

Do I NEED to "get saved"?

Are you telling me that I am lost? What am I lost from and what would I be saved to? My life is actually pretty good right now! Why should I change anything? Is this just another religious tactic to get my money? Why bother to change? **Romans 3:23(NIV)** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,* Everyone messes up (sins) and that separates everyone (INCLUDING ME) from God!

What does it mean to be "saved"?

Romans 6:23(NIV) *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

I guess I must realize that right now I may not be saved and may be lost! That means if I died at this moment I would go to hell, right?

So with God's gift the death sentence would be eliminated, life in heaven for eternity; living with God; my sins removed. WOW! Turning my life over to the control of God instead of my own control. Now that is a tough one. I like being in charge of my own life!

But I see that to receive God's gift I must become a child of God (**John 1:12**), loved by Him as my Father and promised His inheritance.

What will being saved do for me?

2 Corinthians 5:17(NIV) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

So I become new, fresh, starting over, no worries about my past, and sounds like no worries about my future, right? Priorities get in the right direction; promises by God are now for ME; my prayers will be

answered, at least as part of God's plan (**Romans 8:28**).

I am added to the church (**Acts 2:47**) and part of a large family who have the same values and actually love me for who I am, not judging me for what I was. Walking daily in forgiveness: **1 John 1:7(NIV)** *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

How will being saved make my life here better?

Will all of these worries and problems go away? Will I still get sick? How about these money problems? How will I know what to do? In reality I know problems will still exist until I get to heaven ☺.

Philippians 4:6-7(NIV) *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:8-9(NIV) *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

Now that is what I am looking for - PEACE and God being with me! Too many so called "friends" or family have tried to lead me down their own paths and that always leads to more trouble. Eventually they turned their back on me when I needed them most. Won't have to worry about that again. I will

now have an almighty Father and truly loving family.

What things will I have to do differently?

Hebrews 11:6(NIV) *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Romans 12:1-2(NIV) *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

John 13:34(NIV) *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

So I have faith to please God and I that means my faith causes me to **do** the things that please God. I change what my body does and what my mind thinks about. Can't be like the world anymore. I've got to love folks around me just like God loves me. That is a tall order - some folks are almost unlovable.

Does this mean there is a list of stuff I have to do?

1 John 5:2-5(NIV) *This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands.*

Romans 12:9-21 is a great pattern for living the Christian life.

So I love God and do what He wants me to do and everything else falls into place? Well, Satan still tempts me but God is stronger!

AWESOME!

How do I get saved?

There is nothing that I can do on my own to make this happen. If I could have been perfect or even good enough, it might have already happened (but not likely). Besides, if I could be good enough then Jesus would not have needed to die for me. So I leave it all up to God and His mercy and grace to make it happen.

Learn what to do:

Romans 10:17(NIV) *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

Believe this message:

John 8:24(NIV) *I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.*

Repent of my sins:

Acts 17:30(NIV) *In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.*

Confess Jesus as the Son of God:

Romans 10:10(NIV) *For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

Be baptized to wash my sins away:

Acts 22:16(NIV) *And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.*

Galatians 3:27(NIV) *for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

See also **1 Peter 3:21** and **Mark 16:16**.

SO NOW WHAT FOR ME?????

We are here to help you!

We would sincerely like the opportunity to talk with you more about this subject and share what God's word says about it. As Jesus said, **John 8:32(NIV)** " *Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*"

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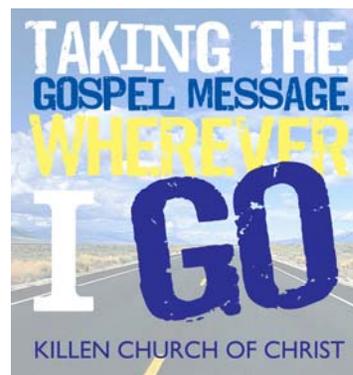
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