

# Biblical answers about salvation

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# What does it mean that God is holy?

“But as he which hath called you is holy\*, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15,16)

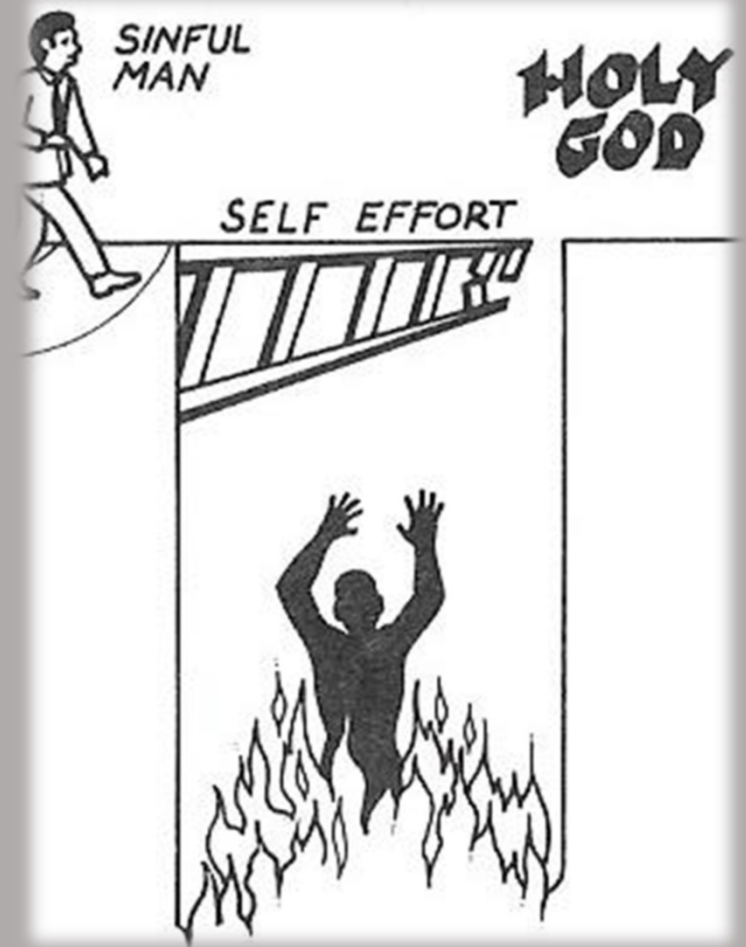
“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5)

\* Incorruptible, undefiled by sin, separate from darkness.

# What is the problem with man?

“Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12)

“For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23; See also sin defined in 1 John 3:4 & hear “Biblical answers about Hell”)



# Why is blood needed to take away sin?

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**” (Hebrews 9:22; see also Leviticus 17:11)

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29; see also 1 Corinthians 5:7)



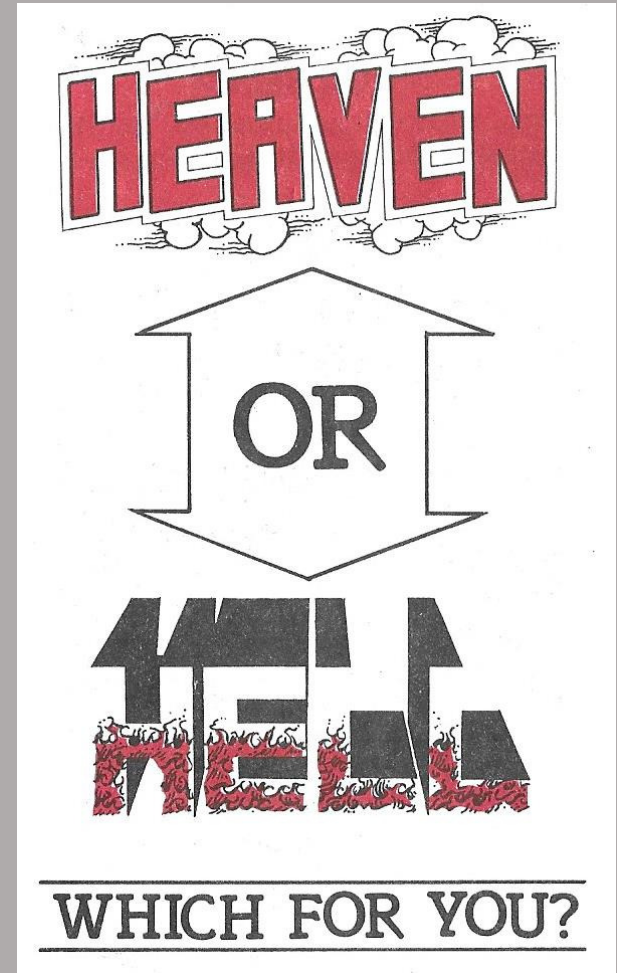
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“And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in **the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were **by nature the children of wrath**, even as others.” (Ephesians 2:1-3)

