

If You Don't Know
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WHERE YOU'RE GOING

YOU MAY BE LOST

I AM THE WAY (JESUS CHRIST)
John 14:6

I AM THE TRUTH (JESUS CHRIST)
John 14:6

I AM THE LIFE (JESUS CHRIST)
John 14:6

I AM THE RESURRECTION (JESUS CHRIST)
John 11:25

I AM THE DOOR (JESUS CHRIST)
John 10:9

I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE ENDING, saith the Lord,
WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY.
Revelation 1:8 (JESUS CHRIST)

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
John 8:12 (JESUS CHRIST)

IS THIS TOO COMPLICATED?

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

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.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that come upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:8 - 10:13

Background

God made man in his image
Genesis 1:26

God came down and fellowshiped with man
Genesis 3:8

Man was given control of the earth
Genesis 1:28

Man was safe as long as he listened to and obeyed God

Man listened to Satan

Sin came into man and man partook of Satan's nature and was corrupted

Fellowship with God was broken

Man was no longer on the level where fellowship with God was possible

God wants to fellowship with man

God is perfect

He could not fellowship with sinful man

They were no longer on the same level because of sin

God came down to talk to man

Man ran and hid from God
Genesis 3:10

Man runs from God until fellowship is restored

God sought out man and found him

The wages of sin is death
Genesis 2:17, Romans 5:12, 6:23

God has to judge man when he sins

Man has a curse on himself because of what he had done

God made man leave the Garden of Eden

He said man would die because of sin

Death became our enemy

Death is the last enemy that will be put under Jesus' feet
I Corinthians 15:26

Man lost fellowship with his creator

God still loved man
John 3:16

God made a covenant with man

This was an agreement

God agreed to protect man under certain conditions

He gave man the ten commandments as a condition of the covenant
Exodus 20

These were to teach man what God expected

They were a schoolmaster to bring man to Jesus
Galatians 3:24

Man immediately broke these commandments

Man's nature is to sin

All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God
Romans 3:23

When man sinned and broke the commandments, a penalty was given

Death was the penalty

God wanted to protect man from judgment

God established a priesthood for man

This was a way to keep God from having to destroy man completely

When man sinned, he now had a way to be forgiven

In order for God to fellowship with man, man's nature must be changed

Sin must be done away with

God is a righteous God

He can not overlook sin
Sin has to be dealt with
When man breaks God's commandments, God has to punish him
The penalty for sinning is death
All men have sinned
Man tries to get to heaven by doing good works
But they are never good enough
All of man's righteousness is as filthy rags in the sight of God Isaiah 64:6
Sin has to be dealt with completely
God gave man a way of atonement to appease his justice
It was a blood sacrifice
Because sin has to be accounted for and because the wages of sin is death, something has to die
God allowed man to use certain animals to cover his sins
One of these was a lamb
This was given for an atonement
The lamb was innocent, but it died and temporary covered man's sin
It was an atonement or a covering Leviticus 17:11
It did not get rid of man's sin Hebrews 10
It was only a covering
It could never get rid of sin
But when God saw the blood he knew that something had died
This appeased his justice temporary
But this had to be repeated over and over
This did not bring man to the level where God could fellowship with Him on the level He desired
There had to be a better way
God promised a new covenant
God promised a better covenant Jeremiah 31:31
Man could not redeem his soul because all men had sinned
Only a blood sacrifice can pay for sin
God is a Spirit so He could not pay the sacrifice with His blood
A Spirit does not have blood
By man sin came into the world and death by sin
By man sin must be dealt with
It would take a perfect sacrifice
No man on earth could redeem himself for all have sinned
God came to the earth as a man Matthew 1:23
A flesh and blood human - One with blood
He was born without sin
He was perfect
He was born of a virgin Isaiah 7:14
His name was Jesus
He was born to die
He was perfect so He had no sin

When He was born, He acted out the part of a Lamb
 When He was born, He was born in a stable
 Shepherds came to see Him
 Wise men came to see Him
 John the Baptist called Him the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world
 John 1:29
 He lived a perfect life Hebrews 4:15
 He could not die because He had never sinned
 He came to die to pay the penalty for our sins
 Men took and crucified Him
 While He was on the cross, God took all of mankind's sins and put them on Jesus
 He became sin II Corinthians 5:21
 Now He could die
 All man's sins were placed on Jesus
 Man's sins were paid for
 Justice has been satisfied
 God is satisfied I John 1:9, 2:1, 2:2
 Jesus went to heaven
 He is the mediator of a new and better covenant I Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 8:6
 Since He was the Son of God, He could represent God Mark 1:1
 Since He was the Son of Man, He could represent man Matthew 8:20
 His sacrifice was accepted by God
 He became our High Priest Hebrews 2:17, 4:14, 4:15, 5:5, 6:20, 7:26, 8:1, 8:3
 He sits at the right hand of God making intercession for us Mark 16:19, Romans 8:34
 When we ask Jesus to save us, He forgives our sins I John 1:9
 He sent back the Holy Spirit Acts 2:33
 When we ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts, He comes in Revelation 3:20
 All our sins are forgiven
 They've been paid for by Jesus Christ
 Jesus comes into our hearts
 Our hearts are changed
 We have been born again John 3:7, 3:8
 We have a new nature, the nature of God Romans 8:9
 This is because of the Spirit of God in us Colossians 1:27
 We can fellowship with God Hebrews 4:16
 We can do His works John 14:12
 We were created for good works Ephesians 2:10
 Good works do not save us Ephesians 2:8, 2:9
 They show that we are saved James 2:17
 We are made in the image of God Genesis 1:27
 Our spirits are new
 Man is now righteous because his sins are forgiven II Corinthians 5:21,
 I John 1:9
 He has a new heart Ezekiel 36:26
 He has a new spirit Ezekiel 11:19

God loves us John 3:16
He can not forgive us just because He loves us
Sin Has to be dealt with
The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin I John 1:7-9
We are justified
We are sanctified
We are filled with God's Spirit Ephesians 5:18
God is still righteous because He did not overlook sin
We are the righteousness of God II Corinthians 5:21
We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works
Sin has been paid for by the blood of His own Son
We have a better covenant
The covenant is between God and Jesus

Our sins are not covered, they are cleansed
They do not exist anymore
We are the righteousness of God
We are born again
The Spirit of God lives in us
We are saved by the blood of Jesus
We are sons of God Romans 8:14
This is a legal fact
We are called Christians

Have your sins been paid for?
Have you been born again?
Will you go to Heaven?

