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Why I Believe in Bible Salvation

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Why Do I Need to Be Saved



1 Because Everyone is a Sinner

The first humans, Adam and Eve, sinned when they disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. Because we receive our nature from them, they gave all of us a sinful nature that separates us from God's presence. We all have sinned. The word "sin" means we broke God's rules and disobeyed His Word.

Psalm 51:5
Romans 3:9-12,
23; 5:12, 19; 6:23
Acts 2:37; 16:30



You might say, "So, I have sinned. What's the big deal?" The big deal is sin always separates us from God and His presence both now and for eternity. But God has provided us a way to escape eternal death. How can we escape? The curious crowd on the day of Pentecost and, later, the keeper of the prison in Philippi asked basically the same question, "How can I be saved?"

2 So I Can Go to Heaven

The greatest motivation for us to obey God's plan of salvation is the promise of heaven. Heaven will be a beautiful city built by God with all types of rare jewels and precious stones. In heaven there will be nothing negative: no death, no sorrow, no crying, and no pain.

1 Corinthians 2:9
Revelation
21:18-27
Matthew 8:11;
13:44-46

Although the mansions, crowns, and reunions with family and friends alone would be worth heaven, seeing Jesus is the greatest reason to go there. Seeing Jesus is worth more than anything God asks us to lay down or to do for Him. Nothing compares with heaven!



Summarize It

Myth Buster! Myth: "Faith is all that is required for salvation."

Truth: Although faith is the first step to salvation, faith alone cannot save us. According to James 2, obedience must accompany our faith.

Who is My Savior?

Because Satan deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, God promised Satan that one day one of her descendants would "bruise" Satan's head (defeat sin and provide salvation for everyone). (See Genesis 3:15.) Approximately 4,000 years later, about 2,000 years ago, Jesus fulfilled this promise at Calvary.

Jesus is not the second person in a so-called "triune godhead"; instead, Colossians 2:9 says that "all" the Godhead dwells in Jesus. Jesus was the name of the flesh God robed Himself in to redeem us. God Himself came to this sinful world to save us from the power of Satan and an eternity without God. Jesus Christ willingly laid down His life for us so we could experience salvation through our faith in and obedience to the Bible.

1 God: the Creator Himself

Genesis 1:1
John 1:1-3
Hebrews 11:3

2 Appeared in flesh as Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:21
John 1:1, 14
1 Timothy 3:16

3 Lives in us as the Holy Ghost

Matthew 3:11
John 14:17
Romans 8:9-11

Thank you for taking your time to go through this Bible study.

We pray this Bible study has helped you understand why we believe in Bible salvation. As you study the Bible, let it become more than just a book to you. Let it become alive to you as it has to so many others!

God has so many jewels in His Word that are just waiting to be found! So search the Bible for yourself and find your own relationship with God. There is nothing that can take the place of your own personal experience with God and His Word.

How Can I Be Saved?

The second way to show our faith and obedience is to be baptized in Jesus' Name for the removal of our sins. In Acts 10, after Cornelius and his household received the Holy Ghost, Peter felt so strongly about baptism that he didn't just suggest for them to be baptized, he commanded them to be baptized.

Baptism

Since Jesus had instructed His disciples to baptize everyone they taught, all throughout the book of Acts we find the first church baptizing in the Name of Jesus Christ. In fact, that is the only way anyone in the book of Acts was baptized.

Acts 2:38, 41;
4:12; 8:12, 16, 38;
9:18; 10:47, 48;
19:5; 22:16
Matthew 28:19
1 Peter 3:20-21
Romans 6:4, 5

Baptism by immersion in the Name of Jesus Christ is the only baptism with power to wash away our sins! When we are baptized, we not only take on His Name, but we also bury our old life of sins. That is something we could never hope to purchase on our own. Jesus purchased that opportunity for us when He died and was buried in a tomb.



Holy Ghost

The third way to show our faith and obedience is to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. When Peter preached the first sermon on the Day of Pentecost in

Jerusalem, he said to the curious crowd that if they would repent and be baptized in Jesus' Name, they would "receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). The Holy Ghost is a promise. If we sincerely seek after God in faith, repent of our sins, and are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, God has promised us that He will fill us with the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is nothing to be afraid of. It is simply Jesus living inside of us! The initial sign that we have received the Holy Ghost is that we will speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives the words, meaning we will speak in another language that we have never learned. This is the sign that God has finally taken complete control of our lives.

Not only is the Holy Ghost "joy unspeakable and full of glory," but it is also our only hope of leaving this world when Jesus comes again for His Church in the rapture (1 Peter 1:8).

John 3:5
Acts 2:38-39;
5:32; 8:17;
10:44-46; 19:6
Romans 8:11



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is Bible salvation available today?

