

# Salvation through Faith 11-10-09

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” Romans 3:23  
“The wages of sin is death” Romans 6:23

**Commentary:** Sin can be explained as offending the holiness of God, who is perfect. If we do one act of disobedience then we are not perfectly holy. The result is our inability to be with God because His holiness would repel us and we would die. Even if a person did many good acts of kindness in their life, it still doesn't cover over or fix the problem of unholiness.

**Question:** Explain in your own words why you need salvation?

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 3:16**

**Read Genesis 3:21; Leviticus 17:11; John 1:29; Hebrew 9:12-14**

**Commentary:** When the Lord made garments of skin for Adam and Eve, it required the shedding of blood to obtain the animal skins. A life was taken in place of theirs and the life is in the blood. When John the Baptist introduced Jesus he called Him the Lamb of God. Jesus blood was shed as the Lamb of God to provide redemption for all who accept His offer.

**Question:** What did it mean for God to “give his one and only Son”?

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The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." **Galatians 3:8**

**Read Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-15**

**Commentary:** The way of salvation is what God's says it is. Just as God spoke and made the light, so he spoke and explained the way for salvation. When the Israelites obey what God said to do, they did not die. It is the same for all people today. Humility, repentance and submission to God is what saves a person. This is faith.

**Question:** How does a person join God's eternal family?

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**Question:** Why is the only way to get to heaven and be with God through trusting in Jesus Christ?

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And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **1 John 5:11-12**

Read Revelation 20:11-15

**Commentary:** It is a terrible fate that awaits those who reject the offer of holiness in Jesus. There is no other way to avoid hell and the second death other than to put your hope and trust in Jesus Christ.

**Question:** What is the destination of a non-Christian?

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“That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved” (**Romans 10:9-10**).

**Read Luke 12:8-9**

**Commentary: A silent Christian is no Christian at all! That sounds harsh, but isn't that what Jesus taught in Luke 12:8-9? An easy entrance to the Christian faith is falsely taught. Becoming a disciple of Jesus requires our entire life, including confessing to our family, friends and neighbors that we belong to Him. However, in worship services there is orderliness as explained in 1 Corinthians 14:32-33.**

**Question: Why is it important to let people know you trust in and belong to Jesus Christ?**

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—(9) not by works, so that no one can boast. (10) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.  
**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**Question: Does good works get anyone into heaven?**

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**Question: Refer to Eph 2:8-10 above. Is it possible to avoid verse 10 and still receive the gift spoken of in verse 8?**

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**Question: What good works has God prepared for you to do? As a Christian, your holy journey is to discover the works God has planned for you and then to do them? Read John 15:5 and Eph 4:11-12 for manner of living out your faith through deeds.**

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For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, (39) neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**

**Read Ephesians 1:13-14**

**Question: Can a person lose their salvation once they have it?**

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**Read 1 John 2:19**

**Question: Can a person give back their salvation?**

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In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. **James 2:17-18**

**Question: What kind of good deeds or good works do you think God wants you to do?**

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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. **Romans 12:2**

**Read Galatians 5:22-25**

**Question: What steps should I take to continue as a Christian?**

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