

RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

WHEREFORE, MY BELOVED, AS YE HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING. FOR IT IS GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE. ~ PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

When we bring our lives to complete obedience to the law of God, regarding God as our supreme Guide, and clinging to Christ as our hope of righteousness, God will work in our behalf. This is a righteousness of faith, a righteousness hidden in a mystery of which the world knows nothing, and which it cannot understand. Sophistry and strife follow in the train of the serpent; but the commandments of God diligently studied and practiced, open to us communication with heaven, and distinguish for us the true from the false. This obedience works out for us the divine will, bringing into our lives the righteousness and perfection that was seen in the life of Christ.

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Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Psalm 69:16



HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

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JUSTIFICATION

PSALM 6:4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

God hates sin, but he loves sinners. He loves sinners so much that he died for sinners such as us. (Romans 5:6)

1 JOHN 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God does not want anyone to experience hellfire. He, therefore, wants everyone to repent. He wants you and I to confess and forsake our sins in Jesus Christ's name. Then we will receive a complete pardon of all our sins, and we are saved. We are then at peace with God (Romans 5:1) We have been justified by faith in Jesus.

Out of appreciation for being completely forgiven, we no longer choose to live in sin. We decide to serve Jesus Christ, the living God, with all our hearts. (Hebrews 9:13-14) His laws and evangelistic activities to save others become pleasant duties to perform. (Psalm 40:8, Matthew 22:37-40)

The day-to-day life of sanctification and joy in believing is for every soul who in faith will claim the promises of the Word of God and draw upon divine strength for the work of overcoming. (1 John 1:7, 2 Peter 1:4)

ACCEPT THE SAVIOUR

HOW DO I RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST?

1. Admit: "I am a sinner" Why? Because all have sinned (Romans 3:23)

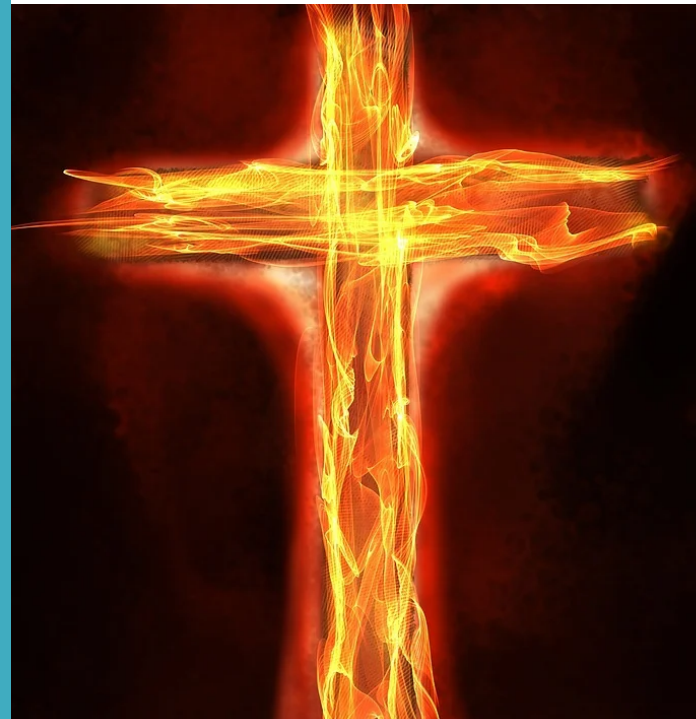
2. Admit: "I am going to die" How come? Because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)

3. Admit: "I can't save myself" Why can't I? Because Jesus said that "without me ye can do nothing". (John 15:5)

4. Believe: "Jesus Christ died for me". Did He? Hebrews 2:9 says But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

5. Believe: "He forgives me" Does He? 1John 1:9 says If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6. Believe: "He saves me" Really? Jesus said "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47).



HOW CAN I BE PERFECT?

What is righteousness?

1 JOHN 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous**, even as he is righteous.

Righteousness is doing what is right. We know what is right and wrong by studying God's Ten Commandments. (Romans 3:20) Righteousness is perfect obedience to the law of God. (Romans 6:16) We cannot justify ourselves by our own good works, but good deeds and obedience to God's law are the fruits of genuine faith that works by love. (James 2:14-26, Galatians 5:6, John 14:15)

What is faith?

MICAH 7:5 **Trust** ye not in **a friend**, put ye not **confidence** in **a guide**: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

Faith is a saving belief in Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 11:1, 6) True faith involves committing one's life to Jesus Christ. (Psalm 31:5, Proverbs 16:3) Faith is a deep and abiding trust in the Saviour and his word. (Psalm 37:5) We can only be perfect when we have complete trust in Jesus to fully save us and confidently obey the positive dictates of Scripture.