

## How to Receive Salvation from God's Righteous Judgment

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First, the Word of God makes clear who Christ Jesus is. His biblical title "son of God" is that of His earthly ministry as a genuine human - the God/man. Yet Christ (Greek for the Hebrew "Messiah" – a title, not His name) is also **the Creator** Himself (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16; 1 Tim. 3:16). God is a Spirit – who for the sake of redeeming fallen man humbled himself and came to earth as a mere man (while still remaining in heaven to govern) so He could take upon himself the righteous judgement He had pronounced on sin (rebellion against Him and His authority).

That just punishment included both physical and the spiritual death that followed. Spiritual death for mankind is that of a real conscious eternal torment in Hell. Now this Hell does not speak of God's being too harsh, unloving, or unforgiving. Hells very existence (not created for mankind but for the angels that followed Lucifer and rebelled against their maker - Mat. 25:41) speaks to the degree of the Lord's Holiness. He is so Holy that the only righteous sentence against the slightest sin – committed by act or even thought – is that of eternal punishment. Scripture communicates this to us by declaring that He is thrice Holy – Holy, Holy, Holy (Rev. 4:8).

Other than the 33½ years during which Jesus walked the earth, mankind has never witnessed that degree of holiness: it was and is unaware such even exists. The very existence of Hell screams to mankind as to the degree of holiness that has been offended by even the smallest sin. Without Hell, we would neither know God was that Holy nor the degree our sin offends such. Being Holy and righteous He could not *overlook* wickedness, but out of His great compassion and mercy the Creator offers a most gracious and loving, yet righteous, escape from the terrible consequence our rebellions deserve. Truly repent and simply trust – take the gift of *faith* He gave us (Gal. 2:16) and put it in Him – that our heavenly Father has had all our sin debts eternally paid for by Christ's shed blood & death on the Cross (plus His 3 days in Hell, Mat. 12:40; Acts 2:31).

Deut. 30:19 I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: ("choose" forever slays the erroneous 5 point "Tulip" Calvinism)

Mark 2:17 Jesus said unto them...I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (none are righteous, Rom. 3:10; For all have sinned, Rom. 3:23 – so Christ Jesus came to call *everyone*)

John 3:3 Jesus: I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (born of water = 1<sup>st</sup> birth - flesh, out of mother: "born again" = 2<sup>nd</sup> birth - our *dead spirit* comes alive, John 3:5-7)

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (believeth = faith: Believe plus nothing!)

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ("the world," not just "the elect" – again slays 5 point "Tulip" Calvinism)

John 3:18 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. (faith plus nothing!)

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears **my word** and **believeth** on him that sent me **has everlasting life**, and shall **not** come into condemnation; but **is passed** from death unto life.

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they...testify of **me**. (from this & the above, salvation-eternal life is based on **faith in one person** - not works or good deeds)

John 5:40 And ye will not come **to me**, that ye might have life. (eternal life is a person – plus nothing)

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection**, and **the life**: he that **believeth in me**, (plus?) though he were dead, **yet shall he live**:

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am **the** way (not...a way), the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, **but by me**. (Jesus is either a liar, a megalomaniac or He is the Lord come in flesh.)

Jesus is **the Creator** (Col. 1:16): if we **have** Him why would we need anything or anyone else?

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