

Salvation

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People should seek God's love, which is written about in the Holy Bible, especially the New Testament of the Bible. The best book to start with would be the book of John. The King James Version (KJV) is the oldest (written in 1611) and most reliable translation into English. The old English is very poetically beautiful, like reading Shakespeare, but sometimes the old terminology is a little difficult to understand. But, the **free** software at www.e-sword.net has an instantaneous dictionary that will help new readers to understand it very well. Just click on any word, and you get an instantaneous pop-up definition. There are also **free** audio recordings of someone reading the Bible found at: www.audiotreasure.com.

Since Jesus Christ was the son of God, His mother did not conceive Him from any earthly man. An Old Testament prophecy foretold long before the birth of Christ that he would be born from a virgin mother, in Bethlehem. **Micah 5:2** "But thou, **Bethlehem** Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." **Isa 7:14** "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Then, in the New Testament it says: **Mat. 1:18-23** "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise (way): When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost (Spirit). Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily (privately). But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost (Spirit). And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The only person who ever lived who was sinless and perfect was Jesus Christ. **1John 3:5** "And ye (y'all) know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." **1Pet 2:22** "Who did no sin, neither was guile (wilieness) found in his

mouth:” Among all the rest of humanity, none is without sin. [Rom 3:10](#) “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:” Those people who like to think of themselves as a “good person” have never compared themselves with pure sinlessness of Jesus Christ. If they made an honest comparison, they would begin to see their own goodness as “filthy rags”. [Isa 64:6](#) “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;”

God has decided that the punishment for sin is death, even if someone commits only one sin. [James 2:10](#) “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” Imagine, in real life, if one of those “good persons” were to commit only one illegal crime which carries the sentence of death or life in prison. When he goes to trial before a real life judge, can he say that all his life he was a “good person” and that he only committed one error, so all of his good deeds out-weigh his one single bad deed? Should he be released with no punishment? Certainly not! Likewise, by God's standards, only one sin will send you to hell.

God also judges the secret intentions of people's minds as though those secret intentions were real acts. Jesus said: [Matt 5:28](#) “But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” [1John 3:15](#) “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye (y'all) know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” [1Cor 6:9-10](#) “Know ye (y'all) not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind (men with men, women with women), Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

In God's law every single human being sins regularly. This is why nobody can be saved without a substitution sacrifice. God has set His standard at sinless perfection to enter into the kingdom of heaven. No human being can enter the kingdom of heaven by their own natural abilities. [Mark 10:26-27](#) “.....Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” [Eph 2:8-9](#) “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest (in case) any man should boast.”

If there were no sin, there would be no death. It is the decision of God that there exist accidents, sicknesses and old age leading to death. ([Gen. 3:17-19](#)) After death, comes the judgment. [Heb 9:27](#) “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” But, more specifically, judged by God “the Son”, who is Jesus Christ. [Joh 5:22](#) “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:” In other words, it was the eternal Judge of all humanity who was crucified on the cross as a “substitute” or “sacrifice” payment so that everyone can be saved from eternal punishment beyond the grave. [Joh 3:16](#) “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.” On judgment day, all those people who have rejected

Jesus Christ will have to face **Jesus Christ** as their judge. What excuse could they possibly give **Jesus Christ** for their rejection of **HIM** when they see the marks of the nails on **HIS** body from when **HE** was nailed to a cross as a substitute for them?

Without salvation, the eternal punishment for every lost person after death is perpetual hell fire. Mat. 13:49-50 "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Psa. 9:17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Rev 14:11 "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night...." KJV Rev 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." John the Baptizer said: Mat 3:10 "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 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 (Spirit), and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner (granary); but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (When wheat is separated from its stalk (chaff), only the wheat is saved. The stalk is either burned or used for compost.)

It must be understood that the "payment", "sacrifice" or "substitution" for sin only applies if a person **truly** accepts and believes in Jesus Christ in their heart. John 1:12-13 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13- Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Rom 10:9 "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."

