



# Eternal Life

## from the Scriptures

## A. THE PROBLEM & THE SOLUTION

### the start of the problem

**1. At the beginning of God's creation, before sin, everything was very good.**

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

**2. Humanity was created perfect and in God's image**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27

**3. Mankind sinned. This affects all of humanity**

Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. Genesis 3:11b-12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Romans 5:12

**4. Sin separated mankind from God.**

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:2

### the start of the solution

**1. To cover mankind's sin, God made the first animal sacrifice. (The only way for sin to be forgiven is a life-for-life exchange)**

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. Genesis 3:21  
And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 9:22  
For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 7:11

**2. God promised a once-for-all future redeemer who would make further sacrifice unnecessary**

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:15

### the problem in YOUR life & God's solution produced

**1. Every person has sinned.\***

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

**2. Sin brings death.**

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. Ezekiel 18:20

**3. Without salvation from death, we will end up in the lake of fire.**

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Revelation 20:14

**4. Jesus Christ\* died for us, and this means we don't have to.**

...Christ also suffered for us... Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:21a, 24

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:8-9

**5. He rose from the dead to prove that he is God and that we too may live again.**

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Co 15:20-22

**6. Jesus died for all men, but only those who believe on him are saved from their sins.**

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. 1 Timothy 4:10

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. John 8:24

## B. MAN'S FUTILE ATTEMPT AT SELF-SALVATION (WORKS)

**1. Good works cannot save us from the penalty of sin.**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

**2. A righteous person will die because of one sin. The number of good works vs. sins doesn't matter.**

Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. Ezekiel 33:12-13

**If we haven't accepted Christ, even our good works are worthless.**

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6

## C. THE WAY OF SALVATION

**1. To be saved, we must first be drawn.** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. **John 6:44**

**2. Jesus has drawn all people unto him.** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men (people) unto me. **John 12:32**

**3. Salvation saves us from death.** Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins. **James 5:20**

**4. Salvation saves (washes) us from our sins.** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood **Revelation 1:5**

## D. THE PLAN OF SALVATION - BELIEF

**1. Belief in Jesus** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **John 3:16**

**2. Belief on Jesus** Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. **1 Timothy 1:16**

**3. Belief that Jesus is the Christ** Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. **1 John 5:1**

**4. Belief that Jesus is the Son of God** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. **John 20:31**

**5. Trust in Christ** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **Ephesians 1:12-13**

**6. Faith of Christ** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. **Galatians 2:16**

**7. Belief in the resurrection** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **Romans 10:9**

**8. Belief on him who sent Jesus (God the Father)** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. **John 5:24**

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1 John 5:1

**1 John 5:1 tells me that I must believe that Jesus is the Christ to be saved.**

**The word "Christ" is the Greek word for the Hebrew word "Messiah"**

**The word "messiah" refers to the person who will save people from their sins.**

**To believe that Jesus is my messiah, means that I must believe that I am a sinner.**

**People like to think of themselves as good, but God says that we are sinners.**

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? **Proverbs 20:6**

**People think that God is only loving, but God is also just, and will take vengeance on sinners.**

Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **2 Thessalonians 1:6-8**

**Since people naturally think they are GOOD and think sin isn't a big deal, they must CHANGE THEIR MINDS! The word the Bible uses for this is repentance.**

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. **Acts 17:30-31**

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. **Acts 11:18**

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. **Mark 1:14-15**

**Anything that a person holds on to that prevents them from coming to Jesus Christ must be repented of.**

**"I am too sinful to be saved!"**

Repent of your false belief about who God is willing to save. Believe on Christ!

**I would get saved, but if I get saved God will want me to stop being promiscuous. I don't want to give that up, so I won't believe!**

Repent (change your mind) about holding onto sin above believing Jesus Christ.

**REPENTANCE is not works - it is a change of heart. A person is asked only to change their minds so that they are enabled to believe.**

**After a person's salvation, due to repentance, their actions often will change. But this is a RESULT of salvation, not a REQUIREMENT for it.**

(some Christian people deny this statement: Anything that a person holds on to that prevents them from coming to Jesus Christ must be repented of.) **There are two possible results of this.**

**1st possible result: Because they refuse to try to get the person to repent, that person will not repent of the thing preventing them from believing, and they will never get saved.**

**2nd possible result. The person who denies repentance will try to get the person to change their mind about the thing keeping them from believing. (This often works. Why? Because it is REPENTANCE! This kind of soul winner denies the word 'repentance' and then practices it anyway.**

**You can't get to Heaven without Salvation** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

**Salvation takes place at a specific moment** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

You either believe or you don't believe. If you do believe, you came to that belief at a specific moment!

## The Ethiopian Eunuch's Moment

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. (Act 8:35-38)

## The Philippian Jailer's Moment

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. (Act 16:30-33)

**Those who have been saved, - true believers - never stop believing.**

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 1 John 2:18-19

**You can know for sure that you are going to heaven**

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

## **E. YOU CAN'T LOSE YOUR SALVATION**

**#1 - God is keeping it** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Timothy 1:12

**#2 - no person is able to take salvation away** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:28-29

**#3 - people who go to hell are people Jesus never knew** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7:23

**#4 - the kind of life that Jesus gives is everlasting, and everlasting life never ends.** Joh 5:24-25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (25) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. John 15:24-25

**Many people think they are going to heaven, but are not, because they try to get there by doing works when God wants repentance and belief.** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7:21-23

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

## notes