

What Must I Do To Be Saved ?

Testimony (Oom Robert)

What must I do to be saved ? How to lead others to Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Have you ever led someone to Jesus ?

- Either you don't know how, or
- You have never surrendered to Him yourself.

Both ways - it's a big problem, because you are not following His instructions.

Mat 6: 5 on "When you pray, don't do it like this ..."

When visiting, I ask - Are you a Christian ?

"Well, I believe we all pray to the same god." - That's a lie !

Ex 20 : 1 – 5

1 God spoke, and these were his words: **2** "I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves.

3 "Worship no god but me.

4 "Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth.

5 Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the LORD your God and I tolerate no rivals. I bring punishment on those who hate me and on their descendants down to the third and fourth generation.

6 But I show my love to thousands of generations+ of those who love me and obey my laws.

John 14 : 6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

"I hate it when people claim that their God is so exclusive."

If you like it or not, the God of the Bible is exclusive !

1 Cor 10 : 19

¹⁹ Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.

Like with Indian people - putting the black dot - wearing the red string.

Like with African people - ancestral worship.

Rom 5 : 6 – 11

⁶ For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose. ⁷ It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone might dare to die for a good person. ⁸ But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! ⁹ By his blood^[d] we are now put right with God; how much more, then, will we be saved by him from God's anger! ¹⁰ We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son. Now that we are God's friends, how much more will we be saved by Christ's life! ¹¹ But that is not all;

we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends.

Helpless, wicked, sinners, God's enemies - hopeless picture.

A typical picture of an unsaved person.

And what about a baby? Being conceived and born in sin.

Rom 5 : 12

¹² Sin came into the world through one man, and his sin brought death with it. As a result, death has spread to the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

Rom 3 : 23

"everyone has sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Without you realizing that you are a sinner, God can do nothing for you (you cannot be saved), because :-

Lk 5: 31 (Levi, the tax collector)

³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Lk 19 : 10 (Zacchaeus)

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Now if you agree – “that’s me Lord. I am that helpless, wicked, sinner – Your enemy Lord, but I want to become Your friend.”

Then you have just taken the first step unto salvation !

Some people are too good to be saved.

Ds Kolie Kotze “go and steal a sheep ...”

Heidelberg Catechism - What must I do ...

- 1. I must realise how great my sin and misery is.**
- 2. I must know how to be saved from this sin and misery.**
- 3. And I must know how to be thankful for my salvation.**

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy Blood was shed for me - I come.

The second step is acceptance / commitment.

e.g. The tight-rope walker at the Niagara falls.

All were standing in amazement – but no one was willing to commit !

Jn 1 : 29

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Heb 9 : 22 (Lev 17 :11)

¹⁹ First, Moses proclaimed to the people all the commandments as set forth in the Law. Then he took the blood of bulls and goats, mixed it with water, and sprinkled it on the book of the Law and all the people, using a sprig of hyssop

and some red wool. ²⁰ He said, "This is the blood which seals the covenant that God has commanded you to obey." ²¹ In the same way Moses also sprinkled the blood on the Sacred Tent and over all the things used in worship. ²² Indeed, according to the Law almost everything is purified by blood, and sins are forgiven only if blood is poured out.

In Old Testament times, a lamb had to be slaughtered for sin.

But now, John pointed to Jesus and said :- "there is the Lamb of God ..."

Is 53 : 5 & 6

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

The reason for Jesus being born into this world - and dying on a cross, was to pay for your sins and mine, so that we can go free.

He became the appropriation for our sin.

Jn 3 : 16

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.

Mat 4 : 18 - 22

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for

they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

A. C. Sprowl - There is no such thing as following Jesus, without having committed to Him. And "committing" always precedes "following".

Jn 1 : 10-12

¹⁰ The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. ¹² Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children.

We all see in picture-form. A dog chasing ...

"Receiving Him"

Rev 3 :20 "Behold I stand at the door and I knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

But how do I open the door?

Rev 22 : 17

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes, take the free gift of the water of life.

Madam Sheik "I just could not stand it that He came to visit me - standing outside."

Tell me, are you going to Heaven? Are you sure?

1 John 5 : 11 & 13

¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 12 : 47-48

⁴⁷ "If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day."

Now Rev 3 : 20 - becomes a promise - He did come in !

One thing God can not do - He cannot lie.

Jn 1 : 12

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - You can become a child of God - now!

Now what about sin ? Ja, we can't just continue - same old, same old.

We have to turn our backs on sin - start following Jesus.

Then comes this fantastic word - Rom 8 : 1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you^[a] free from the law of sin and death.

Heb 12 : 1 & 2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

James 2 : 14-17

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Rom 12 : 1 & 2

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. ² Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

And what if we do sin again?

1 Jn 1 : 9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Sin is like yawning in church warm up the porridge.

Tell me, are you a "Child of God" ?

Why not tell others about it ?