

## Steps to Salvation

Recognize that you are a sinner: “For **all** [no exceptions] **have sinned** [in their own persons; by a sinful nature, sinful tempers, and sinful actions], and come short of the glory of God;” {Romans 3:23}

Admit and confess that you are a sinner: “If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” {1 John 1:9}

Repent of your sins: “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.” {Acts 8:22} After recognizing you are a sinner; the first step is to repent as all sinners are exhorted to do.

Seek God’s mercy and forgiveness: “And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be **merciful** to me a sinner.” {Luke 18:13}

By faith alone, trust Jesus Christ as Saviour: “For by grace are ye saved through faith [completely trusting God]; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, [not possible to do any good deeds of any kind] lest any man should boast.” {Ephesians 2:8-9}

In the Bible, God’s Word, we are told that “...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” It is by the blood of Jesus Christ that we are saved and justified in the eyes of God. “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.” {Romans 5:9} It is the blood and only the blood of Jesus that our salvation is made possible. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” {1 Peter 1:18-19}

For those who repent of their sin and by faith alone in Jesus Christ trust Him as Saviour, God has promised forgiveness and eternal life. “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.” {Jon 3:16} “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:11,13} Those who do not repent and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour are at this very moment under the wrath of a holy God. “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.” {John 3:18}

Steps to Salvation is easy but, those steps must be taken according to God’s Word. God said it and that settles it! The question remains – will **YOU** believe it today, before it becomes eternally too late?

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