Yes. In Acts 2, after Peter explained how to be saved in verse 38, he said in verse 39 that the promise of the Holy Ghost was not only for all those who heard him on the day of Pentecost and their children, but it was also "to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

2. If I just believe will I be saved?

No. Although believing is a requirement for Bible salvation, it is not the only requirement. If all we had to do to be saved was confess with our mouth and believe in our heart, Satan and all of his demons would be saved. (See James 2:19.) So, believing alone will not save us. Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." If we believe, we will repent, be baptized in Jesus' Name, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

3. Do I have to be baptized in Jesus' Name?

Yes. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:5, "Except a man be born of water (baptized) and of the Spirit (Holy Ghost), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." The first church only baptized in Jesus' Name. Nowhere in the New Testament after the Day of Pentecost was anyone baptized any other way. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

4. Does everyone speak in tongues when they receive the Holy Ghost?

Yes. When Jesus explained the Holy Ghost to Nicodemus in John 3, He likened the Holy Ghost to wind. Jesus said in John 3:8, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof...so is every one that is born of the Spirit." The Holy Ghost, like the wind, is invisible, but we can hear it and see its effects.

In Acts 2, when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost," they "began to speak with other tongues" (Acts 2:4). In Acts 10, Peter and those who were with him knew that Cornelius and his household had received the Holy Ghost "for they heard them speak with tongues" (Acts 10:46). In Acts 19, when Paul laid his hands on them, "the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spake with tongues" (Acts 19:6).

Myth Buster!

Myth: "Aren't there many ways to be saved?"

Truth: Proverbs 14:12 tells us that a man's ways lead to death, but Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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What Are The Benefits?

1 A New Heart God is interested in new things. Thankfully, through Bible salvation He has the power to remove our old sinful nature and give us a new heart.

Ezekiel 36:26
2 Corinthians 5:17
Colossians 2:11-12

2 Rest and Refreshing Instead of our working hard to be saved by doing good deeds, through Bible salvation Jesus provides a way for us to rest from our work and allow His work at Calvary to save us!

Isaiah 28:11-12
Matthew 11:28-30
Acts 3:19

3 Newness of Life God's Spirit creates a new life for us, an opportunity to start over again, this time doing it God's way. Bible salvation allows us to begin a brand new life.

Romans 6:4
2 Corinthians 3:6
Ephesians 4:24

4 Children of God Some kids may brag about who their parents are, but it can't get any better than being God's kid. After all, He created everything; therefore, it all belongs to Him. If we experience Bible salvation, then we can claim Him as our Heavenly Father!

Romans 8:9, 14-16
Galatians 3:26-27; 4:6-7
1 John 3:1-2

5 Liberty Sin traps people in addictions and guilt; but, when we experience Bible salvation, God sets us free from all the chains of sin that once held us. Nothing is more liberating than Bible salvation!

John 8:32, 36; 10:10
2 Corinthians 3:17
Galatians 5:1

6 Hope Why do so many young people commit suicide? Simply because they feel hopeless. Bible salvation gives us hope not just for tomorrow, but for an eternity with Jesus!

Romans 5:5; 15:13
Colossians 1:27
Titus 2:13

How Can I Be Saved?



Faith

Faith involves believing in someone or

that He will save us when we obey the Bible.

Hebrews 11:6
John 3:15-18; 8:24
Ephesians 2:8, 9

something that we cannot see or touch. God loves our faith and rewards us when we use faith. In fact, without faith we cannot even please God. When we come to God for salvation, we must have faith in God.

Faith is the very first step. If we truly believe Him, we will obey Him. Salvation doesn't just come by our good works, but we are saved by our faith in Jesus and what He did for us at Calvary.

How can we receive salvation from God if we don't first believe in Him? So, we must believe that He alone is God and

Although faith is extremely important, just having faith in God is not enough for salvation.

Obedience



A genuine faith in God will always be followed by obedience to God and the Bible. If we do not obey the Bible, the consequences will be very severe. On the other hand, obeying the gospel (the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus) by repenting of our sins, being baptized in Jesus' Name for the remission of our sins, and receiving the free gift of the Holy Ghost results not only in our salvation but also in access to unbelievable benefits! (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 2:38.)

James 2:19-20
Matthew 7:21
2 Thessalonians 1:8-9



Repentance

The first way to show our faith in God and obedience to the

Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
2 Corinthians 7:9-10
2 Peter 3:9

Bible is to repent of our sins. There are no "right words" to say, God just wants to hear us say, "I'm sorry" from our heart. Repentance isn't just feeling sorry for our sins, although that is a good start, but repentance is also turning from sin and our own desires to God and His desires. In other words, we change our mind about sin and decide to live our life God's way. John the Baptist, Jesus, Peter, and Paul all preached repentance. Repentance is not an option. God commands everyone to repent, so that, when His Spirit comes to live in us, our hearts will be ready for change.