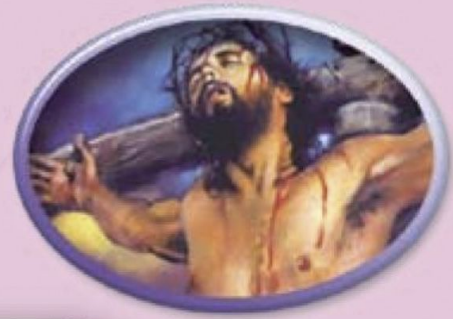


WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE GIFT FROM GOD FOR OUR SALVATION

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THE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

1. What is the final consequence of sin?

2. Can man resolve the problem of sin?

Romans 5:12

Jeremiah 2:22

JESUS SAVES THE SINNER

3. What provision did God make to save man?

4. How did Jesus describe his mission?

5. Did Jesus commit any sins?

6. How did Jesus pay for man's debt?

7. What act assured our salvation?

John 3:16

Luke 19:10

Hebrews 4:15

Isaiah 53:3-7

1 Corinthians
15:20-22

WHAT MUST I DO?

1. Believe in Jesus.

2. Accept Him as my only Savior.

3. Open the door of my heart to Him.

Acts 16:30, 31

Acts 4:12

Revelation 3:20

**I believe that Jesus died for me. I accept Him as my only
Savior. I surrender my life and heart to Him.**

SIGNATURE

THE FAITH
OF JESUS

▶ ADDITIONAL STUDY ◀

Sin And Its Terrible Consequences. All human beings have sinned (1 John 1:8). The sinner is in servitude to Satan (2 Peter 2:19). The sinner's final fate is death (Romans 6:23). The sinner cannot do anything to save himself (Jeremiah 2:22).

Love's Plan. The plan to save man through Christ was conceived since eternity (2 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 3:8, 9).

Jesus Is The Only Savior. The apostle Peter declared that Jesus is the only Savior (Acts 4:12). How did Jesus save us? Let's look at 7 redeeming acts:

- 1. Incarnation.** Jesus, being God, became man (John 1:1-4; Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14).
- 2. Life without sin.** (Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 3:5; 1 Peter 2:22).
- 3. Vicarious death.** (1 Peter 2:24; 1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 5:8).
- 4. Resurrection.** (Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:5, 13, 14).
- 5. Ascension to heaven.** (1 Timothy 3:16).
- 6. Intercession.** (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25).
- 7. Advent.** (Hebrews 9:28).

We are saved by grace. Salvation is freely granted (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8). In order to obtain it, you have to believe in Jesus (Acts 16:30, 31; Hebrews 4:16).

The Plan Of Salvation

If a child falls in a chasm, the parent will do everything possible to get him out. If a child is kidnapped, parents will pay any amount to rescue him. If the child is sick, they will hire the best doctor and buy all the medication. God lost his children. They fell in the chasm of sin. They were kidnapped by Satan. They were sick because of sin. But God, like a good father, took all measures to save them. The cost of the redemption of humanity was nothing less than the precious blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

The plan to save man is a plan of love (1 John 3:16). It consisted in God giving his Son (John 3:16), the Son was coming to seek what had been lost (Luke 19:10), and would give his life as the price to rescue the sinner (1 Timothy 2:6).

Jesus, Only And Sufficient Savior

If we are sick, we can choose any physician, and even change doctors. In the disease of sin, there is only one physician that can save us: Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [besides Christ] under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

We Are Freely Saved By The Grace Of God.

No treasure could pay for the indescribable gift of salvation. That is why God grants salvation freely. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). But we must believe in Jesus and have faith in his power to save us (Acts 16:31; Romans 5:1).

The End Of Sin

Neither root nor ranch of sin will remain (Malachi 4:1). The earth shall be purified (2 Peter 3:10). All things will be made new (Revelation 21:5). There shall be no more curse or sin (Revelation 22:3).

Quotes About Salvation

"We firmly believe that the Father loved the world so much that he gave his own Son to save it. Through his Son, He freed us from the chains of sin...in order for us to be called sons of God, and truly be sons". "Only Christ is the mediator and the way to salvation".—*The Vatican Documents II*, p. 23).

"The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His Son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift. The Saviour's life and death and intercession, the ministry of angels, the pleading of the Spirit, the Father working above and through all, the unceasing interest of heavenly beings,—all are enlisted in behalf of man's redemption".—Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 21).