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GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION

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My Friend: I am asking you the most important question of life. Your joy or your sorrow for all ETERNITY depends upon it. The question is: ARE YOU SAVED? It is not whether you are a member of some church; but, Are you SAVED? It is not how good you are, but, ARE YOU SAVED? No one can enjoy the blessings of God or go to Heaven without being saved. Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:7, "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." God gives us in His Word the ONLY plan for Salvation. The Plan is simple; you can be saved TODAY.

First, my friend, you must realize YOU ARE A SINNER.

"There is none righteous, no, not one," Romans 3:10.

"For there is no difference: For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:22-23.

There is NO CHANCE to be saved unless you come to realize you are a SINNER. Because you are a sinner, you are CONDEMNED TO DIE.

"For the wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23.

"Sin, bringeth forth death," James 1:15.

This means separation from God, in HELL, FOREVER. How terrible. Yes, my friend, but it is true. But God loved you so much that HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, Jesus Christ, as your SUBSTITUTE. Who bare YOUR sin, and died in YOUR place.

"He hath made HIM (Jesus) to be SIN for US, who knew no sin; that WE might BE MADE the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in HIM," II Corinthians 5:21.

"Who His OWN SELF bare OUR

sins in HIS own body on the tree, that WE, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED," I Peter 2:24.

Jesus had to die. He had to shed HIS BLOOD.

"For the LIFE of the flesh IS IN THE BLOOD," Leviticus 17:11.

"Without the SHEDDING OF BLOOD there is no remission," Hebrews 9:22.

We cannot understand how our sin was laid upon Jesus, but God says in HIS WORD that it was. SO YOUR SIN, my friend, was laid UPON JESUS and HE DIED IN YOUR PLACE. It is true. God cannot lie.

The Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas: "What must I DO to be SAVED? And they said, BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED, and thy house," Acts 16:30-31.

"Repentance TOWARD God, and faith TOWARD our Lord Jesus Christ," Acts 20:21.

"Repent YE and BELIEVE the gospel," Mark 1:15.

Simply believe on Him as the one who bore YOUR SIN, DIED in YOUR PLACE, was buried and was raised for YOUR JUSTIFICATION. Now call upon Him.

"For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord, SHALL BE SAVED," Romans 10:13.

Just take God at His WORD. CLAIM SALVATION BY FAITH, according to HIS WORD. BELIEVE AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED. No church, no lodge, no good works, NO ONE BUT JESUS ONLY CAN SAVE YOU.

The simple plan of salvation is: YOU ARE A SINNER; because you are a sinner you MUST DIE or else believe on Christ who was YOUR SUBSTITUTE and died in YOUR PLACE, was buried and was raised again. Just call upon GOD, REALIZING you are a sinner and ask Him to have mercy upon you and save you for JESUS' SAKE. Then just take HIM AT HIS WORD and BY FAITH CLAIM SALVATION.

You might say, "Surely that is not all that is necessary to do to be saved." Yes it is, absolutely all. Thank God many have been won to Christ by this simple plan. It is SCRIPTURAL. IT IS GOD'S PLAN. My friend, BELIEVE IT AND FOLLOW IT TODAY. Now is the time- Today is the day.

"Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation," II Corinthians 6:2.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth," Proverbs 27:1.

If it is not perfectly clear, READ IT OVER and OVER until you understand it. Do not lay this paper down until you do. YOUR SOUL is worth more than all the world.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose HIS OWN SOUL? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36-37.

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GOD'S WORD TO THE LOST

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ALL IN SIN:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one," Romans 3:10-12.

1. By nature - Born in sin. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me," Psalms 51:5.

"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others," Ephesians 2:3.

2. By choice. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil," John 3:19. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all," Isaiah 53:6.

3. By practice. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23.

CONSEQUENCES SURE:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Romans 6:23.

1. Condemned already. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God," John 3:18. "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them," Galatians 3:10.

2. Under wrath. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," John 3:36. "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God," Romans 2:5.

3. Death. "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched," Mark 9:48. "Then when lust hath conceived, it

bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death," James 1:15. "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power," II Thessalonians 1:9.

CANNOT SAVE SELF:

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16:16.

1. Not by works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8-9.

2. Not by baptism. "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission," Hebrews 9:22.

3. Not by conduct. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified," Galatians 2:16. "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain," Galatians 2:21. "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses," Acts 13:39.

SALVATION FOR ALL:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," Acts 10:43.

1. God's desire. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," II Peter 3:9.

2. God's proof. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins," I John 4:10. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," Romans 5:8.

3. God's plan. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among

men, whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12.

COME AS YOU ARE:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool," Isaiah 1:18.

1. Saves sinners. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief," I Timothy 1:15.

2. Ungodly. "But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick," Matthew 8:12.

3. Uttermost. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them," Hebrews 7:25. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 24.

CONDITIONS SIMPLE:

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ," Acts 20:21.

1. Turn from sin. "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3.

2. Turn to Jesus. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," John 1:12.

3. Trust fully. "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," II Timothy 1:12. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life," John 6:47.

DELAY IS DANGEROUS:

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:20.

1. Today. "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the

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Be Sure You Are Saved. You Need Salvation above Everything Else. If You Lose Your Soul You Miss Heaven and Lose All. God Help You to Be Saved Today. He will save you and also KEEP YOU.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it," II Corinthians 10:13.

DO NOT trust your feelings. They change. STAND on GOD'S PROMISES. They NEVER change.

After You Are Saved There Are Three Things to Practice Daily for Spiritual Growth: PRAY - talk to God. READ YOUR BIBLE - God talks to you. WITNESS - You talk for God.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in Heaven," Matthew 10:32.

"For we are labourers together with God," I Corinthians 3:9.

day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)" II Corinthians 6:2.

2. Cut down. "Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?" Luke 13:7.

3. No escape. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him," Hebrews 2:3. "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," Proverbs 29:1.

EVIDENCES OF SALVATION:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments," John 14:15.

1. Confess Jesus. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven," Matthew 10:32. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," Romans 10:9.

2. Obey Jesus. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," John 15:14. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him," I John

2:4.

3. Follow Jesus. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," Matthew 16:24. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.