

QUESTIONS ABOUT SALVATION

1. Who is the Lord Jesus Christ and why do I need Him?

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Lord God. He is the Creator and only Saviour of mankind.

Over two thousand years ago He lived on Earth—having been born of a virgin at Bethlehem—as a man, yet also wholly God, and as such completely sinless. His life had a specific purpose: to bring abundant life to those who believe on Him (see John 10:10). Whilst on Earth, He healed the sick, raised the dead, taught the multitudes, preached deliverance from evil, and showed great compassion and mercy towards people. He was the very manifestation of truth and love.

The reason each person needs the Lord Jesus Christ is that there is a fundamental problem with mankind, that being sin. Sin is disobedience and rebellion against God. Sin entered into the spirit of man when Adam, the first man, disobeyed God (see Genesis ch.3). Sin resides in the human heart (inner man) and every person has been tainted with it (see Romans 3:10). This sinful nature carries with it the penalty of death and Hell—separation from God, and no amount of good works a person does can earn them a place in Heaven.

Sin has to be dealt with by the power of God. When the Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross at Calvary and shed His innocent blood, He took all of mankind's sin and its penalty of death upon Himself. He became our substitute. After death, He rose from the dead and became our risen, living Saviour. He is in Heaven now and offers salvation today. In order to be saved you must believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for you personally and took all of your sin upon Himself on the Cross. You must personally receive forgiveness and the washing of your sins, and receive the gift of eternal life and reconciliation to God. The Lord Jesus Christ said "...for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24).

"For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

2. How can I be saved?

It is easy to be saved!

If you are ready to make a personal commitment to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and want to be saved, He is listening and will come into your heart, save you from sin and give you eternal life. All you need to do is reach out to God in prayer. You can use this simple prayer: **"Father God, I repent of sin and ask you to please forgive me. I give my life over to you. I invite the Lord Jesus Christ to come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour. I receive the washing away of my sins and I receive the free gift of eternal life you offer to me. Thank you for saving me. In the name of Jesus, Amen."** If you prayed this prayer in sincerity, your spirit has been made new and clean, and you are now a child of God! God is all about new beginnings. We invite you to contact us so that we can send you free resources to help you now grow as a Christian.

"Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

"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." (Romans 10:9)

3. But I think I have been a good person, isn't that enough to get me to Heaven?

The Bible teaches that good works or leading a good life cannot earn a person a place in Heaven. The reason is that the fundamental sinful nature of human beings needs to be changed, and good works can't change it. Christianity is not a works-based religion. It is a religion of salvation by God's grace. Salvation and eternal life are freely offered to all. All a person needs to do is reach out to God, believe Him and receive Christ personally as Lord.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

4. Why is trusting on Christ the only way I can be saved? What about other religions?

The Bible teaches that personally trusting on the Lord Jesus Christ is the **only** way a person can be saved and go to Heaven. The Bible reveals that the Lord Jesus Christ alone is the Creator of all things, and is the eternal, Almighty God (see Colossians 1:16, 17 and John 1:1–3).

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

"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)

5. What must I do after I am saved?

There are some very important things God tells Christians to do. God's will is that Christians maintain their salvation, keep going forward and getting stronger in their faith.

1. Find a Bible-believing Church and fellowship regularly with other Christians. If you are in our region, we would love to welcome you to Victory Faith Centre.
2. Read from the Holy Bible regularly and consistently. (*You can find a PDF copy of the Holy Bible—Authorised King James Version on this website under the 'Holy Bible' tab in free downloads.*)
3. Pray regularly. God desires that you communicate with Him in prayer.
4. Share the Gospel (good news) with others. God wants His Kingdom to grow and you can play an important role in telling others about salvation through Christ.