

# Salvation

Salvation is made possible by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, a person is separated from God and His unconditional love for all eternity. However, God loved you so much that He made a way for your sins to be paid for and forgiven, and for you to be saved. [John 3:16]

Everyone, except Jesus, has sinned. Paul, who preached the Gospel in the first century church, said in Romans 3:23, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* You cannot be good enough on your own to save yourself, even if you think you are a good person. In Romans 6:23, Paul states, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."* Jesus calls us to confess, turn from sin (which is called repentance), and ask God for forgiveness. Acts 3:19 says, *"Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."*

Paul wrote in Romans 10:9–13, *"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.'"* Because of this promise, we are offered something so much better than the bondage that comes with sin. We are offered true and real freedom through Christ.

The reason God has placed us on Earth is to come to know Jesus Christ and live a life devoted to Him. Jesus is the only way to have true freedom in life. If you recognized that you don't have a relationship with Christ, He wants to save you.

## Additional Helpful Scriptures:

- Eph. 2:8
- Gal. 2:16; 3:8
- Titus 3:5
- Acts 16:31
- Heb. 9:22

## Grace Resources:

- First Step
- Baptism
- Groups
- Volunteer