# What is man's nature without God?

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.” (John 3:19,20)

“For **ye were sometimes darkness**, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light”  
(Ephesians 5:8)





# What is man's nature without God?

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to **them that are lost**: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest **the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Corinthians 4:3,4)

**Man's nature (his spirit) must be changed.**



# What is the Gospel?

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved\*, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:1,2)

\* Salvation is through the Gospel of Christ

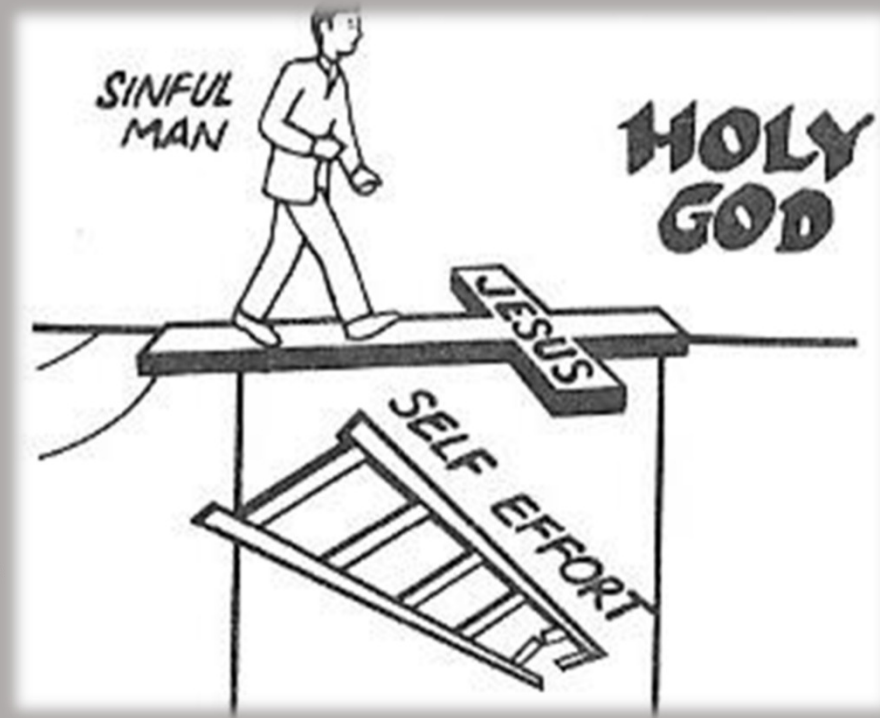
(see also Mark 16:15,16).



# What is the Gospel?

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again**\* the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

\* This means that Jesus is the living Saviour.



