

Finding Jesus Christ

John 3.7

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My friend: I am asking you the most important question of your life. Your joy or your sorrow for all eternity depends upon your answer. The question is: **Are you saved?** It is not a question of how good you are, nor if you are a church member, but are you saved? Are you sure you will go to Heaven when you die?

God says in order to go to Heaven, you must be born again. In John 3:7, Jesus said to Nicodemus, *"Ye must be born again."*

In the Bible, God gives us the plan of how to be born again which means to be saved. His plan is simple! You can be saved today. How?

First, my friend, you must realize you are a sinner. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).

Because you are a sinner, you are condemned to die. *"For the wages [payment] of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23). This includes eternal separation from God in Hell.

"... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

But God loved you so much he gave his only begotten Son, Jesus, to bear your sin and die in your place. *"For he hath made him (Jesus, who knew no sin) to be sin for us ... that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus had to shed his blood and die. *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood"* (Leviticus 17:11) *"... without shedding of blood is no remission [pardon]"* (Hebrews 9:22).

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Although we cannot understand how, God said my sins and your sins were laid upon Jesus and he died in our place. He became our substitute. It is true. God cannot lie.

My friend, *"God ... now commandeth all men everywhere to repent"* (Acts 17:30).

This repentance is a change of mind that agrees with God that one is a sinner, and also agrees with what Jesus did for us on the cross.

In Acts 16:30,31, the Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas: *"... Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"* And they said, *'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved... .'"*

Simply believe on him as the one who bore your sin, died in your place, was buried, and whom God resurrected.

His resurrection powerfully assures that the believer can claim everlasting life when Jesus is received as Savior.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Whosoever includes you. Shall be saved means not maybe, nor can, but shall be saved.

Surely, you realize you are a sinner. Right now, wherever you are, repenting, lift your heart to God in prayer.

In Luke 18:13, a sinner prayed: *"God be merciful to me a sinner."* Just pray:

"Oh, God, I know I am a sinner. I believe Jesus was my substitute when he died on the cross. I believe his shed blood, death, burial, and resurrection were for me. I now receive him as my Savior. I thank you for the forgiveness of my sins, the gift of salvation and everlasting life, because of your merciful grace. Amen."

Just take God at his word and claim his salvation by faith. Believe, and you will be saved. No church, no lodge, no good works can save you. Remember, God does the saving. All of it!

God's simple plan of salvation is: You are a sinner. Therefore, unless you believe on Jesus who died in your place, you will spend eternity in Hell. If you believe on him as your crucified, buried, and risen Savior, you receive forgiveness for all of your sins and his gift of eternal salvation by faith.

You say, "Surely, it cannot be that simple." Yes, It's that simple! It is scriptural. It is God's plan. My friend, believe on Jesus and receive him as Savior today.

If you have just accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and lifelong friend. I would certainly like to know. Please email me and share this wonderful news with me.

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