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

God accepts everyone who comes to him through Jesus. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37.

Jesus said, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:7

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (of sins). Hebrews 9:22

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

Your Mommy can't save you
Your Daddy can't save you
Your priest can't save you
Your preacher can't save you

Your church can't save you
Your good works can't save you
Your religion can't save you
Your good deeds can't save you
You can't save yourself

Your nature must be changed
But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.
Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Romans 8:9

How are you going to get to heaven?

The Answer
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Quit competing with Jesus Christ
There's no way to win
You can't measure up
You've been marred by sin.

Jesus is the perfect model
He's the perfect man
He's the Lamb of God
He's the answer to sin.

He was sent by God
He will return again
He was called the Son of God
He was called the Son of Man.

Religion won't save you
It won't free sinful man
The blood of a lamb is needed
To cleanse us from our sin.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
God's life ran through His veins
Only He can give eternal life
You must be born again.

Good works do not save us
Good sinners still have sin
Good grief, why can't we see
Only blood can cleanse from sin.

God had the answer
And He sent it to man
He's waiting for your answer
What about sin?

Don't bring God good works
Don't bring Him your sin
Just present yourself as you are
Cleansed from every sin.

Jesus is our Lord and Savior
He's the answer for every man
He's the only answer God accepts
What's your answer, man?

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

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? Matthew 6:27

What would a man give in exchange for his soul?

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matthew 16:26

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

Jesus said that his disciples were now the light of the world. The only light we have comes from Jesus. If you don't have light, you are in darkness. You can't see without a light. Are you walking in darkness? When will your light go out? What kind of light do you have? Maybe you need a new one. See Matthew 5:14

What happens when a person gets saved?

When a person is born again, he starts a brand new life. His old life is dead. His past is dead. He needs to be buried. This is done in water baptism. When a person dies, he needs to be buried. Sprinkling a little dirt on someone's head does not bury him. When you go under the water in water baptism, you are being symbolically buried. When you come up, you are to walk a brand new life with Jesus Christ. Baptizing does not save. It only shows that you are saved. Some people baptize their children when they are still babies. When they are born again, they need to be baptized. Romans 6:4

A person needs to study the Bible. The word of God is alive. It feeds your soul and spirit. When you start off, you are a baby and can't swallow everything. You need to feed on the milk of the word to grow. After a while you can take the meat of the word if you grow. Hebrews 4:12, I Corinthians 3:2, I Peter 2:2

You need to fellowship with other Christians. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

You need to listen to other Christians. God also sends preachers and teachers to teach us. We can learn by listening to them. But read the Bible for yourselves. If you don't know what the Bible says, you have to depend on someone else to teach you. If they are wrong, you will be wrong. The Bible says, And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Matthew 15:14 Learn to listen to your inner man or spirit and the Holy Spirit to discern right from wrong. If someone teaches something that is not right, even if they are a preacher, don't listen to them. Read the Bible and find out the truth. The truth will make you free.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

Jesus said, It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

Maybe you think God won't save you.

Jesus paid a high price for your soul. Who would pay such a high price for something and then not accept it?

You are not the best person in the world. But you are not the worse person in the world. You are somewhere in between.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

If Jesus can save the best person in the world and the worse person in the world, he can save anyone in between. It is because of who Jesus is that you get saved; not because of who you are. You deserve to go to hell because of your sins. But you deserve to go to heaven because Jesus bought you the right when He paid for your sins on the cross. You go to hell because you don't take advantage of your rights.

Hell was not made for man. Hell was created for the devil and his angels. You go to hell as an intruder. Hell has to enlarge itself to make room for the people going there. Hell will not have to enlarge itself for me. I don't even like to be sunburned. See Isaiah 5:14

Jesus says that He will not turn anyone away that comes to him. It is up to you to come to him.

All that Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Hebrews 7:26

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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

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Romans 10:11

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. Romans 10:12

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? Romans 10:16

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

The Plan of Salvation

God the Father sends the Holy Spirit to get a bride for His Son
The Holy Spirit convicts man of his sin and need for a Savior
The Holy Spirit draws man to Jesus
God's word shows man how to come to Jesus and be saved
The Holy Spirit anoints preachers or teachers or Christians to give the invitation
Man responds or rejects the invitation
The ones who accept asks Jesus to come into their heart
Man comes into the family of God
Jesus forgives man of his sins and cleanses him from sin by His blood
Man asks the Holy Spirit to fill him
The Holy spirit comes in and makes man's body His home
Man becomes the temple of God
God does not dwell in man made temples now
God dwells is in the hearts of believers
If you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you are none of His
Jesus has gone to prepare a home for Christians
He will return soon to receive man
Jesus came once to redeem the church
He will come again to receive the church
He will return a third time with the church to set up His kingdom for a thousand year reign called the millennium

There are three worlds:

Heaven

Earth

Hell

Jesus is over Heaven

Man is over earth (debatable). Man was put over earth. He turned it over to Satan. Jesus came to redeem it. We are in turmoil until Jesus takes over.

Satan is over hell.

If you get to Heaven, you have to go through Jesus. He is the door.

I am the Door (Jesus Christ). See John 10:9

We have two choices. Jesus or Satan.

If you do nothing, Satan gets your soul because of sin.

If you want to go to Heaven, you have to choose Jesus.

Man's nature has taken on the nature of Satan through sin

Satan works through man to exert his influence on the earth

God works through man to bring peace to this earth

If God works, he usually works through man

If Satan works, he usually works through man

Man is being pulled in three directions - in an earthly direction, in a Heavenly direction, or in a hell bound direction

Satan works through force and coercion

God works through love and peace

God moves on this earth when man asks or invites Him

Man can obtain God's help by asking in prayer

God is moved by faith

God exists as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

God sends the Holy Spirit to draw men to Jesus Christ so they can get their sins forgiven and their nature can be changed (born again). Man has to have this new nature to fellowship with God. When Jesus forgives a man for his sins, there is no barrier between man and God. The Holy Spirit comes into man's heart and changes it so he can understand, fellowship, and work for God. Jesus becomes man's Lord. Man consists of spirit, soul, and body. When he is not born again, his body and soul is a big influence on him. His soul is his mind, will, and emotions. When a man gets saved, his mind needs to be retrained so he can think like God (see spiritual things). God has given us a Bible so we can know the things of God. We need to study the Bible so we can grow spiritually and get in tune with God.

