s sacrifice for their sins, and his resurrection for their justification; all of this according to scripture.

Repentance is to faith what crucifixion is to resurrection.

24 For **this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.** And they began to be merry.

JESUS ONLY SAVES THOSE WHO KNOW THEY ARE LOST

Luke 19: 10

For the Son of man is come **to seek and to save that which was lost.**

Matthew 9: 11-13

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, *Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?*

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, *They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.*

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: **for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

THE BAD NEWS AND THE GOOD NEWS

The bad news is that you are lost, damned, on the road to destruction, done for, finished; for all that you *have done*, and for all that you *have not done*, and for sin inherited from Adam, who fell under the yoke of Satan.

The good news is that Jesus offers to save you, if only you would admit that you are lost, that you need him and that you have full faith in him dying for all your sins and resurrecting for your complete glorification. Like Eve, and then Adam trusted in Satan; you must *reverse* this by you, trusting in Jesus.

You are faced with as important a choice as they were, and with equally eternal consequences. Satan told them they would become as gods, and it was a lie; Jesus tells you that you will become a child of God and co-heir with him and it is entirely true.

But it is my duty to tell you that you must decide **as soon as possible**, so as to partake of the Rapture. Otherwise, Salvation in the Great Tribulation will still be *possible*, but will be at the cost of martyrdom, of death. [see page 19]

SHORT PASSAGES SUMMARIZING SALVATION

Galatians 2: 20

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live **by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.***

Romans 4: 24-25

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

*25 Who **was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.***

1Peter 1: 6-9

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

*9 Receiving **the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.***

*19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.***

It's black and white in the Bible: Men prefer the darkness of sin and of Satan's kingdom: "**The World**", rather than the light of love and of the **Kingdom of God**. "*For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the **whole world**, and lose his own soul? or **what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?***" - Matthew 16: 26

Now here is the heart of this present booklet: **The only thing we can give in exchange for our soul is Jesus's blood**. "*... For thou wast slain, and **hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation*" - Revelation 5: 9

*20 For **every one that doeth evil hateth the light**, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*

Those that are consciously doing evil will avoid all light on their actions, because they know that these actions are evil.

*21 But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

But them that do according to truth will come to the light, **will come to God**.

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF SALVATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

EXAMPLE 1 - The thief on the cross

Luke 23: 39-43

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

John 3: 14-21

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

This is a reference to the passage in Numbers 21: 7-9, where the Israelites are bitten by serpents and die by their poison.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

This is an image of **men** (Israelites) who are **seduced** (bitten) by **Satan** (the serpent) and **die spiritually** (physically) **by the effect of his lies** (poison); but **those who fasten their eyes on Jesus** (the brass serpent lifted up on the pole) **are saved**.

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

They are condemned, those who do not believe the witness of God himself, they continue Satan's rebellion: By refusing to believe in God, they are choosing Satan's side.

Paul summarizes the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15: 1-4

*1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;*

*2 **By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you**, unless ye have believed in vain.*

*3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;***

*4 And that **he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:***

JOHN'S BAPTISM: REPENTANCE

The baptism of repentance

Mark 1: 4-5

*4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach **the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.***

*5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, **confessing their sins.***

Matthew 3: 5-8

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

*6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, **confessing their sins.***

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Acts 13: 24

*When John had first preached before his coming the **baptism of repentance** to all the people of Israel.*

Godly sorrow worketh repentance

2Corinthians 7: 9-10

*9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but **that ye sorrowed to repentance**: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.*

*10 For **godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation** not to be repented of: but **the sorrow of the world worketh death**.*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

1John 1: 8-9

*8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and **the truth is not in us**.*

*9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.*

JESUS'S BAPTISM: FAITH

Acts 19: 3-5

*3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, **Unto John's baptism**.*

*4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, **saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus**.*

*5 When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.*

Matthew 3: 11-12

*11 I indeed **baptize you with water unto repentance**: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire**:*

*12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and **gather his wheat into the garner**; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire**.*

John: repentance and confession of sins.

Jesus: faith in his sacrifice = life eternal.

Repentance: confessing our state of lost sinner.

Faith: confessing Jesus as the only Saviour.

Acts 20: 21

*Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

When God declares us sinners; and we admit it as truth, we "PLEAD GUILTY": that's **Repentance toward God**. When Jesus pays for us by his blood; and we put all our trust in this: that's **Faith toward our Lord Jesus-Christ**.

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF SALVATION

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:16 is the best-known verse of the Bible, and with good reason, because it explains why God sent Jesus. It is part of Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus. We have examined John 3: 17-19 at the beginning of this booklet, let us study now its full context: John 3: 14-21.