

Salvation Nuggets

Jesus is Salvation: If you try to work it out you'll miss it, but if you receive it you'll get it. Receiving Jesus is receiving salvation.

Jesus is Truth: Truth is the right among the "good." Jesus says, "I am the truth" (John 14:6).

Jesus is Righteousness: Man's righteousness at its best is like filthy rags before God. True purity and righteousness comes only when we are clothed by God's indwelling presence. It is a gift of grace.

Jesus is Peace: Not as the world thinks, peace is not just the absence of war. Not as passivism considers, it is not just a state of emotional solace or ecstasy. Peace is a state of an unstrained relationship with God and a divine assurance in the present and future. Jesus says "I give you my peace..." (John 14:27).

Jesus is Light: Engrossed in moral and spiritual darkness, the world needs light. There is no real light outside the divine. Jesus says in John 8:12 "I am the Light of the world. He who comes after me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

Jesus is Grace: An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is the law that governs the nations. But grace is God's pardoning, enabling and enriching provision. Simply put, Jesus is the embodiment, fullness and source of all grace. Only in Jesus can you find grace.

Jesus is Love: "Greater love has no one than for a man to lay down his life for his friends." Jesus is the only one who ever laid down His life so that we might have eternal life. Believe in Him and eternal life shall be your portion.

Jesus is Hope: Many have hoped and hoped in vain. Hope based on materialism is vain and fleeting. Only in Jesus is there a lasting and eternal hope. This is the hope that guarantees your eternal destiny.

Jesus is Life: Life goes beyond a simple biological existence. Human life goes further to include his moral and spiritual wellbeing. The life worth living and never to be regretted is the life that has a divine and eternal value. Only in Jesus do we find the right kind of abundant life which shall culminate into eternity. Receive this kind of life now freely.

What we must know

The gospel of Jesus Christ offers an absolute forgiveness of sins and a concrete assurance of salvation. As a human still living you can know for sure if your sins are truly forgiven by God and whether if you died right away you would go to spend eternity in heaven (paradise) or not.

The only condition to have this kind of assurance is to **acknowledge and receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life as your personal Lord and Savior.** He is the only living sacrificial Lamb whose atoning blood is actually able and available to cleanse you of all your sins and guilt. Remember, Him alone has completed the work and paid the full price to pay for the sins of the whole world.

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What we must do

Since many people have deceived themselves in thinking they are Christians when they are not, and since many have not yet known what it truly means to be saved, it is therefore necessary for us to know and follow the simple steps that lead to salvation. This, I have put it in an A, B, C procedure.

ADMIT that you are a sinner and that by your personal endeavors you cannot be saved. *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1John 1:8); "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).*

BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died on the cross to cleanse and pay for your sins so that you can inherit His righteousness. *"For with the heart man believes unto righteousness" (Rom 10:9,10a).* By believing, you depend solely on this work of grace to be saved.

CONFESS your sins to God through Jesus Christ. Also confess Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. *"If we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1John 1:9).*

DENY AND DENOUNCE the works of darkness and continue in a steadfast relationship with Christ. Then find a Bible believing and practicing church and continue in the fellowship and service of Christ *"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" (11Cor.6:14).*

If you do this, have the certitude God will forgive your sins immediately and make you His child.

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. Where you worship matters a lot, because it can either help bring you closer to God or take you further away from God. 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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