Man is spirit, soul, and body.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 5:23

How can two walk together except they be agreed. God has put apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers on this earth to teach us. They are to point us to Jesus and his word. We are to learn from them. Sometimes they make mistakes and don't know everything they should. The Bible says that we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. We need to read the Bible for ourselves so that the Holy Spirit can teach us. If we follow someone and they are wrong, we can't be what God wants us to be.

Sometimes a person knows what they've been taught by someone in their family or their preachers or their church and they try to teach that. With all of the different churches and beliefs and with everything that is being taught (and sometimes the exact opposite of each other), anybody should be able to figure out that somebody is wrong. Unfortunately, everybody thinks that is the other person.

If you ask me what time it is and I say 2:10 PM and you ask someone else and they say 2:30 PM and someone else says 2:15 PM, you might get a little confused. If there is no standard and no one has the correct time to check, my opinion is as good as anyone else's. You can average it out and say 2:00 PM is close enough; but if you really want to know what time it is, check with someone who's clock has been set by the real time. Go to the Bible and ask God to show you the truth. If you want the truth, God will show it to you.

But if you want to prove what your preacher or church or someone else believes is true and you won't accept what the Bible says, God will let you believe a lie and be damned. II Thessalonians 2:10-12 Jesus is the Truth. The Bible says men will wrest the scriptures to their own destruction. II Peter 3:16 It's like trying to make a piece of a puzzle fit where it is not supposed to. It looks pretty good, so you try to force it even though you know something is not right and it's not the right piece. It doesn't matter how good it looks and how many people are convinced, if it's not the right piece, it won't fit into the plan of God.

Life is like a football game. You have the ball. It's up to you to carry the ball to the other end of the field and score. The other end represents Heaven. Other people have made it. Can you?

The opposing team is the devil and his demons. The trophy is your soul. You have your teammates to help you make it. Or you can go alone. What will get you? Will you be distracted by the opposition. What about overconfidence? Are you taking your opponent seriously? Will you get bogged down with the cares of this life and drop out? Will the game be too hard? Will the opposition bluff and discourage you? Not enough people cheering you on? Will drunkenness or hate or lust be your end? Drugs? Unforgiveness is a big opponent. Will you be bought off or sell your team out? Just sit out this play.

Will trick plays like religion get you? Is your opponent a pretty nice guy? A seducing spirit? Will you look back? Is it just a game? Take the ball and run. Once you get it, the other team is coming after you, even if you don't want them to. They are serious about your soul, whether you are or not.

What happens when a man gets saved?

Man believes with His heart that Jesus is Lord.

He chooses Jesus.

He confesses that Jesus is Lord.

He forsakes the devil and this world. He has a new kingdom. Heaven. He has a new constitution. The Bible. He has new goals. Serving Jesus.

He is a new creature. The old man has died. So he needs to be buried. This is water baptism. When a person goes under the water, he is being buried symbolically. When he comes out of the water, he is showing that he has been resurrected to walk a brand new life. He is born again.

He is a baby Christian, so he needs to grow. Desire the sincere milk of the word. The word of God is spirit and life. We need to have our mind renewed so we can be in agreement with God.

There are different levels of Christians. Some are baby Christians. Some are mature Christians. A person that is mature can do the work that God has called them to. Some people have been in the church for years and are still baby Christians. They have to be taught and prayed for and looked after and babied. They can not go out and take care of themselves or help other people. They can not produce other Christians. They can not teach others. When they should be teaching others, they need to be taught themselves. They are jealous of other Christians and are always getting their feelings hurt. Or some people are like Paul who said, Nothing moves me. We need to find out what the Bible says so we can work for God.

God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. There are people who serve religion all their life. Some call themselves Christian. But they are not worshipping God in truth. They teach things that are not of God. And they know it and they don't want to change. If a person is going to dedicate their life to being religious, at least they should tell the truth so they can go to heaven. Why work all week and then not get paid. Jesus will say to that group of people, Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you. All liars shall have their place in the lake of fire. Some of the worst ones are the false teachers, who won't go to heaven, yet they stand in the way of people who want to go to heaven. If someone is teaching you a lie, get away from them. Who knows how many more lies they are telling you.

The truth is so important to God that Jesus calls himself the truth. The word of God is so important that the Bible says that God has magnified the word above His name. Psalms 138:2

Why should a person work for God? Why should a person get saved now? One reason is because there are going to be different positions and rewards in Heaven. The reason to get a job on Monday instead of on Friday is because of the payday.

When a person gets saved, he starts building up rewards for Heaven. If you work for a company on earth, you have a payday. If you make it to Heaven you have a payday for what you've done for Jesus while you were on this earth. Jesus wants to give us rewards, so He told us to build up rewards in Heaven. The more rewards we build up, the better Jesus likes it. To the ones who've done a lot, He will give more. To the ones who have done little, they will have little to show. We will all have to stand before God and give an account for what we have done with what He has given us.

We will also have different positions in Heaven. If you have been faithful over a few things, He will make you a ruler over many things. Matthew 25:21 If you have been faithful over much, He will make you ruler over much. We work for our rewards. Rewards are for what we have done.

Our positions are given us by God. But a person who has done much may have a better chance to get a better position than if he has done little. But God will have to decide that. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. Matthew 19:30

Whether a person gets saved when they are young or when they are on their deathbed, they are just as saved. God has promised both the same, eternal life.

We will have different crowns in Heaven. II Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, I Peter 5:4, Rev. 2:10, Rev. 3:11

What will we do with our crowns? We will take our crowns and throw them at Jesus feet. Revelation 4:10 This will be an act of worship when we realize that Jesus is the One who made it all possible and deserves the credit for our salvation and anything we have accomplished.

Have you won any souls? You may have won many souls to Jesus that you don't know about if you have given money to your church and they have won souls. Or to an evangelist or missionary or preacher. You may have won a soul and that person may have gone out and won many souls. Or you may have prayed for someone who has gotten saved. You can be a part of what someone else is doing by helping them or you can hinder the work of God by hindering someone else.