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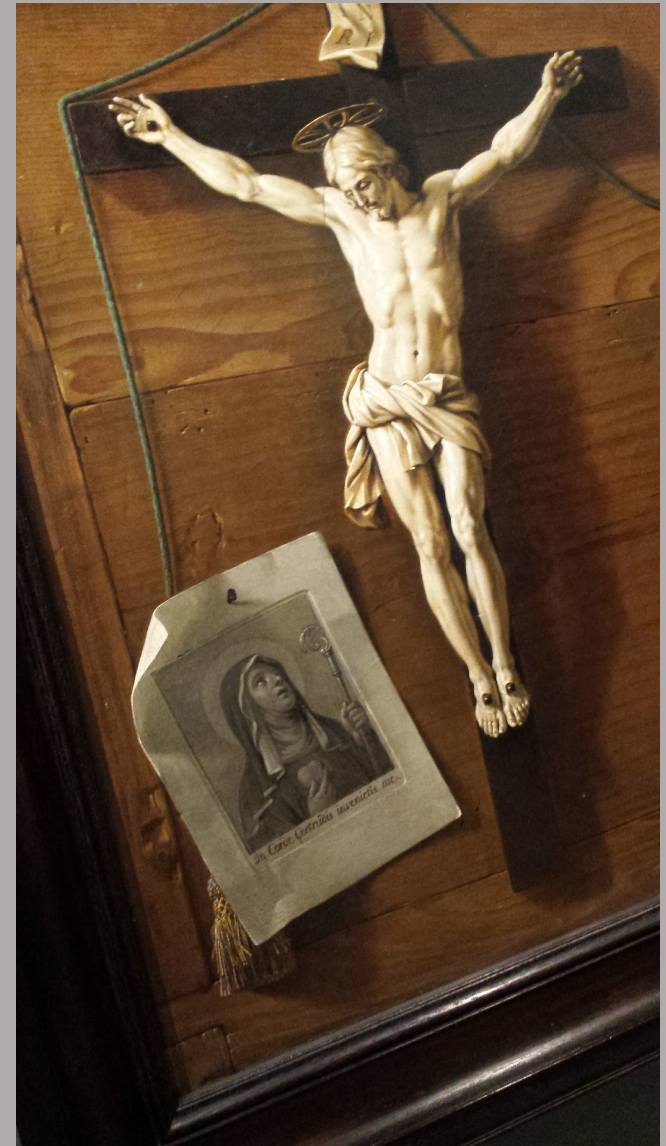
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# Not the Catholic Christ still on the cross

The Bible rebukes this type of thing:

“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you,  
that ye should not obey the truth, **before whose  
eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth,  
crucified among you?**” (Galatians 3:1)





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Hebrews 7:24,25)

Christ now lives and works in His people:

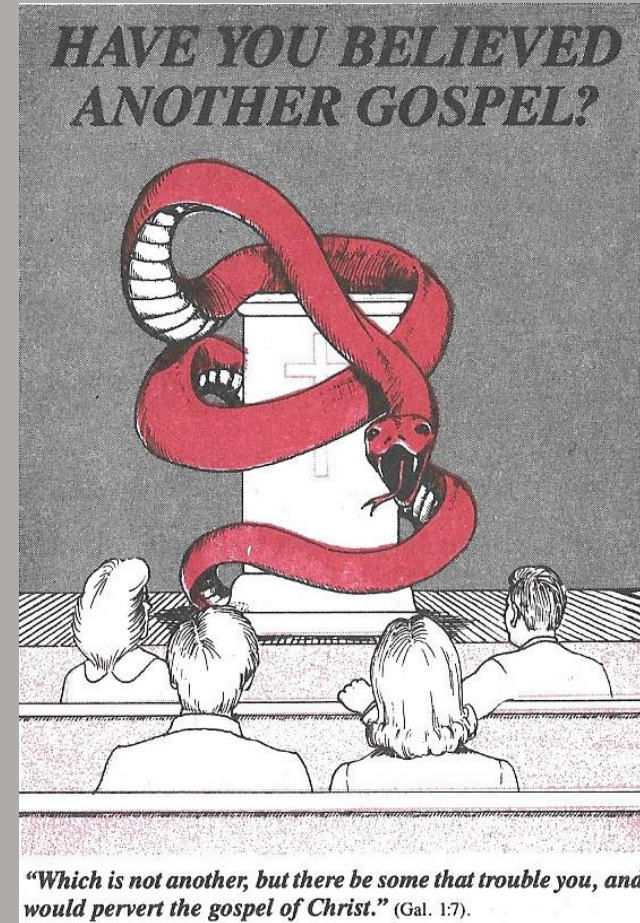
“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith” (Ephesians 3:17a)



# Is the Gospel the same today?

“And **this gospel** of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14)

“For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:4)



# Are people saved by their good works?

No. Christ did the work of salvation and paid for it by His blood.

