

Believe



*... Those who believe in Jesus
as Lord & follow Him ...*

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**“ALLOWING HIM TO BE
LORD OF YOUR LIFE
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SALVATION PRAYER

The salvation prayer is merely a road to being born again through the Lord Jesus Christ. For you to be born again, you must confess Jesus as Lord and believe that He is. When you ask Him into your life, you are allowing Him to be Lord of your life. A salvation prayer is an acknowledgement that you want and need Jesus. It is confessing with your mouth what you believe in your heart and it is a turning point in your life.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, today I acknowledge that You died on the cross for my sin. You rose on the third day, breaking the power of death and hell. I need You in my life. I confess that You are Lord and You are Savior. I ask You to forgive me of all my sin. Come into my life now and make me new. Come live in me and through me by the power of the Holy Spirit. Today, by the power in the blood of Jesus, I renounce my past and ask for total freedom from all bondages. I now commit my life, both my present and my future, into Your hands. I am yours. Make me Your disciple.

BELIEVE

Congratulations! The best and most important decision you will ever make in this life is the decision to surrender your life to God. The Holy Spirit is the person who has moved upon your heart by urging you to come to Christ and to let Christ take care of the sin problem that has separated you from God.

When you turn to Christ, you are giving Christ all of your life: all of your past, your present, and your future. Turning to Christ for salvation is an act of your will. It is a confession that you know you are a sinner, a person whose life is not surrendered to Christ. You are acknowledging that you need Christ to forgive you and to make you new.

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CHRIST BREAKS THE POWER OF SIN

We have inherited a sin nature, an inner disposition that inclines us to wrong acts and thoughts. We sin because we are sinners. Romans 5:18-19 says, “Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”

Sin has power to enslave people into lifestyles they cannot break by themselves. It aggressively works against our life. Ephesians 2:1-4 says, “You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this

world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves

in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...”

TODAY IS A TURNING POINT

Salvation begins with what the Bible calls repentance, a turning point in your life where you stop going one direction and turn to go a different direction. Repentance is a re-direction of the human will, a purposeful decision to forsake all wrong and unrighteous things and follow Christ. Repentance begins in our heart and then moves to our attitudes and actions. It is a definite turning point. Today you are making a decision to follow Christ. This is the beginning of repentance for you.

SALVATION IS IN CHRIST ALONE

Salvation is in Christ and in His work on the cross for you, His death for you, and His resurrection for you.

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He alone can bring salvation to your life. Some people live in self, in religion, in church, or in their mind, but to have eternal life we must be in Christ. To be in Christ is to pull up the roots of one's very life from the soil of sin, self, and others and to plant those roots in Christ.

You have become a believer, one who embraces Christ for his or her own personal life and believes the gospel. The gospel is the message that Christ died on the cross for you and that Christ sacrificed and shed His blood for you to receive your forgiveness of your sins. Ephesians 1:7 declares, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” To be born again you must believe Christ for yourself. It is not a family thing or a friend thing. It is you believing Christ personally. You must believe Ephesians 1:7. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

This process is simple. You turn to Christ with all your heart, you make a decision to follow Christ, you accept His forgiveness and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a new heart and a new life, and you become a new person. 2 Corinthians 5:17 proclaims, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." In Ezekiel 36:26 God promises, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

INFLUENCES OF THE PAST BROKEN

You have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God.

Colossians 1:13 affirms, *"He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son he loves (New English Translation)."*

The devil, with all his power, has had influence over your life but now that influence is broken by the power of the blood of Christ. We renounce with you today

any evil spiritual influence that has caused you to live in bondage and under the power of the evil one, in slavery to a habit or in any moral darkness. We renounce today in Jesus' name all those things and we announce in Jesus' name that you are free and a new person. We believe what the Bible says about you is true.

Isaiah 44:22 *"I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."*

Psalms 103:12 *"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."*

Micah 7:18-19 *"Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."*



YOUR LIFE IS TRANSFORMED

You have experienced what the Bible calls regeneration. It is God doing something supernaturally in your life. He transforms your life and gives you new spiritual vitality and direction, changing your nature and character. God is working beyond anything you can imagine. Titus 3:5 says, "...not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit..." In Colossians 3:10 we read, "...and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him..."

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“WATER BAPTISM IS THE CHANGE OF IDENTIFICATION”

Water Baptism is Identifying with Christ

You now need to go on and take the next step, which is water baptism according to Acts 2:38. "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Water baptism is both a public proclamation of your new life and an inner spiritual work that happens in

you at baptism. Water baptism is the change of identification.

One who is saved by faith is not identified with sin any longer but has a new identification in Christ.

LET THIS BE YOUR CONFESSION TODAY

1. I have been justified and forgiven.

Romans 5:1 *"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Ephesians 1:7-8 *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence..."*

2. I have been set free from condemnation and guilt.

Colossians 1:14 *"...in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."*

3. I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"*

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

2 Timothy 1:9 *"...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began..."*

4. I have been made righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:21 *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

5. I live in Christ and Christ lives in me.

Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

Colossians 1:27 *"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

6. I have a hope and a future.

Ephesians 1:3-5 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."*

Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

You have started a fantastic journey of serving and loving God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. To live in Christ is to live in the word of God, prayer, and constant fellowship with other fully-devoted followers of Christ. Cooperate every day with the power of the Holy Spirit as this is your strength and your victory for living. You should immediately plan on being water baptized by immersion and connect to the local church. You should also begin to share your new life with your friends and family, with everyone and anyone.

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