

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED?

First let me explain what it means to be saved.

The salvation referred to in the Bible has to do with being freed from eternal judgment or eternal death. All men have a body, a soul and a spirit. When one dies on earth, what happens is that the soul separates from the body, it continues to live and goes to a designated place due to the choice it made in life.

Let's see what the Bible tells us

To understand our need for salvation, we must first understand our position before God. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), and also that there is no righteous one (Romans 3:10). We are all sinners who deserve God's wrath and judgment. If nothing changes about our spiritual condition, we will perish for all eternity in a place called hell (Matthew 14:32; Revelation 21:8). Fortunately, there is good news! But first, let's examine the bad news.

Spiritually blind

Some may say that God's judgment is unjust or even unfair, but this is simply not true. God's judgment is good because He is eternally good (Psalm 106:1). He declares what is right, and what is wrong. We need

salvation because we are spiritually blind without it (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). Our spiritual eyes must be opened to see and understand the holiness and glory of God (Acts 9:18; Ephesians 1:18). Also, they need to be opened because God has called us to be holy as he is holy (1 Peter 1:16).

Spiritually dead

The Bible also says that we are spiritually dead because of our sin: "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23), "And you were dead in trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world" (Ephesians 2:1,2). We need salvation so that we can truly live the way God intended us to live. It is impossible for a spiritually dead person to know God and trust his Word.

Spiritually lost

Without salvation we are also lost. We lack some direction and purpose in life; there is a giant void that we cannot fill by ourselves. God's Word says that, like sheep, we have all strayed (Isaiah 53:6). We desperately need a shepherd to guide and protect us.

The good news

There is salvation in Jesus Christ and only in Him: "There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be

saved" (Acts 4:12). In Christ, the blind can see (Luke 4:18), the dead can live (John 11:25), and the lost are found (Luke 19:10). Jesus paid the price for our sins with his blood when he died on the cross. But he didn't stay dead! He rose again, defeating the power of sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Yes, we are all sinners, but we have a Savior! The Bible is clear that all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13). Have you called on the name of Jesus with faith? Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)!

Faith in Jesus Christ as Savior is necessary for salvation. The Bible's message is abundantly clear. We have all sinned against God (Romans 3:23). And because of our sin, we deserved to be separated from God forever (Romans 6:23). As a result of his love for us (John 3:16), God took human form and died in our place, thus taking the punishment we deserved (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21). God promises forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven to all who receive Jesus Christ as his Savior by grace through faith. (John 1:12; 3:16; 5:24; Acts 16:31).

How can I receive Salvation?

1. First acknowledge that you are a sinner, for that is what the Bible says in Rom 3:23
2. Repent with all your heart, and ask God for forgiveness.

3. Receive Christ as you Lord and Savior.
4. Start living a different life as the word of God says. And look for a church where they can guide you in this new life.
5. Participate in your church meetings and join the fellowship that is offered to you at church.
6. You now belong to a family of faith.

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