

Guide to
Salvation



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WHAT IS SALVATION; WHAT DOES BORN AGAIN MEAN?

God created us in His own image to have an abundant life – because He loves us. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him, but He gave us a will and a freedom of choice. When we chose to disobey God and go our own willful way, we sinned. We still make this choice today.

This sin results in separation from God, and so being saved or born again means that your sins are forgiven and you will not go to hell but to heaven to be with God, when you die.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

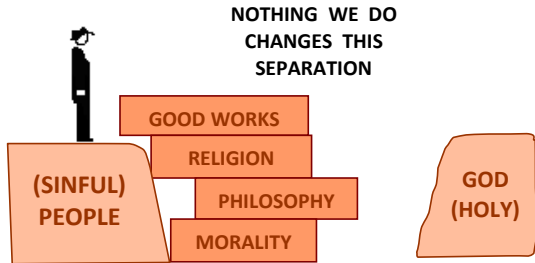


CAN WE DO SOMETHING TO END THIS SEPARATION?

Any attempt to bridge this gap between God and ourselves is going to be without success.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death.

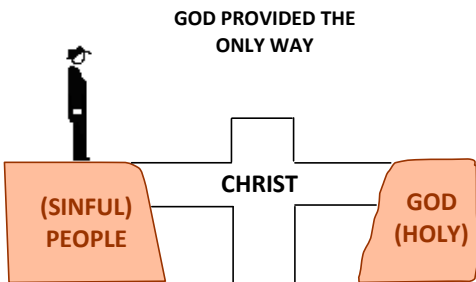


Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated you from God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM?

Jesus Christ is the only remedy to this separation problem. Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave paying the penalty for our sins and bridged the gap between God and people.



1 Peter 3:18a

For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

1 Timothy 2:5

God is on one side and all the people on the other side and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together.

WHY DID GOD PROVIDE JESUS AS THE REMEDY FOR SEPARATION?

God wants us to experience His peace and life, abundant and eternal.

Romans 5:1

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 10:10

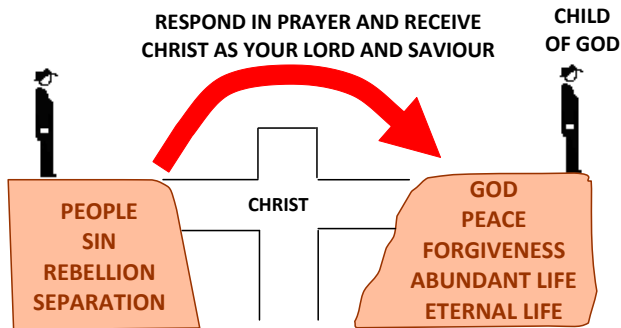
I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

IF GOD PLANNED PEACE AND ABUNDANT LIFE, WHY AM I NOT EXPERIENCING IT?

We need to make a response to the love of God and receive Christ by personal invitation.

How do I do this?

1. Admit you are a sinner.
2. Be willing to repent and turn from your sins.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and is alive.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as your Lord and Saviour.)



Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you will be saved.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

WHAT MORE SHOULD I DO?

Nothing! God provided the perfect way, namely Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8,9

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

If you sincerely asked Jesus Christ to come into your life by using the prayer on Page 7 or a similar prayer to the one in this booklet, you are now a Child of God and He has given you eternal life.

1 John 5: 12 & 13

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT I AM REALLY SAVED?

You **are** saved. You are a Child of God. You have eternal life and are forgiven, cleansed and restored because God said it in His Word, the Bible. You believe it in your heart and that settles it.

I WAS A CHRISTIAN BUT I HAVE GONE BACK TO MY OLD WAYS. WHAT NOW?

Firstly recognise that you have failed. You are sorry and ready to come back to God. Let's look at these scriptures.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.



Sin takes us off God's pathway and results in separation. Confession puts us back on God's pathway to peace and joy

STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. Confess – tell God your sins, be specific.
2. Ask for His forgiveness and you will be cleansed.
3. Now you are back on God’s pathway.

WHAT DO I PRAY?

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins. I want to turn away from my sins. I believe You died and then rose from the dead and You are now alive. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I receive You as my personal Lord and Saviour. Thank You for saving me now.

Amen

Date:.....

Name:.....

Signature:.....



WHAT NOW?

This is the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship you should:

1. Read your Bible everyday to know Jesus better. Use the daily reading to help you. (Start with Gospel of John)
2. Talk to God in prayer every day. Use the confessions provided to help you pray for your needs.
3. Tell others about Christ.
4. Worship, fellowship and serve with other Christians in church.
5. Join a home group. Choose one in your area. Ask your leader where you could become involved in the church.
6. As Christ’s representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.

God Bless You

If you need further help, contact us on the web at: www.pcfpoynton.org.uk

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Phone us on 01625 859170

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