

Questions and answers on Salvation

Question: What does it mean to be saved?

Answer: It is to be liberated from sin and its consequences in a spiritual and eternal death.

Question: Can man save himself?

Answer: Since man fell into sin, he became a captive to both sin and the devil. Man also suffers the consequences in a spiritual, physical and eternal death. Man therefore cannot save himself without the liberating power of God (Romans 6:23).

Question: What is sin?

Answer: Sin is the transgression or the disobedience to God's law. It is also the denial to acknowledge oneself as a sinner and thus not asking for God's forgiveness. Since the fall of the first man Adam, all of humanity is separated from God and has the sin nature abiding in them. Thus, all have sinned (Romans 3:23).

Question: Do good works give salvation?

Answer: No works of man no matter how good can make him saved. Man's self righteousness at its best is like filthy rags before God. It is only through the grace of God that is received through faith in Jesus Christ that one can be saved (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Question: Do all religions lead to God?

Answer: All religions do not lead to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father (God) except through Me." Jesus is the only Savior and Mediator between God and man. Religions teach man what he ought to do by himself to be saved. But the gospel teaches us what God has done to save man. We are saved only through the grace that is in Jesus Christ.

Question: Is Christianity a religion?

Answer: It doesn't matter how you consider it. The important thing is knowing what it means to be a Christian. To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. It entails knowing the difference between the past as a sinner and the present as a new creature in Christ. It is a lifestyle guided by the principles of the Bible (2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

Question: Are all Christians saved?

Answer: Every genuine Christian should be saved. But unfortunately, this is not the case. There are many who go to church but who do not yet have the experience of regeneration or a personal testimony of their salvation. So many are nominal and have neither separated themselves from sin nor from their sinful cultural practices that oppose the Bible. Unless they come before God in repentance, and invite the Lord Jesus to come into their lives and be their Savior and Lord, they too shall be condemned (2Timothy 2:19-21).

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Question: What makes salvation possible?

Answer: In olden times, God demanded from man a strict and regulated lifestyle, coupled with the sacrifices of certain animals whose blood was to cover man's sins. But in the dispensation of grace, God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to be crucified on the cross so that His blood would pay for, and cleanse all of man's sins. Salvation is thus made possible only through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Ephesians 2:13-16).

Question: Can one be saved and know it?

Answer: Yes. Since no one is born saved, the day you get saved you know it even more than you know the day you were born. In fact, being saved is also described as being born again. It is an experience that assures you of your salvation and that you have become a child of God. If you doubt your salvation, then you better take the necessary steps to be saved (1John 5:13).

Question: What must I do to be saved?

Answer: You simply need to acknowledge the fact that you are a sinner before God. Then you ask God in prayers to forgive you of all your sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. Invite Jesus into your life to be your personal Lord and Savior. Then take the decision to live to live the rest of your life to please and serve Him (Romans 10:9-10).

LET'S PRAY

A prayer for salvation can look like this: **"Dear God, I come to You this day in total repentance. I acknowledge that I am a sinner and have fallen far short of your standards. I ask for forgiveness for all my sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. (Name those you can remember). I also invite the Lord Jesus Christ into my life to be my personal Lord and Savior. Give me the grace to live the rest of my life for You and to spend eternity with You in heaven. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.**

If you have done this in sincerity, then know that God has forgiven you totally. Praise God, you are saved. Salvation is personal. So, do not allow anybody to influence you negatively on your decision. What you need to do is talk to God daily in prayers as well as obtain and study your Bible daily too. Having known the truth, I counsel that you seek for a spiritual and committed spiritual church where its worshippers are truly born again Christians and prove to lead a righteous lifestyle.

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