

The Biblical Way of Salvation

Ephesians 2:1-10

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Ephesians 2

By Grace Through Faith

¹ And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Key verse 2:8 By grace you have been saved through faith.

Millions now living will never die. Millions now living are already dead.

2:1 dead in trespasses and sins spiritual death is separation from God.

Ephesians 4:18 they do not understand, and they know nothing, because they refuse to listen. So they cannot have the life that God gives. NCV

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Some mistakenly believe that the gospel, the good news means Christ has reconciled the world to Himself and that is an accomplished fact whether we recognize it or not.

So this means you are going to heaven whether you want to or not.

Biblical salvation is marked as a two way transaction.

It is grace reaching down and faith looking up.

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Let's look at what different ones in the bible have said about salvation.

Devotional helps.

Witnessing helps.

I. What Jesus said.

John 3:16

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¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Believe or perish

There are two ways, two gates, two destinies.

Matthew 7:13-14

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The Narrow Way

¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because^[a] narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 25:34

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³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:41

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⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:46

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⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Luke 13:34

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Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

³⁴ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Why should Jesus weep over the sinners of Jerusalem, if in the end all are to be saved anyway?

Clearly, He was not thinking in terms of universal salvation.

II. What the Apostle Peter said.

Acts 2:38

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³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The prophet Ezekiel defines what is meant by repent in Ezekiel 33:11

Ezekiel 33:11

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¹¹ Say to them: ‘*As I live,*’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’

Defintion of sin: violation of the law of God. Resistance to the will of God for your life. Rejection of His love for you.

Without repentance there is no salvation.

III. What the Apostle Paul said.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

If repentance is unnecessary why would Paul say in Acts 20:31.

Acts 20:31

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³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

IV. What did the Apostle John say?

1 John 1:9

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

Notice the process

Believe, repent, be reconciled, confess.

Salvation does not come in your DNA. You do not inherit it from your parents.

Romans 10:9-10

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⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Each person must individually come to terms with God.

The question is Are you saved?!

V. What says the Holy Spirit- Come.

Revelation 22:17

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¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17

New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

Revelation 22:17

New Century Version (NCV)

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let the one who hears this say, "Come!" Let whoever is thirsty come; whoever wishes may have the water of life as a free gift.

Revelation 22:17

The Message (MSG)

¹⁷"Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride.
Whoever hears, echo, "Come!"
Is anyone thirsty? Come!
All who will, come and drink,
Drink freely of the Water of Life!

John 20:22

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²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:11

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¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Without the dwelling of the Holy Spirit man's best is not enough.

What happens when the transformer is out?!

Peter walked on the water or the Word?

Matthew 14:28, 29 "come"

The Holy Spirit is still saying "come" today.

2 Corinthians 6:2

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² For He says:

*"In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you."*^[a]

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

... Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Now is the time to evangelize the accepted times---the time of God's grace. Today is the day to accept Jesus as Savior Don't hesitate! Don't procrastinate! Do it today.

Romans 1:16

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The Just Live by Faith

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, [\[a\]](#) for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

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There's Room at the Cross for You