You may have helped someone and encouraged them. Jesus said if you have given someone a drink of water in His name, because they have believed in Him, you shall have a reward. If Jesus doesn't overlook a cup of water, what will you receive if you win a soul? We should be trying to build up the kingdom of Jesus Christ. What do you have to show for your life? What will you be rewarded for?

People spend their lives trying to make something that will last longer than their lifetime. A memorial. An accomplishment. A name. A reputation. But what you do for Jesus will last forever. People whom you help get saved will be in heaven forever. Hallejeulah.

There are different ways to invest in the gospel. You can take your money and let someone else invest it for you. Or you can make your own decisions as to where it is to be used. Some people put all their money into their church. If someone gets saved, they will be a part of that. Some people pick out certain ministries that God is using to send their money to. Some people do both. If you put all your money into one program, make sure it is successful.

It is important that you help the poor, especially if they belong to Jesus. This is not to say that you have to give to someone just because they are poor. If a person is not working and doesn't want to, he may not be a good investment. But there are a lot of people that are poor and need help. Jesus will say to a group of people at the end time, I was hungry and you didn't feed me. I don't want to be in the group that didn't feed him (or one of his people) when I face Him. You can't always tell who belongs to Him. Some have entertained angels unaware.

What is the difference between Christianity and religion? Religion is a group of beliefs about how we should live and believe and so forth. Christianity is a family. God is seeking a family. He is called Father by Christians because He has adopted them. This is the most basic need for man. To have a family and to be loved. God is love. He loves you.

God exists as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Jesus said that it was expedient or necessary for Him to go away. Or He couldn't send the Holy Spirit.

God sends His Holy Spirit to help us and guide us through life. If you want to know about Jesus, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Him to you. He is called the Spirit of Truth. If He gives you the truth, don't offend Him by not receiving the truth.

When you get saved by accepting Jesus, ask the Holy Spirit to come into your life and guide and teach you. He also will strengthen you. You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost comes upon you. Acts 1:8, 2:38-39

Three things God does for you when you get saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. He gives you love. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another." John 13:35 He gives you joy. For the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10 He gives you peace that passes all understanding. Philippians 4:7

What is success in life? If you get saved and go to Heaven, you will be a success because so many people will not get saved. Jesus said, Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:13 and 14

If you take someone with you, you will be a double success. What if you take five people with you. Or ten? Or 100? There are over six billion people on this earth now that will spend eternity somewhere. What are you doing about them? Is there someone you want to see in Heaven? Your husband, wife, children, brother, sister, mother, father, a friend, or even an enemy.

When you get saved, you can start working to get other people saved. You can pray and ask God to send the Holy Spirit to draw these people to Jesus. You can tell them about Jesus. You can give them Bibles or tracts.

The Bible says to pray without ceasing. Jesus is coming soon. Jesus said to work while it is day. The night is coming when no man can work. John 9:4 The tribulation is coming soon, a time of great darkness and trouble on this earth. Today is the day of salvation.

By now you may have decided if I am wrong or right. Jesus said to search the scriptures. For in them you think you have eternal life. And they are they which testify of me. John 5:39 If you do what is written in the Bible, you will go to heaven.

God does things in seven which is a number for completion.
He made the world in six days
On the seventh day he rested
We are made in His image

We work and we need a day of rest each week
A day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day
God has turned the earth over to man for a week (seven thousand years)
We will work on this earth for one work week (six days or six thousand years)
Jesus will have to return to keep man from destroying himself
Jesus will set up His kingdom for a day of rest (a thousand years)
This is called the millennium reign of Jesus Christ
One thousand years of peace
We have been on the earth for nearly six thousand years (six days or six thousand years)
Jesus is returning soon for the day of rest
We pray in the Lord's prayer, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
His kingdom will soon come
Are you ready
Will your family be ready
Work while it is day
The night comes when no man can work

The Bible is divided into two parts - the Old Testament and the New Testament
A testament is a will or covenant or agreement
The Old Testament was before Jesus came to earth as a human
The Old Testament was the will of God before Jesus came and was basically to the Jews
and told of the Law
It told of a coming Messiah that would bring in a better covenant
The New Testament is the will of God for today
The New Testament tells of Jesus the Messiah coming and being born and bringing in a
covenant of grace
Grace is when God does something for you that you don't deserve
He died for you when you were still a sinner
You don't deserve or earn your salvation
Jesus paid for it all
If you are a good person you are still a sinner,
Maybe a good sinner
But being good won't save you
All of the Bible is important.
Jesus said, Man shall not live by bread alone
but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God
You need to understand the Old Testament to understand the New Testament
The New Testament is the completion of the old
It all goes together
But we can't live in the old law
God is dealing with man differently since Jesus came
We have a better covenant now
Jesus paid for our sins
We are cleansed through the blood of Jesus
His blood cleanses us from all sin

We have no sin
No church has to declare us saints
We are declared to be saints by God Acts 9:13,
I Corinthians 1:2
No church can keep us from heaven
Jesus is the door
St. Peter, move over
Jesus is Lord of Lords and King of Kings
We have the Spirit of God living in us
We are the temple of God
The kingdom of God does not come by observation
The kingdom of God is within you
We are sons of God
God is our Father
Poor people, you can go to church and worship God
Don't hang your heads in shame
You are sons and daughters of the Most Holy God
You are worthy
Streets of Gold await you
No one will keep you out of heaven
God is your Father
Lift up your voices in praise
The King of Glory thinks you are worth dying for
God does not condemn you
Who can bring anything to the charge of God's elect
It is God that justifies
Who can condemn the Bride of Jesus Christ
She is Holy and wearing fine linen
Which is the righteousness of the saints

See I Corinthians 3:16
See Luke 17:20

I like to divide the Bible in three parts
The Old Testament - before Jesus came
The four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John -
or the changeover from law to grace
The rest of the New Testament, Acts through Revelation
The story of grace
The church started in the book of Acts
If you are born again, you are in the church

Jesus was sent to the Jews
They rejected Him
Now He has come to the Gentiles (anyone not a Jew)
He is getting a Gentile bride
Soon He will go back to the Jews
Will you call upon His name while it is time

