

## The Assurance of Salvation

Connecting with God begins with salvation through Jesus Christ. 1 John 5:13 tells us, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” God wants us to not only have a relationship with Him, but to also receive and understand salvation. God wants us to have the confidence of knowing for sure that we are saved.

Briefly, let’s go over the key points of salvation:

1. **The Problem**

***“since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23 NRSV***

***As human beings, we ALL have a problem and that problem is sin. Everyone has sinned. There is no one who is perfect, except Jesus and that is why we need Him in our lives.***

2. **The Penalty**

***“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 NRSV***

***There is a penalty for our sin. That penalty is death. We deserve to go to hell for our sins. But if we accept the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord, WE ARE FORGIVEN for our sins, and do not receive the penalty of death, which is eternal life in hell.***

3. **The Provision**

***“But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 NRSV***

***In His great love, God gave us a provision for the salvation of sinners. God proves just how much He loves us by allowing His perfect Son to die for imperfect people like you and I.***

4. **The Promise**

***“because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 NRSV***

***God made a promise (and God does not lie) that: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, you are confessing that He is now “in control of your life and first in your life”. You are not in control anymore. You are giving up your control to God. Believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, means to accept that He is alive, and that He is not just Lord over your life now, but Lord overall.***

That is the message of salvation! If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are saved! All of your sins are forgiven, and God promises to never leave you or forsake you (Romans 8:38-39; Matthew 28:20). Remember, your salvation is secure in Jesus Christ (John 10:28-29). If you are trusting in Jesus alone as your Lord and Savior, you can have confidence that you will spend eternity with God in heaven!

**If you desire to connect with God and receive salvation right now, pray this prayer:**

*God, I come to you in the name of Jesus, confessing that I am a sinner in need of your saving Grace and Mercy. I repent and turn from my sin and give my life to you. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in my heart that Jesus died for my sins on the cross, and was raised from the dead just for me. By faith, I invite you into my heart, as Lord and Savior. So, here I am Lord, with all of my faults and all of my weaknesses. Take me now and fill me with your Holy Spirit and make me to be the person you have created me to be. According to Your Word, Romans 10:9, I am saved! I am Saved! I am always Saved! In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Congratulations and welcome to the Kingdom!**