



BIBLE STUDY 3

What is SIN?
What is SALVATION?

KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23 — “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.”

SIN is “missing the mark” of God’s perfect holiness — Sin is disobeying God.

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What are the 10 Commandments? And how do they apply to us today?

1. I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods besides Me. (Don’t put anything above God.)
2. You shall not make any idols to bow down to and worship. (Don’t have any “idols” of anything.)
3. You shall not take the Name of the LORD in vain. (Honor God’s name and keep it holy.)
4. Honor the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. (Time to REST and seek God is vital. Live a set-apart life.)
5. Honor your father and mother. (This is a commandment with a blessing.)
6. You shall not murder. (Don’t hate others or want to hurt them.)
7. You shall not commit adultery. (Keep your thoughts and actions pure.)
8. You shall not steal. (Don’t take things that don’t belong to you.)
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Don’t lie. Tell the truth.)
10. You shall not covet. (Don’t want what others have — their status, their friends, their stuff.)

What is the punishment for OUR SIN? — Do we really deserve eternal HELL?

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What does it mean to REPENT?

To REPENT means to not only admit that you were wrong, but to ask for forgiveness and to TURN around and go a different way. Condemnation is the enemy’s way of bringing guilt. God’s conviction brings grace.

BIG BIBLE WORDS OF THE WEEK:

SIN, REPENTANCE, GRACE, ATONEMENT, RECONCILIATION, RIGHTEOUSNESS

STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD

1. God's Plan—Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life.

The BIBLE says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



2. Our Problem—Separation

Being at peace with God is not automatic, because by nature you are separated from God.

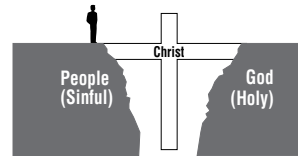
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3. God's Remedy—The Cross

God's love bridges the gap of separation between God and you. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the penalty for your sins.

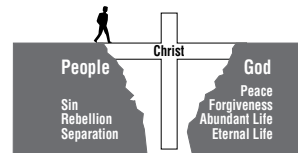
The BIBLE says: "He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross" (1 Peter 2:24, TLB).



4. Our Response—Receive Christ

You cross the bridge into God's family when you receive Christ by personal invitation.

The BIBLE says: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).



To receive Christ you need to do four things:

1. ADMIT your spiritual need. "I am a sinner."
2. REPENT and be willing to turn from your sin.
3. BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.
4. RECEIVE, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life.

CHRIST says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

The BIBLE says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

What to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.