Now is the accepted time
Now is the day of salvation
Jesus said I am come that they might have life
and have it more abundantly
You won't run right without the oil of the Holy Ghost
You won't have a good life until you get your sins forgiven
Jesus said to search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life
and they are they that testify of me
Jesus said for us to preach the gospel
Gospel means good news
The good news is you can be free
Your sins can be forgiven
You can be born again
You can go to heaven
You can have abundant life
It's not based on who you are
It's based on who Jesus is
One drop of God's blood is enough to pay for your sins
But He gave it all
Overkill

Have you been hired?
You may be a good worker
What if you are out of a job
You go down to a job site
You see people working
You say you can do that job
So you go out and start working
You look around
People are not working as hard as you
You are doing a better job
You are proud of yourself
You work even harder
Then comes payday
You stand in line
But there is no payday
You tell the pay clerk how hard you worked
How much more qualified you are than the other workers
But there is one technicality
You weren't hired
If you are hired, you can report to work
You will get paid for being there
But if you want to keep your job
you must do what the boss says
Have you been hired?
Are you working for Jesus?
Are you working for rewards?
Some people say they don't want rewards
They just want to get to Heaven
But Jesus said to lay up rewards in Heaven
He wants you to have rewards
He wants to give you the kingdom
Work while it is day
The night comes when no man can work

There are benefits for serving Jesus

One is salvation

One is healing Psalms 103:3

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalms 103:1 - 5

Why should I get saved now?

When we get saved, we start building up rewards for heaven. We are born again. Our life starts over. When we get to heaven, we will have rewards for what we do for Jesus. The sooner you get started, the more rewards you will have. Some people say they don't want rewards. They just want to get to heaven. Rewards are not important now. But they will be important then. They are important to Jesus. He wants us to have rewards. He taught us to lay up treasures in heaven. When you see people in heaven that have served God and done great things and you don't have anything to show for your life, you will wish that you could live your life again. You won't get a second chance. You better do it now.

Another thing is that a person who is born again can have access to God. Fellowship is important. A person can have and enjoy fellowship with God. He can have peace now. I want to be saved and be in right fellowship with God. I am responsible for my kids until they get old enough to be responsible for themselves. The Bible says if I am saved, my children are sanctified by my life. If the rapture happens and I go to heaven, my children will go with me. If I don't go in the rapture and my wife doesn't go in the rapture, then my children will not go unless they have been saved. Hell on earth will follow. If a person is not saved, they have to depend on other peoples prayers. They can't pray themselves and expect God to answer.

A person that is not saved is at the mercy of chance. A person who prays can change the world. If a person is sick and dying and a person is saved, he can pray and sometimes God will heal that person. A person that can't pray has to depend on doctors and natural means like medicine to get people healed. Sometimes that doesn't work. Circumstances can be changed through prayer. People's lives can be changed through prayer. If you don't get saved and pray for your family, they can grow up and not be saved. The earlier you start trying to get people saved, the easier it is to get them saved and the more time you have to help them get started out right in life.

When you get saved, you can pray and God will send His Holy Spirit into your life. Jesus said it was expedient for Him to go away. Jesus could only be at one place at one time when He was on this earth. When He went back to heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us. His Spirit can be everywhere on earth at the same time. His Spirit can be with us all now. His Spirit comes into our hearts and guides us and gives us strength. His Spirit helps us to understand God and His word, the Bible. You can't understand God and His word and His ways without His Spirit. His Spirit helps us to worship, pray, and serve God. His Spirit gives us peace. No man comes to God without the Spirit of God. God sends His Spirit to draw people to Jesus. We need to ask God for His Spirit. We need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in order to get things done on earth.

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He told His disciples to wait until they were empowered with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit empowered man to serve God and do the works that Jesus did while He was on the earth. The disciples went out and prayed for the sick, cast out devils, witnessed for Jesus, and worked miracles. They did the same things Jesus did because they had the same Holy Spirit as Jesus had. The Holy Spirit is still working on earth today. People are looking at buildings and calling the buildings God's house. But God does not dwell in temples made with hands. He dwells in the hearts of believers through the Holy Ghost.

When we get saved, we need to fight the devil. He will continually try to discourage us and destroy God's influence in our lives. He will try to destroy our witness to the other people in our lives, so they will not pay attention to us. We are dangerous to the devil and his work on this earth. He will try to get us to believe we are not important or have no power. When we realize who we are in Christ, we are a real danger to the devil.

We are to work for God. The devil's job is to steal, kill, and destroy. His badge is hate, violence, and death. He only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus comes to give us life and life more abundantly. Christians are to love. The devil tries to get Christians out of love so they will lose their fellowship with God and lose their power. He does things to cause confusion. He does things to get us into unforgiveness, so we will lose our peace. If he can get us into unforgiveness, we will not be able to walk in love. We will be hindered in serving God.

What do you do after you get saved? Jesus asked, And why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?

When Jesus went back to heaven, He left the Great Commission. It is recorded in two books of the Bible, Mark and Matthew. This is the churches job now. There are almost six billion people in the world and they all need to be saved so they can go to heaven. How many people have you helped get saved? If you don't get them saved, who will? Do you know how to help someone to get saved? How will you face God and give an account of yourself if you don't work in His vineyards? The world is waiting for you. You will never run out of work. You only have this lifetime to get this generation saved. Are they waiting in vain?

Here is the Great Commission.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16:15 -20.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18 - 20.

If you don't know how to lead someone to Jesus, study the Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Ask someone to teach you. Learn to pray. The more you know about the Bible, the better off you are.

God has people in the church to teach you. He has a five-fold ministry. They are called apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. An apostle works with the church and the ministers. A prophet points people back to God and His word. An evangelist is someone God has commissioned to preach, teach, and witness in order to lead people to Jesus for salvation. A pastor is someone God has appointed to watch out for the Christians that are saved. He may be a preacher or teacher and may also lead people to Jesus. A teacher is anointed by God to teach and explain the Bible so people can understand it and grow and become more balanced in their life. Sometimes their ministries overlap and one person may have more than one ministry and one person may do several jobs.

Jesus said to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest. God's Spirit moves on this world as we pray.

God wants us to pray without ceasing. There are a lot of things that God wants to do if He can get someone to pray in faith. God does not answer just because we pray a lot. The Bible says not to use vain repetitions That means saying the same prayer and words over and over again. But sometimes we have to do a lot of praying to get God to answer. Other times God answers the first time we pray. Some people pray without really believing that God is going to hear and answer their prayers. God is moved by faith. It is as easy to believe as it is to doubt. The good thing about praying is that you start believing after you see God answering your prayers. Keep praying.