“... the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28b; see also 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-20)

“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; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour” (Titus 3:5,6; see also Ephesians 2:7-10)



# Is the Gospel needed for man's salvation?

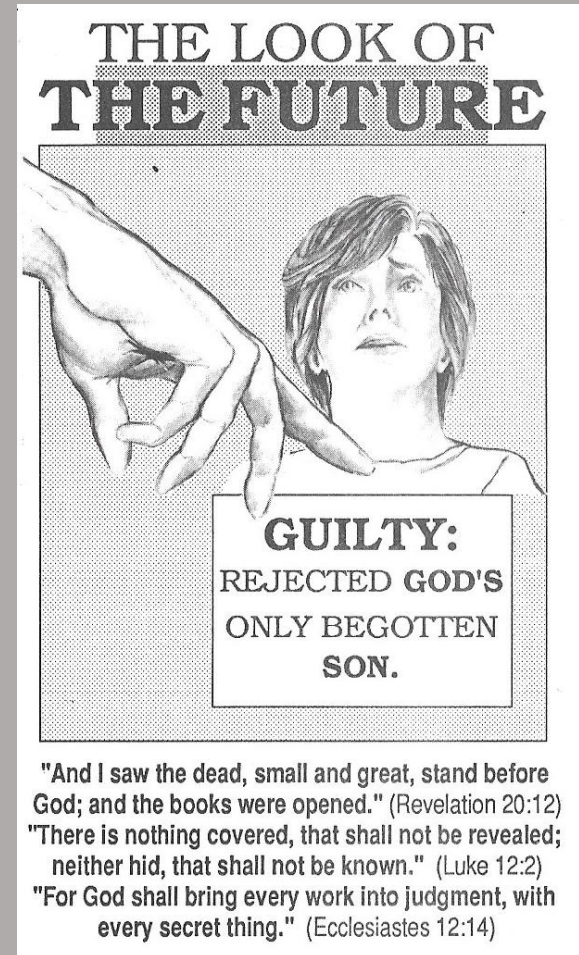
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

“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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9,10)

# How can people get to Heaven?

“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)

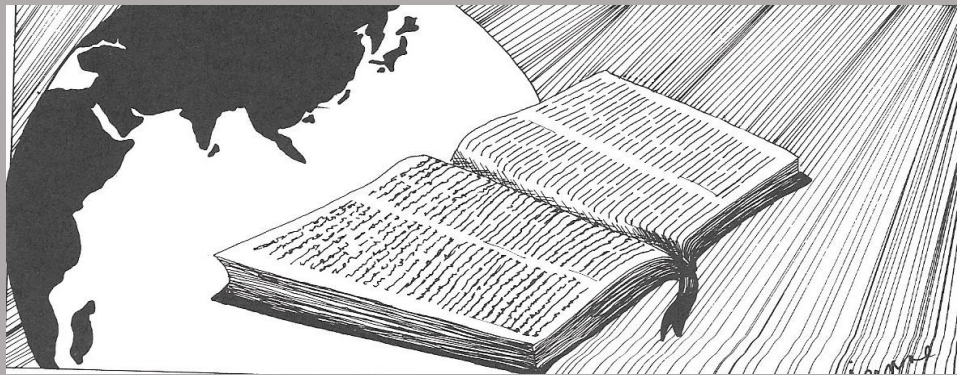
“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12; see also John 10:9)



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“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” (John 1:12; see John 3:16)

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24)

