

Check Out the Good News!

Point #1: **Your Purpose:**  
**A Relationship With God**

God created every human being (THAT'S YOU) with all the tools they need to carry out a meaningful, fulfilling and loving relationship with Him. You were designed for this purpose; however, there is a problem. Actually, it's a big problem.

Point #2: **Your Problem:**  
**God is Holy and You're Not**

The word "holy" means pure or separate from all sin. Holiness is part of God's nature so He naturally has to separate himself from anything sinful. Unfortunately for us, we are **not** holy-not even close. Be honest with yourself on this one. You know the truth. We've all broken God's Laws.

## Let's take a look at just a few to prove the point.

- Law: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless that misuses his name"(Ex. 20:7). Did you ever use God's name in a way that was disrespectful?
- Law: "Honor your father and your mother....." (Ex. 20:12). Ever disobey your parents?
- Law: "You shall not murder"(Ex. 20:13). The Bible teaches that hate is the same as murder in God's eyes (1 Jn. 3:15). Ever hate someone?
- Law: "You shall not commit adultery"(Ex. 20:14). Jesus taught that to even look at someone in lust was adultery in God's eyes (Matthew 5:27-28). Ever look at someone in a sexual way thinking of their body as an object?
- Law: "You shall not steal"(Ex. 20:15). This applies regardless of the value of the object or your reasons for taking it.
- Law: "You shall not give false testimony against your Neighbor"(Ex. 20:16). This means lie. Even half truths count regardless if your intentions were good.

Well, how did you do? I thought so! If the truth would be known, we would all have to admit we've failed this test! If you don't think so, you've just broken more laws by lying or being self righteous which breaks a rule I didn't even list! There are more laws but the point has been made. The Bible puts it this way, "there is no one righteous, not even one (Romans 3:10)"!

**Point #3: Your Penalty:  
Physical and Spiritual Death in Hell!**

This is scary stuff! Unfortunately, even if you don't think it's true, that doesn't change the fact that it is true. Romans 6:23a says, "for the wages of sin is death...." (I'll tell you the rest of the verse in a minute!)! The Bible also says, "but the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolators and all liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death (Rev. 21:8)."

Point #4: **God's Plan:**  
**Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ for All  
Who Believe (Completely Trust) in Him  
to Save Them!**

God recognized our sin problem and did something amazing. He sent Jesus to save us. The Bible puts it this way, “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world (1 Jn. 4:14)”. When Jesus died on the cross He paid the price for our sins even though He was sinless Himself. He substituted Himself and paid our penalty. The Bible says, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is anyone who is hung on a tree.’” This price (Jesus’ life) satisfied the offended holiness of God (the reason He had to separate us from Himself in the first place). Now, because of Jesus’ payment on the cross, we have a choice.

Point #5: **Your Present** (gift):  
**Salvation**

The Bible says, “for the wages of sin is death, **but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord** (Romans 6:23)”. We can either pay our own penalty (in hell) or we can accept His free gift of paying our penalty for us (on the cross). **The choice is yours.**

Point #6: **Your Prayer:**  
**Appeal to God for Salvation**

The Bible says, “for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph. 2:8-9)”. Please note the last phrase. “Not by works” means that you can’t get to heaven by being a good person or doing good things (we already proved above that your sin has kept you from being “good” in God’s eyes

anyway). Tell God that you realize you are a sinner and that you are in need of a Savior (Jesus Christ). Turn from your sins (repent) and to Jesus by completely trusting in Him alone for the salvation of your soul. Let Jesus know that you are counting on Him to save you and then trust Him to keep His promise.

Point # 7: **Your Pleasure:**  
**Heaven and Being a Child of God**

If you have placed your faith (complete trust) in Jesus, you can rejoice because there is rejoicing in heaven about your decision and you get an inheritance! Check out these verses!

“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent (Luke 15:7).”

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).”

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade- kept in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:3-4).”

Congratulations if you've just trusted in Jesus to save you! Now live like it!

**“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says (James 1:22).”**