True spiritual re-birth is something done in the spirit, that is, the Spirit of God makes direct contact with the spirit of a human being and causes an invisible "second-birth" or "regeneration" to happen. Tit 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Spirit);" John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:8 "The wind bloweth where it listeth (wills), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence (from where) it cometh, and whither (to where) it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Salvation cannot be gained by good works, nor can it be lost by the lack of good works. Eph 2:8,9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9- Not of works, lest any man should boast." Nevertheless, only those Christians who are obedient to Jesus Christ, as a wife is supposed to be obedient to her husband, are promised to be given an inheritance and authority (crown) as kings in the next life. (Eph. 5:22-24; Rev. 1:6) The inheritance and authority (crown) in

the kingdom of God is not the same thing as simple salvation from hell-fire. Even in this life, there is an enormous difference between just being alive and living on the street with nothing, like a street-person, as compared to being enormously wealthy and having an important position in the government. In the next life, the difference between these two conditions will be much greater than anything imaginable in this present world. 1Cor. 2:9 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

All of the Christians who are truly saved and yet **not** obedient are promised discipline from God here in this life. God uses bad things in this life hoping to bring disobedient Christians to repentance. However, if they don't repent, they will suffer bad things and eventually come to an early grave. 1Cor 11:30-32 “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (are dead). For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are **chastened** of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.” Rom 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Luke 13:25-28 “When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence (from where) ye (y'all) are: Then shall ye (y'all) begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence (from where) ye (y'all) are; depart from me, all ye (y'all) workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye (y'all) shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.” The people in this passage who were “thrust out” are truly saved from eternal hell fire, yet do not enter into the fellowship with the spiritual husband Jesus Christ. They are “lukewarm” in the faith. They are wives who refuse to obey their spiritual husband Jesus Christ. (Also read Mat. 25:1-13) Eph 5:22-24 “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.” (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church)

So then, if it is true, as some Christians say, that everyone who is saved will be made kings in the kingdom of God, then over whom shall they reign? (Rev. 2:26,27; 21:24) Obviously, there must also be many (most) people who are saved from hell-fire and yet **not** kings. Notice that in the passage of Mat. 22:1-14, the man without a wedding garment was thrown out of the wedding feast, yet he was not burned in the fire. Most of the people who are saved will be “subjects” in the kingdom of God whom

the kings will rule over. (Rev. 2:26-27Rev. 22:2) Notice that only the people who overcome sin have access to the tree of life, hidden manna, white stone and power over the nations (nations = people saved from hell, yet who are not kings). Rev. 2:7,17,26 “.....To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” 17- “.....To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.” 26- “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:”

They are not capable of doing what they are supposed to do on their own, they need someone to rule over them and make them be obedient. They will not be “part” of the kingdom; they will be “subject” to the kingdom. They will also be denied entrance into the New City of Jerusalem, which is where the kings will reside. (Rev. 21:24-27) 1Cor 3:13-15 “Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14- If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15- If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.” Every truly saved person, who does **not** do God's will, here in this life, will live in the next life outside the new city of Jerusalem, as though his house burned down. There is a big difference between just being alive with nothing else as compared to having a good and glorious position in the kingdom with the accompanying **eternal** wealth that goes along with the package. Rev 3:11 “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” Unfaithful Christians will not lose their salvation from hell, but they have lost their crown, their position and inheritance in the kingdom of God.

Most of the church leaders in modern times are very similar to the religious leaders at the time of Jesus Christ. Jesus said to them: Mat. 23:15, 33 “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye (y'all) compass (go around) sea and land to make one proselyte (convert), and when he is made, ye (y'all) make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. 33- Ye (y'all) serpents, ye (y'all) generation (offspring) of vipers, how can ye (y'all) escape the damnation of hell?” (See article listed below on: Wolves In Sheep's Clothing) (The “scribes” were men who made copies of the Word of God by hand; there were no printing presses in those days. The word “Pharisee” means “separatist” who were the men who wanted to be the most faithful to the Old Testament, especially to follow the Law of Moses.)

Most of the modern church leaders are satanic spies pretending to be Christians. Their sheep's clothing is so good that, almost always, it is impossible to distinguish between a truly saved believer who is walking in error (lukewarm) from a child of Satan pretending to be a true believer. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church) Most likely, every modern church in the US is, at best, lukewarm in the faith. (except possibly the Amish. Maybe.)