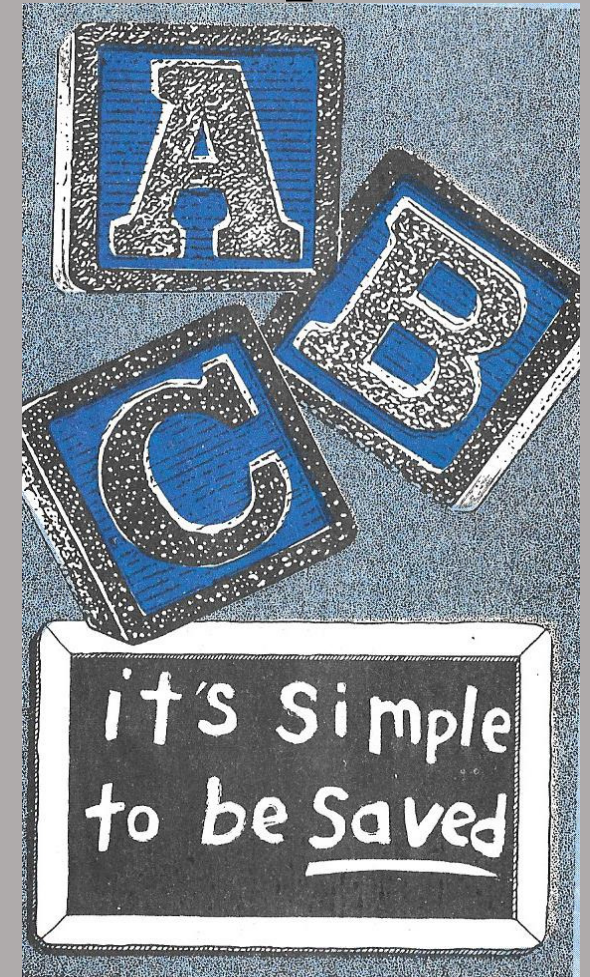


# What does it mean to obey the Gospel?

Mankind must respond in obedience and belief to what God has provided in Christ.

“they have not all obeyed the gospel” (Romans 10:16)

1. Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15,16)
2. Repent of sin (Mark 1:14,15; Acts 2:38)
3. Receive Christ as Saviour and Lord (John 1:12; Romans 10:8-10)
4. Follow Christ by faith (Matthew 16:24; Romans 1:17)





# Does a saved person go directly to Heaven?

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:8)

“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise\*.” (Luke 23:43)

\* Paradise is now in Heaven according to 2 Corinthians 12:4.



## What does it mean to be 'born again'?

“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. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” (John 3:3-7)

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“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.” (1

John 5:1)

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ... And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter

1:23,25b; see also 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)



# What is a 'new creature' in Christ?

When you are born again, your spirit is made new.

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**” (John 3:6; see also Ephesians 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:17)





# Is salvation just about getting entry into Heaven?

“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to **the saving of the soul.**” (Hebrews 10:38,39)

“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness **the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**” (James 1:21)

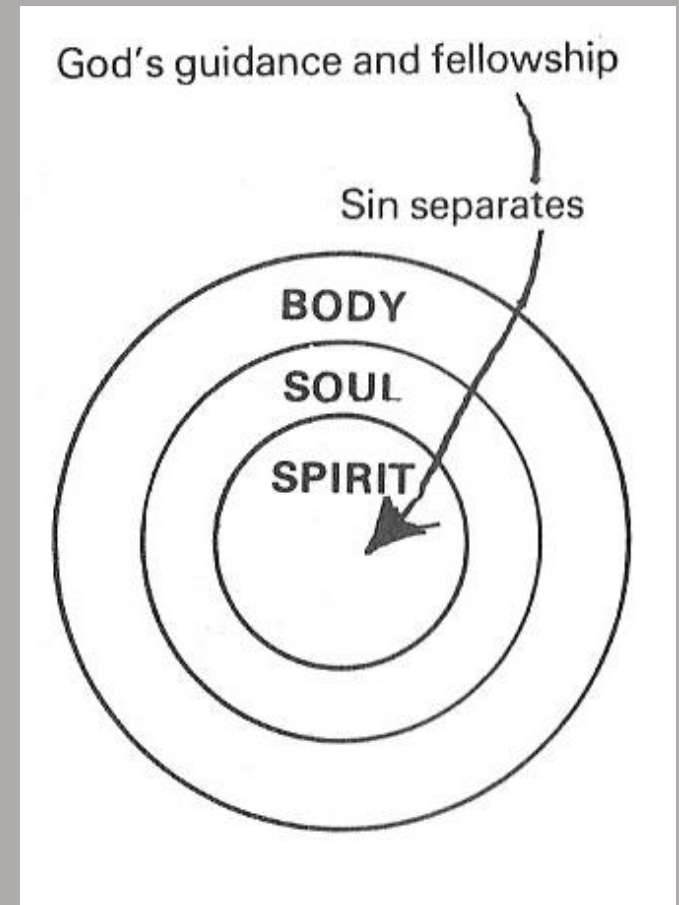
**The saving of the soul is different from being born again.**

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“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, **even as thy soul prospereth.**” (3 John 2)

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

(Romans 12:2)



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“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.” (Matthew 4:23)

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ... And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” (Mark 16:15,20)

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“Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **preached Christ unto them**. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing **the miracles** which he did.” (Acts 8:5,6)

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

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“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13,14)



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