

SALVATION

When a person is trapped in a burning building, it is up to the fire department to rescue them. Fire fighters are willing to sacrifice their life for another. It's difficult to imagine why a fire fighter or any public servant would put their lives on the line for a person, only to say that something within them compels them to do it. Well, salvation is just that, the sacrificing of one life for another.

I. Have you ever thought about why God was willing to sacrifice Jesus Christ for us?

- Well, the bible says in **John 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life”.
- The love of God is greater than any love we can every experience. We are told that God “shows and clearly proves His love for us that even while we were yet sinners Christ died for us” **Romans 5:8**.

II. Why did Christ die for us?

- Because of one man's disobedience (Adam) sin entered the entire human race. As a result all who are born are born into sin and sharpened into iniquity **Psalms 51:5**.

III. What does it mean to be born into sin?

- God created Adam and Eve to be the blueprint for all of mankind, when they chose to disobey God, all of mankind took on that sinful nature. This means when we are born into this world, we are born with a nature that will disobey God. God show us in His word that the result of disobedience is separation from Him “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 39:2**.
- **Romans 3:23** tells us “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”
- Sin has a penalty, and that penalty is death, **Romans 5:23** “ for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”.

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IV. We must accept the fact that God has provided the only way out.

- Jesus says in **John 14:6** “ I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me”. Because Jesus Christ sacrifice His own life for us, the separation between God and man has been fixed. He paid the price for our sins, so we wouldn’t have to.
- We are told in **1st Timothy 2:5** “ For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” This means Jesus took our place so we can be in fellowship with God.

V. Believe and Live

- “Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts” **Hebrews 3:15**.
- “Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me” **Revelations 3:20**.
- “For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved” **Romans 10:9-10**.

Beloved, you no longer have to be trapped by sin, give your heart to Jesus by repenting. You can experience abundant life in Him. Jesus says “ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand” **John 10:28**.

Pray to receive Jesus Christ into your life

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to you in the name of your son Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins. Lord, I ask you to forgive me. I confess that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and that he rose from the grave. Now, I ask you Jesus, to come into my heart and take control over my life. I am no longer trapped by the world, nor am I under the enemy’s control. Today, I belong to you and I thank you that I am saved. AMEN!

If you just received Jesus Christ into your life, we love to hear from you.