A good Old Testament example of a Lukewarm Christian was Lot. He was a true believer in God and was even able to recognize the spiritual nature of the angels which God had sent to him, who appeared to him like normal physical human beings. (Gen. 19) But Lot was too much in love with the prosperity of Sodom to leave it. As a result, the angels had to literally pull him by the hand out of Sodom just before God destroyed it. Lot lost **all** of his worldly possessions. All of his possessions that he was in love with were left behind and destroyed.

The Lukewarm Church is saved, but if they do not repent, they will be disciplined. If they still continue in their lukewarmness, they will permanently lose their fellowship with Jesus Christ, their eternal crown and their eternal inheritance in the next life. In this life they will experience discipline such as accidents, loss of personal property, sickness and/or an early death. Rev. 22:14,15 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church)

Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mat. 7:13,14 "Enter ye (y'all) in at the strait (narrow) 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 (narrow) is the gate, and narrow (difficult) is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." KJV John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life."

This life is only a temporary test so that God can decide what to do with each person in the next life, which is permanent. It is quite foolish for people to put their hopes in the present temporary system. Some day the sun and stars are going to burn out, and there isn't going to be anything or anybody left. And nobody's going to remember anything that we did, bad or good, in the great scheme of things. In this world, some people live 75 years, and others live 10 or 20. Why? It's all just random and meaningless without anything more. Just like flowers. 1Pet 1:24,25 "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25- But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

In many ways salvation is like a marriage. The essence of what forms or begins a true marriage is a mutual wedding vow, like a pledge, covenant or testament, between a man and a woman to stay united, till death do they part. The **spiritual** marriage contract or “pact” with Jesus Christ begins from the moment that someone accepts the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as a substitution payment for their sins (salvation). Eph 2:12-14 “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye (y’all) who sometimes (previously) were far off are made nigh (near) by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one (united), and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;” Heb 10:16,17 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” (Also: 1Cor.11:25; Heb.12:24; 13:20,21)

They must be “born again” in the spirit. John 3:3 “..... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” This is done by the invisible Spirit of God making direct contact with the human spirit of a new believer. John 3:8 “The wind bloweth where it listeth (wants to), and thou hearest the sound there of, but canst not tell whence (from where) it cometh, and whither (to where) it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

From the beginning of a natural marriage there is an invisible inner **seal** or bond between a man and his wife similar to the **seal** of the Holy Spirit in a believer, at the moment of salvation. Son.8:6 “Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a **seal** upon thine arm: for love is strong as death;....” KJV Eph.1:13 “.... after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye (y’all) were **sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise.” KJV (also: Eph. 4:30) Once marriage vows are made, in a natural marriage, God takes it into account and considers them to be married all lifelong until one of them dies. In the spiritual marriage with Jesus Christ, every true believer is considered sinless and perfect like a **virgin** wedding bride dressed in pure white. Every sin has been cleansed by the sacrifice blood of Jesus Christ. It is the blood that makes it white. 2Cor. 11:2 “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a **chaste** virgin to Christ.” Rev. 19:7-9 “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.” The unfaithful Christians will have no part in this event. They will be saved from hell-fire, nothing more.

Now has come the time to make a decision. Each person must come to God on their own. If you want to be saved you must approach God and trust that He will listen to you. Begin with a prayer. Something like this:

Dear Father,

I thank you so much for sending your son Jesus Christ to die for me on the cross. I believe in him and I trust that his sacrifice will pay for all of my sins. The Bible says that, whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom 10:13) I also believe that he was raised from the dead on the third day, and is alive today, in heaven.

Jesus, I am asking you to come into my heart, and live in me. Please, help me to turn away from my sins and surrender everything completely to you. Help me to confess Jesus Christ as my savior before others from this day forward.

Amen

Then.....

Normally, you should start attending a local Bible believing faithful church near where you live. However, nowadays the best of the churches in the US are lukewarm in the faith. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church.) Therefore, it is commendable that instead of dedicating yourself to one faithful church (which can't be found), you should visit many different kinds of churches. Observe and learn from as many of the good characteristics of each church that you can, while avoiding their bad habits.

Talk to them about the things written in these messages. See if you can spark their interest, and help them to overcome their lukewarmness. Contact me at my e-mail to let me know of your conversion. Pray for me and this ministry, that God will bless it and help it to grow.

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