If you are not seeing things happen as you think they should, find out why. Study the Bible to see if you are praying for the things God wants you to pray about. You may be praying for your will to be done, not God's. We are to pray for God's will to be done. Some prayers will not be answered if you give up. Keep praying. God has certain times to answer prayer. His deadline and ours are not the same. He works throughout eternity. We have only a short lifetime, so we get in a hurry. Sometimes God tells people something is going to happen and it is years before it comes to pass. If you are not getting your prayers answered, you may have to fast. Jesus said that certain things only happen through much prayer and fasting.

Pray for exact things to happen. If you want someone to be healed of a certain disease, don't pray a general prayer like for God to bless that person. Pray for God to heal that person of that particular illness. Jesus spent His Ministry teaching, casting out devils and healing the sick. Some people have demons making them sick. Find out what kind of demon is making that person sick and command it to leave and then pray for the person to be healed.

We need to do some things ourselves. Jesus said for us to pray for the sick and cast out devils. We pray to God to do the things He told us to do. This doesn't work too well. We pray for God to save people. He said that the people would be saved by the foolishness of preaching. We need to pray because this gets God involved in our lives and gets God to working on the other people's hearts. Nobody can be saved unless the Holy Spirit draws them to Jesus and convicts their hearts. So we need to pray so God will become involved in these situations.

We may need to become involved by showing people what God has done in our life. Or by setting an example. Or we may need to tell them what the Bible says. Or we may need to give them a gospel tract or a poem or a Bible or a tape with preaching or songs. Something to get them thinking about their need for salvation. Sometimes we may need to get involved in someone's life. If they are hungry, they might not feel like listening to our preaching. We may need to feed them first.

Jesus said that we are the salt of the earth. Why? Because God is living inside of us. Salt is a preservative. It keeps things from getting rotten. We are to keep the world from getting rotten. If it gets too bad, then God will have to destroy it. God can use us as a preservative so He won't have to destroy our family. Or our town. Or our county. Or our country. But the salt can lose its flavor and be good for nothing but to be trod under foot of man. Are we making a difference or are we being walked on? Salt can make people thirsty. When people look at us, do they wish they had what we have. Are we making people thirsty? Are we salty with God's Spirit? Do they thirst for what you have?

When you get saved and God's Spirit comes into you, He starts growing His life in you. He starts growing His fruits in you. He grows His fruits in you as you yield to Him. The Bible says that God gives you the fruits of the Spirit. There are nine fruits of the Spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22, 23

They are divided into three sets. The first set God gives are for you. They are love, joy, and peace. This is to make you a better person. He fills you with love. You start loving people. It's not your love. God takes part of His nature and puts it inside us. As you yield to God's Spirit, you start loving people. Even your enemies. This is supernatural. You start forgiving people. You start seeing them as God sees them. What you sow, you must reap. This is good reaping though. If you forgive people, God forgives you. If you don't forgive them, God does not forgive you.

Jesus said a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another. Sometimes we can't forgive. People don't always deserve forgiveness. So we have to think like Jesus. Jesus prayed for the people who were crucifying Him, Father, forgive them, they know not what they are doing.

When a person dies, there are only two places to go. If they are forgiven, they go to heaven. If not, they go to hell. If they are our enemies, this might seem good temporarily. But after you see them tossed screaming into a lake of fire to burn forever, it doesn't take long for the sense of justice to die. If you don't forgive and pray for them, they could go to hell. But the Bible says to pray for our enemies. What if God answers your prayer and that person goes to heaven. Isn't that better? The devil wants you to hate. He wants to beat the love out of you. He will have people do things to you to get you out of love. Then the devil defeats you. He then has two people in trouble. He has you doing his work. He defeats both of you. You won't be a good witness if you are filled with hate.

But if you pray and forgive, then God fills your heart with love and the devil is defeated. If you forgive whoever has offended you and you pray for that person and they get saved, you have defeated the devil. You are the winner. Jesus said if a person sins against you and asks forgiveness, then you should forgive four hundred ninety times in a day. What a person sows, he must reap. You set the standard for how you will be judged when you get to heaven. If you don't forgive, then you won't be forgiven. I want all my sins forgiven before I get to heaven. Some people's sins go before and some follow after. If you get your sins forgiven, they will never be brought up against you when you get to heaven. If the devil gets you into unforgiveness, your sins will be brought up when you stand before God. You will be judged as you judge. You set the standard. If you judge harshly, you will be judged harshly. If you judge with mercy, you will be judged with mercy. I want to sow some mercy and compassion and grace. What about you? If you don't have money, you may have to get some from a banker. If you don't have mercy and forgiveness, you may have to ask God for some. He's got plenty. This is the atmosphere of heaven. All it takes is a little help from God. But make sure you have made a deposit of mercy and forgiveness first.

Ask while it's time. We are to walk in love. Love covers a multitude of sins.

There are three fruits that God develops in you so that you can relate to the world. They are longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness. Longsuffering helps you to suffer long with people. It helps you to suffer wrongs without retaliation. The fruit of the Spirit makes you gentle. Like a lamb. People do not see you as a threat to them. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; II Timothy 2:24, 25 Goodness makes you kind and generous.

There are three fruits that God develops in you so that you can relate to Him and so that He can accept you and use your service to Him. They are meekness, temperance, and faith. Meek means to be humble and submissive. Moses was very meek. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) Numbers 12:3 Look at how God used Him. Jesus was meek. He went to the cross saying: "...nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42 Temperate means moderation or self control. Don't go to the wrong excesses if you want God to use you. Faith means confidence or trust in God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Jesus has come to give you abundant life. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10 ...for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10 Jesus gives you a peace that passes all understanding, a love that's out of this world, and a joy for living. The fruit of the Spirit will help lead to a more abundant life. Rejoice and be happy.

What kind of fruits are in your life? Cooperate with God so that He can develop these fruits in your life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Matthew 7:16 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matthew 7:19

If you want to be saved, pray this prayer: Lord Jesus, I believe you died on the cross to pay for my sins. I confess you as my Lord and Savior. I choose you as my only hope of salvation. It's what you did on the cross that pays for my sins. Your blood sacrifice pays for my sins. I can't save myself. I accept your forgiveness. Please forgive those that have sinned against me and give me your love and grace to forgive them. Please help me to love and forgive. Come into my heart and save my soul. I reject the devil and all his demons. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to be like you Jesus. Thank you Jesus for saving my soul. Amen.

