

# THIS GREAT SALVATION

“Your Foundation”

## Key Text: ACTS 4:12

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED?

**Salvation is the deliverance from SIN and all its CONSEQUENCES.** The Greek word translated into English as “save” means safe & delivered. When Jesus saves a person they are “safe” & delivered from... the guilt of sin (**Rom. 5:1; Heb. 10:22**), from the law and its curse (**Gal. 3:13; Col. 2:14**), from eternal death (**1 Pet. 1:3–5; 1 Cor. 15:51–56**), from eternal judgment (**Rom. 5:9; Heb. 9:28**) also from fear of God’s wrath, (**Heb. 2:15; 2 Tim. 1:7, 9**) and from bondage (**Tit. 2:11–3:6; Gal 5:1**). In addition to being saved from all that... Salvation comes with **the bestowal of spiritual blessings in Christ** (Eph. 1:3), which include **THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** and a life of **ETERNAL BLESSING**.



## DROWNING IN THE “SEA” OF SIN:

The most dominant characteristic of sin in all of its aspects is that it is directed against God (cf. Ps. 51:4; Rom. 8:7). Sin is always a violation of that which God’s glory demands and what His nature represents. Therefore, in its essence

**SIN IS EVERYTHING THAT IS IN CONFLICT WITH GOD.** This makes Sin a BIG deal...

like a giant SEA. Some of the descriptions the Bible gives for sin include, “Missing the Mark”, “Trespass” (Rom. 5:15), “Lawlessness” (1 John 3:4), “Rebellion” or “deliberate wrongdoing” (Eph. 5:6). Sin is whatever is against God’s “Norm & that which is right in His eyes”.

## THE BAD NEWS ABOUT SIN & ITS CONSEQUENCES...

- SIN IS REAL...to say it does not exist is calling God a liar. **1 John 1:8-10**
- WE’RE BORN THIS WAY...from birth we are in “Iniquity”. **Romans 5:12; Psalms 51:5**
- Its UNIVERSAL, 100% of mankind has GONE ASTRAY...Everyone is selfish or poisoned by “SELF-WILL”. **Isa. 53:6; Romans 3:11,12. Prov. 20:9**
- WE CAN’T FIX IT: We are Helpless & Powerless against SIN. **Romans 5:6; Prov. 20:9; Heb. 4:13**
- SIN PUT US AT WAR WITH GOD. “ENMITY”. There is a real hostility between God, His Spirit and His Word. **Romans 5:10; 8:7**
- SIN = DEATH both Spiritually and Physically. This is separation from the life of God. **Eph. 2:1,5; Romans 6:23**
- THERE IS NO BOASTING IN GOOD WORKS. No One Is Good And All Have Fallen Short Of God’s Standards... **Romans 3:23**
- SIN MAKES US OBJECTS OF WRATH: The Wrath or Judgement of God is REAL which is experienced both now and eternally in HELL! **John 3:36; Romans 1:17-18**



# He who believes in the Son has eternal life....

## GOD MUST JUDGE SIN BECAUSE HE IS JUST AND HOLY.

The unchangeable attributes of God mean that nothing “tainted” by sin is allowed to stay in His presence or go unpunished. **(Romans 1:18; Leviticus 19:2; Hebrews 12:14)** Sin must be judged by a Holy God. This is why Sin separated Adam & Eve from God in the garden of Eden and why it still separates man from God today.

From the beginning, God declared that sin would bring about death. So, it is, that from the day Adam and Eve sinned, death has been a reality for all mankind. **(Romans 5:12)**

God dealt with the consequences of sin by the shedding of innocent blood. The nakedness of Adam and Eve, *(Something that was shameful only after they had sinned)* was covered through the shedding of an innocent animals’ blood. **(Genesis 3:21)**. This act was how the concept of a substitutionary death was first introduced in the Bible. This is why the Bible states... “But without the shedding of blood there will be no removal of sin.” **(Hebrews 9:22)**

The Bible reveals that God is HOLY (1 Peter 1:16) and that He is LOVE (1 John 4:16)

These are both unchangeable attributes and are not expressed at the expense of either.

**...but he who does not obey the Son will not see life,  
but the wrath of God abides on him.”**

## WHAT IS THE ATONEMENT

The word ‘atonement’ is a term that means ‘a making at one’. This word points to a process of bringing those who are estranged from one another back into unity. Its use in the Bible denotes the work of Christ in dealing with the problem posed by the sin of man. Sin separated us from God and atonement is the process of bringing us back into unity with our creator. **(Isa. 59:2; Col. 1:20-22; Eph. 2:13-16; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 4:10)** The word ‘Propitiation’ means that God’s wrath against sin has been satisfied. An important question is, who would like to pay for their own sin? The penalty or payment is death eternal.

**IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE  
LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED  
US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE  
PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.**

1 JOHN 4:10

## WHY “JESUS”?

Because Jesus is the only “Lamb” of God. **(John 1:36)**

This is a phrase referencing the Jewish law illustrating how God

required an animal sacrifice to pay for sin. A lamb that was perfect physically and one that had been set aside for the purpose of sacrificing was killed and burned on an altar for sin. **(Numbers 6:14; 1 Peter 1:19)**

This sacrifice of an innocent and perfect lamb before a holy God was yet another illustration of what Jesus would eventually do upon the cross. **(Numbers 28:3-10; 1 John 2:2; 2 Cor 5:21)** Jesus was born of a virgin which meant that He was not conceived in “Iniquity” like the rest of mankind. Jesus also lived a natural/ human life without any sin! Because Jesus was sinless & perfect He alone was qualified to be a sacrificial lamb. When Jesus was raised to life again that was proof of his deity and power...Jesus legally satisfied ALL of the requirements of God’s Justice for SIN. **(1 Peter 3:18)** The Resurrection proved that “DEATH HAD LOST ITS POWER”. The penalty for all sin was completely satisfied by Jesus. There is never another sacrifice for sin required... So, here is exactly HOW you can be saved from sin & its consequences.



# WHAT IS NEEDED FROM YOU TO BE SAVED?

Confess, Repent & Believe! That's it. **Mark 1:15; Rom. 10:9,10**

## CONFESS & REPENT

What is **CONFESSION**? Confession is agreeing with God that you have sinned and fallen short! It is actually pleading "GUILTY" to the crime of sin. The emotional component of Confession is Heart-brokenness and godly-sorrow. You should feel sad and grieved over your sin. This feeling is called conviction and it is inspired by the Holy Spirit. **John 16:8; Acts 2:37**. This action is analogous to "Coming into Light". **The light of the Holy Spirit reveals the truth about you and your sin.** This is something that mankind naturally wishes to avoid because it is inherently painful. (**John 3:19,20; Isa. 6:5; Luke 5:8**) But as is the case with many...at the word of God the heart is grieved and convicted. See **Jonah chapter 3**

**REPENT**. Repentance will be dealt with in greater detail in chapter 2, but in simple terms it means to "turn". Repentance shows the evidence of a 180° turn in behavior and mindset. Often confession and sorrow flows from the seat of our emotions whereas repentance flows more from the conscious "Will". God gives this new heart and will to a repentant person. (**Ezek. 36:26; 2 Cor.5:17**) As a new creation there is a new zeal to do what God wants. Notice how Paul taught repentance...**Acts 26:19-20**. "...we should repent and turn to God, and do works befitting repentance." One story exemplifying this repentance is the account of Zacchaeus the tax collector. (Refer to **Luke 19:1-10**).

**BELIEVE**. This is having a "FAITH" in the sacrifice Jesus made for personal-sin on the cross over two thousand years ago. This is a strong persuasion or belief that God accepted Jesus' blood as full payment for the sins of the world; yours included. (**Colossians 1:20; 2:14**) In addition to believing that the sacrifice for sin has been accepted, it is also believing that Jesus continues to intercede and provide us with all that is needed for life and Godliness. **Romans 10:9,10; Romans 5:1,2; Ephesians 2:8,9; 2 Peter 1:3**. This belief on the good news is what is referred to in **John 3:36** "**He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.**"

**Belief is not done once and then forgotten, it is ongoing.** This will mean a lifestyle of believing. To believe you must continue reading and staying in the Bible, you must continue fellowship with the Spirit through prayer and worship. You must obey God's word and serve Him faithfully. **John 8:31,32** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "**If you continue in My word**, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

## BEING SAVED IS MORE THAN MENTAL AGREEMENT... ...IT IS A LIFESTYLE OF FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD.

(Prov. 8:13, Prov. 16:6; 2Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:21; 1Pet. 1:22). These references point out that ones' belief includes a continued obedience or "WALK" congruent with one's faith. **Being saved actually requires that you have a "RELATIONSHIP" with Jesus.** This relationship is one where you submit to and relate with Jesus as your Lord & Savior. You will also be Baptized(which means IMMERSED) into Jesus' family or church. You will have a relationship with other believers who are also saved and submitted to Jesus as their Lord.

## DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

## NEXT STEPS:

If you are sensing the need to confess and repent then do it without delay. This is also the time for you to affirm your belief in Jesus for your own salvation from sin. You can do this by agreeing with this simple “written prayer-statement” that is based upon the verses in this study.

Please “**Sign it**” and then “**Share it**” with a friend or a pastor. If you do not fellowship with other believers then you are invited to come to ***The Visible Church*** where you may be baptized and enjoy the encouragement of other believers.

## A PRAYER OF SALVATION:

Today, ***I confess*** (acknowledge) before God that I am a sinner deserving His judgment. ***I repent*** and turn away from all my sinful ways to follow Jesus as Lord. ***I believe*** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and that His blood was shed for all my sins. ***I accept His FORGIVENESS. I accept the gift of salvation because of His great Love and Mercy for me.*** I ask the Lord to fill me now with the Holy Spirit and mark me for heaven. Now, I rejoice in the truth that God has saved me from all of my sins. From this day forward, I will joyfully confess to others that Jesus is my LORD & SAVIOR.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_