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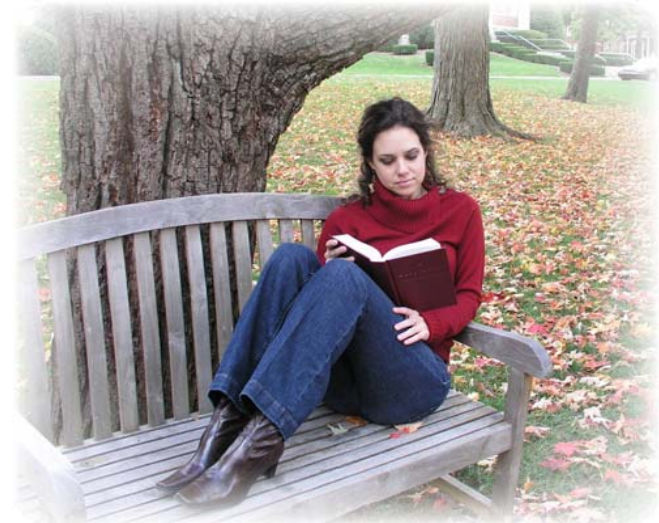
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Searching for Answers



How Can I Be Saved?

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How can I be saved?

In the stressful days of the early 21st century, one question that comes often to our Francis Asbury Office is: "How can I be saved?" From New Testament times seekers have asked this question at critical moments. My answer to this question is best expressed in five parts.

I. When you ask the question, "How can I be saved?" you have actually taken the first step toward God by expressing your belief that God is, "and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

II. When your ear is tuned to God, you will recognize God's love in such passages as "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 3:16).

Paul puts the same message in these words: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners,

day. I did so for a long time. That small book of five chapters was an anchor to my faith. You might try it as well.

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Of course, our enemy Satan, who is described as “the accuser” will seek to insert doubts. Learn to repeat for yourself the prayer that you have just prayed.

Two verses from the Gospel of John are especially helpful to read aloud when you are tempted to doubt.

- John 5:24, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”
- John 20:31, “But these (stories and miracles) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Early in my personal walk with Christ, during a period of much temptation to doubt, someone suggested that I read at least a chapter in the book of I John every

Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

III. Precisely because God loves you, He tells you the truth, and the truth is that all are sinners. Hear His Word: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” and “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:23 and 3:10).

IV. Because God loves you, He has provided an effective remedy for your sin. In other words, He has made a way for you to be saved and He has revealed that way in clear terms.

In the following three passages written to various groups of seekers and believers in the first century, God’s remedy for sin is described in simple (but not simplistic) terms.

- [1] “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).
- [2] “But as many as received Him, to

them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

- [3] "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3-4).

V. God does not ask you to wait to be saved. Because of His love He is ready to save you now. Read and *truly hear and accept* these two passages.

- "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20a); also,
- For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (Romans 10:13).

It is important to make a clean break with your sinful past and begin a new walk with

Christ. I believe that an excellent way to do this is to pray a prayer expressing your desire to put your faith in Christ as you begin your walk with Him. Of course you may express such a desire in your own words, or you may use the following prayer:

I confess that I am a sinner, and I believe that The Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins on the cross and was raised that I might be saved. I now confess him as my personal savior.

You may find it helpful to sign your name and date your confession of faith.

Name: _____

Date: _____

God does not intend for you to wonder whether or not you are saved. As you learn to be a reader of God's Word, the Holy Spirit will give you fresh assurance of your relationship as a believer. God keeps His promise of salvation to those who believe in Him.