Then command the devil to leave you and your family in the name of Jesus. The Bible says that if you resist the devil, he will flee from you.

If you need to be healed, remember that is one of the benefits of serving God. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine inequities; who healeth all thy diseases; Psalms 103:2 - 3

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness. Matthew 8:16 – 17

And he (Jesus) said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16:15 – 20

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 18:19

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church: and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:14 – 16

There are several ways to be healed. One is to pray for yourself. Or you can ask someone else to pray and agree for your healing. Or you can ask someone to pray for you whom God has anointed to pray for the sick. Or you can ask the elders of the church to pray and anoint you with oil which symbolizes the Holy Spirit. If you have committed sins, you will be forgiven and healed. God has given certain people the gifts of healing to pray for the sick.. Ask one of them to pray for you and believe for your healing. I Corinthians 12:9 Or you can pray for yourself.

The best thing is to make sure there is nothing that is preventing your healing. If you are sinning, you need to ask forgiveness and repent. Repent means you quit doing things your way and start doing them God's way. If someone has done something to you, you need to forgive that person so God can forgive you. This can prevent your healing. If you can't forgive, ask God for help to forgive. And when He answers your prayer, don't start trying to go back into unforgiveness. Forgive and forget about it. Don't ever bring it up again or it is sin. A good attitude toward God and healing is the best way to get healed. God loves faith. Don't get mad at God or the people praying for you because you are sick. Reach out to God in faith. God loves you and wants to heal you. He will if He can find someone to believe and have faith. Also the devil is the one who makes you sick. Run him off by using the name of Jesus. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. If you have done someone wrong and the opportunity comes up, ask for forgiveness. Make things right as much as possible without making things worse. If you owe someone and can, pay them back what you can. Don't talk about people or complain about anything because this can bring sickness and death. Ask God to set you free from any curses in your or your families life. If you have any of the devils objects in your house or if you are wearing any occult jewelry or symbols, this will attract demons. So will any music that is cursed by satanic people. Rock stars and so forth. Don't read horoscopes or go to psychics or fortune tellers. You can buy some olive oil and anoint your home with oil and ask God to send His Spirit of Peace into your home. This will make a difference. You can also anoint yourself with oil and pray. This makes a big difference in getting healed and delivered from evil spirits. God speed in getting well and being delivered and finding peace with God.

It Only Takes One
Roger Montgomery

I was on the river fishing
Talking to a man before I had begun
I didn't have much bait
In fact, I had just one.

He wished me, Good Luck
Although he had almost none
I said, I won't do too good
Not much bait, I only have one.

But as I walked away
I thought of what I had done
A fish only has one mouth
I turned and said, It only takes one.

I went across the river thinking
And I had so much fun
I caught the biggest fish of my life
Hey, it just takes one.

God needed a Savior
And He sent His Only Son
He doesn't need another Savior
It only takes one.

You're not the Savior of the world
That's the job of God's Son
He has another job for you
Just remember, it only takes one.

Only one person to be a Dad
Only one person to be a Mom
Only one person can fill your shoes
But it only takes one.

Only one chance to be a daughter
Only one chance to be a son
Only one chance to be a brother or sister
But it only takes one.

Only one chance to be a husband or wife
Or be a granddaughter or grandson
Only one time to make a difference
But it only takes one.

Only one person to tell about Jesus
Only one person to tell of God's Son
Only one life to live and give
But it only takes one.

Only one chance to make a difference
Before this life is done
Only one chance you are given
But it only takes one.

One chance to say a word
To make a difference to someone
Someone's future depends on what you say
Only one opportunity, but it only takes one.

One word and a person will live
One word and a life is done
One word can make a success
One person, just one.

One chance to say I forgive you
To say I'm sorry to some one
To say please forgive me or I love one
One chance, just one.

Time is passing
Soon there will be none
Someone will change someone's world
After all, it only takes one.

Mary's Little Lamb
by Roger Montgomery

Mary did have a little Lamb
But what the world doesn't know
He was born in Bethlehem
In a manger long ago.

He was the Son of God
In His veins God's blood did flow
And He gave it all for you
A ransom for your soul.

He was innocent
No sin did He know
But He became sin
And died in death so cold.

His blood was pure
And cleanses white as snow
This Lamb that was sacrificed
On a cross long ago.

He was led as a Lamb to the slaughter
On that day long ago
He never opened His mouth
His pain He never told.

Lay your hands on the Lamb
Jews and Romans so bold
The religious and the heathen
He died to save your soul.

For God has given a Lamb
To satisfy our hungry soul
Slain from the foundation of the world
Look at Him and behold.

We are all partakers of the crucifixion
Our sins took the final toll
On the humble Lamb of God
The only hope for our soul.

My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me
But in our hearts we know
He was paying for our sins
His death can make us whole.

Will you walk away and turn your back
Or gamble for His clothes
Or turn Rags to Robes of Righteousness
The transformation so bold.

Dip into the blood
Reach into the bowl
Let God renew your spirit
And the blood sanctify your soul.

For soap can clean your hands
And fire can purify gold
But only blood can cleanse from sin
Only blood can save your soul.

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission (of sins). Hebrews 9:22

You're Covered
Roger Montgomery

The man held his card hand and waited
The stakes were like no other
He needed help to make the deal
His friend said, "You're covered".

He laid his money down
Now he would discover
Did he have the winning hand
Now that he was covered.

Sometimes life seems like a gamble
But one day we will discover
We already had the winning hand
And by the Way, we're covered.

We might not seem to be successful
But thank God, we have a brother
And when the stakes were too high
He reached down and said "You're covered".

Justice said someone has to die
Your sins are about to smother
You need Someone to make you free
Jesus said, "You're covered".

Justice was waiting for a payment
All I could say was, Oh, Brother
I don't have anything to pay with
Jesus said, "You're covered".

God will only accept a blood sacrifice
He will accept no other
The Bible says the life is in the blood
Jesus says, "You're covered".

Thank you God for loving me
Thank you God for my Brother
Thank you Jesus for your word
Thank you God, I'm covered.

