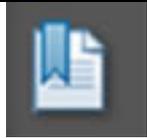


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Jesus Saves through God's Plan for Our Salvation

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The true purpose of life and living is summarized in the 10 facts listed at this site.

Introduction: This site is for all thinking people, regardless of religion, race, nationality, or color. This includes all Christians, Jews, Muslims, Protestants, Catholics, Pentecostals, Calvinists, Evangelicals, Wesleyans, Mormons, agnostics, atheists, liberals, conservatives, Republicans, Democrats, independents, ad infinitum.

The Ten-Part Plan of Salvation is not meant to replace the Four Spiritual Laws, James Kennedy's *Evangelism Explosion*, or any similar witnessing program. The Ten-Part Plan of Salvation is the raw material from which these other programs were developed: God's Plan of Salvation as outlined in the Holy Bible.

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Glossary of Terms: The Short List

The following terms are used in various contexts to describe the process of coming into a proper relationship with Almighty God.

Accept Jesus as a Personal Savior. Jesus died on the cross so we won't have to die for our sins. However, salvation is not automatic and by default. Each person must accept Him in a conscious act.

Born again. This is the term Jesus used when explaining this process to Nicodemus in John, chapter 3. When you accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior, you are born again, just as Jesus taught Nicodemus. Therefore, you are a "baby Christian", regardless of your chronological or mental age.

By the way, you can't inherit the born again status from a Godly parent. Each individual must accept Jesus Christ as a Personal Savior as he or she reaches the chronological age of accountability. This age is usually around seven.

Converted. The process of being changed from a person who is lost to a person who is saved. This has nothing to do with your official church affiliation or membership.

Covered by the Blood. Jesus died on the cross for our sins so we won't have to die for our sins. Therefore, salvation is the process of being covered by His blood, as our protection from God's punishment for our sins, which is eternity in Hell.

Lost. The opposite of being **Saved**.

Saved. Since a person who is not in a good relationship with God is lost and will go to hell at death, being saved is the opposite of being lost. Since Jesus died on the cross as our supreme sacrifice for sin, we say, "**Jesus Saves.**"

The Ten-Part Plan of Salvation

1. **In the beginning**, Almighty God created the entire universe, including the little speck in the cosmos we know as Planet Earth.
Genesis 1:1
2. **God was surrounded by angelic creatures** who worshiped Him because it was their nature to do so. However, He wanted entities who would love Him because they wanted to, not because they had to.
3. **Human beings were created** for the express purpose of worshipping God. We were created in the spiritual image of God so He could have someone to talk to. Genesis 1:27
4. **God deliberately created us** with something theologians refer to as a *free moral agency*. This means we could worship God because we wanted to. It also means we could reject or ignore God if we wanted to.
5. **The penalty for disobeying God** and breaking His laws was death. Not just death in the physical sense, but death as eternal separation from God.
Genesis 2:17
6. **Our first ancestors, Eve and Adam**, broke God's law and incurred the death penalty for their sin by eating the forbidden fruit. Genesis 3:6
7. **However, God had mercy**, and didn't impose eternal separation from Him immediately. Instead, He set up a system of sacrifice where animals **and not humans** would die on the altar for our sins. From the time of Moses until Jesus was born, animals died on the altar of God so humans wouldn't have to die for their sins. Leviticus 1:4, Genesis 22:13
8. **But animal death was only a temporary system of salvation**. The ultimate sacrifice was to be His own Son, Jesus Christ: **The Lamb of God**. God was willing to send His only Son to Earth as the supreme sin sacrifice. Jesus was willing to come, and was born in a barn as the Lamb of God. What better place for a Lamb to be born than in a barn? Luke 2:6, John 1:29, Revelation 5:6.
9. **When Jesus died on that Roman cross**, He paid the death penalty for all of us who accept Him. Everyone, from Adam to the people alive when Jesus died, who had watched in faith as animals died on the altar of God as their sin sacrifice, was saved by the blood of Jesus on the cross. And, all of us who look back to the cross and accept Jesus as our personal savior are saved by His blood, also. Acts 4:12

10. **The Bible clearly predicts that someday, Jesus Christ will return to Earth and rapture all persons (living and dead) who have accepted sacrificial blood as their salvation from sin. In a Biblical context, "rapture" means the instant removal of all persons living and dead who have accepted God's plan for their salvation by means of holy sacrifice. However, the word *rapture*, itself, does not appear in the Bible. [See *Gone, a Novel about the Rapture*.](#)**

All the Old Testament prophecies about the first coming of Jesus were fulfilled, right down to the place where He would be born. There is no reason to believe that the New Testament prophecies concerning His coming in the rapture will not be fulfilled in equal detail.

Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

Conclusion: Born-again Christians don't decide who goes to heaven. God does.
Everyone who accepts His Son as their Lamb of God goes to Heaven! John 3:16.

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The Full Verses from the Holy Bible which Are Used at This Site to Document the Plan of Salvation

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Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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

Genesis 2:17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 22:13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Leviticus 1:4: He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.

Luke 2: 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

Luke 2:7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 3:4 How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

John 3:7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:9 How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3:10 You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Acts 1: 11 Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

1 Thessalonians 4: 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Revelation 5: 6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

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