No one else has died for me
Jesus, I will worship no other
All my faith and hope is in you
And your word, "You're covered".

The Essence of Christianity

The essence of Christianity is this: Christ in you, the hope of glory:	Colossians 1:27
Christianity is a family	Ephesians 3:14, 3:15
God is gathering a family from all the peoples of the world	Mark 16:15
We have been adopted into His family	Romans 8:15
Jesus is the Door	John 10:9
He is our Lord	Romans 10:9
We have access to God through Him	Romans 5:1, 5:2 Ephesians 2:18
This is God's plan	Romans 5:8
God is righteous in forgiving us	
He does not overlook sin	
He has paid for our sins himself	Romans 3:26
We are righteous because of Jesus Christ	II Corinthians 5:21
Our sins are forgiven	I John 1:9
We will not come into condemnation	John 5:24
We have passed from death unto life	John 5:24
Our salvation does not depend on how good we are	Titus 3:5, 6, 7
It depends entirely on how good Jesus is	Titus 3:5, 6, 7
God has accepted Jesus' sacrifice	
He is the propitiation for our sins (atoning sacrifice - payment in full)	I John 2:1
We can come boldly to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ	Hebrews 4:16
God is love.	I John 4:16
He will come into our hearts through the Holy Spirit	Rev 3:20
The only requirement is we have our sins forgiven through the blood of Jesus	I John 1:9
We invite God's Spirit into our hearts	Revelation 3:20
We are born again We have a new spirit (our spirit is changed)	
We have the Spirit of Jesus Christ living in us	
If we have not the Spirit of Christ, we are none of His	Romans 8:9
We act like Jesus because we have His Spirit living in us	Romans 5:5
We take on the nature of God because of His Spirit	
God is love.	I John 4:16
We can pray for our enemies because of this love	Matthew 6:14
Father, forgive them, they know not what they do	Luke 23:34
We have a new country, heaven	John 14:2, 3
We have a new life	Galatians 2:20
We have a new goal, glorifying God	John 15:8
We have a new mission, doing the works of God	John 14:12
Jesus makes all things new	Revelation 21:5
We are born again	John 3:3
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new	II Corinthians 5:17
Our hearts have been changed	Romans 8:29

Right?

How To Be Saved And Healed

What have you done about sin?

Every idle word you have spoken, you will have to give account for

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:36, 37

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

Some people try to be good enough to get to heaven. But their sins have to be dealt with.

If you are a good person, you are still just a good sinner.

We can't get to heaven by being good. We have to have a Savior.

Someone has to pay for our sins. God loved us and sent His Son to die as payment for our sins. They have been paid for by His blood.

When we confess Jesus as our Lord, Jesus becomes our substitute. He has paid for our sins. God remembers our sins against us no more. They have been paid for. Jesus becomes our priest. Our salvation does not depend on how good we are. It depends on how good Jesus is. He lived a perfect life. He died for our sins. God has accepted Him as payment for our sins. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25 He is good at His job.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God has 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

We need to forgive those who have sinned against us. If we don't forgive others, God will not forgive us. You don't forgive people because they deserve it. You forgive them as a condition of your forgiveness. You can't do this on your own. God has to help. But you have to be willing for God to help you.

Pray this prayer

Jesus, I have sinned and can't save myself. I need you. I choose you as my Lord. Come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. Forgive everyone who has sinned against me. Help me to be willing to forgive others and also help me to forgive them. Cleanse me with your blood. I reject sin and the devil. Give me new life. I confess you as Lord of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit.

I now resist the devil with your name. I command the devil and all his demons to leave me. Your word says if I resist the devil, he will flee from me.
Fill me with love, joy, and peace. Thank you Jesus for saving me.

When a person gets saved, they need to be baptized in water. This shows that they have died to themselves, so they need to get buried. When a person goes under the water, they are being symbolically buried. When they come up out of the water, they are beginning a new life living for Jesus. This needs to be done after a person gets saved, not before.

Getting saved does not mean a person will never sin again. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: (Jesus will take up for us). John 2:1

Go to Him. Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. I Peter 5:7

Get other people to pray for you. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. James 5:16

Jesus gave us a new commandment, to walk in love. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another ; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30, 31

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

Your job is to love. The devil's job is to make you hate. He will try to get you to walk out of love. If he can do that, he will hinder you. He will cause people to do things to you to take away your peace and to get you out of love. You can defeat the devil by loving the people he sends to defeat you. If you hate, he has you doing his will. Pray for your enemies. Also your friends. And your family.

If you fall down, get back up. All you have to do to win is get up one more time than you fall down.

Jesus is on your side.

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Read the Bible. Be around fellow believers. Serve God. Give thanks to God.

Healing goes with salvation. Healing is the children's bread. Jesus was whipped thirty-nine stripes before He was crucified. This was for your healing.

When a person gets saved, he has a right to be healed. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Psalms 103:3

The way to be healed is to make sure there is nothing that is coming between you and God.

When a person takes communion in church, he is served bread and wine. The wine represents the blood of Jesus which was shed as payment for your sins. The bread represents the body of Jesus which was broken for your healing.

The Twenty-third Psalm says, Thou anointest my head with oil. Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Anoint your head with oil. Pray for healing. Ask others to pray for your healing. Pray for theirs. Pray ye one for another that you may be healed.

The Bible says that believers can lay hands on the sick and they will recover. Mark 16:15 Don't forget to command the demons that are causing this sickness to leave in the name of Jesus Christ.

You can ask the elders to pray for you according to James 5:14.

Some things only happen through much prayer and fasting. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:21

Also some things are caused by what we do. If we don't eat the right foods and get enough sleep or we don't take the time to rest, we can become sick.

Remember, God works through faith. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Ponder On This

God does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Acts 7:48

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? I Corinthians 6:19

Where do you think God dwells? In a building on earth that someone calls God's house. God lives in people. Be careful how you treat them. Their father may be God. Read about the rich man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13.2

Jesus Loves You
God speed in salvation and healing

Sincerely,

Roger Montgomery

Man runs from God
Scurries around the world and hurries
As God looks down on this earth
He doesn't appear too worried.

He knows the hairs on your heads
He knows you by name, don't worry
He knows the beginning and the ending
If you have avoided Him, so sorry.

. . . for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
Isaiah 11:9