

STARTING POINT

Beloved,

We emphasize "growth", "excellence" and "prevail" as the lifestyle of a Kingdom citizen. This lifestyle is only possible when built on a solid foundation – the foundation of our salvation. The lifestyle of an outgiver that we emphasize is exemplified by God the Father and His son, Jesus.

John 3:16 (NLT)

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.

The death of His son guarantees eternal life.

Admit you are a sinner.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

This verse says everyone has sinned. That includes me, and you. If we do not admit, we are living in denial. The only time we need help is when we recognize the area in which we need help.



God loves sinners.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

You may have a child, niece, nephew, etc. that you care for or care about. Can you imagine sending this child to die in the place of people who have hurt you? These are people who have rejected you, yet you demonstrated your love for them by sending your loved one to die in their place. This is how God has shown his love for us. As sinners we turned our backs to God; but he did not turn his back in return. He went all out, gave up his best, his only begotten son Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for us. That's the price that had to be paid for man to become free of sin and Jesus Christ paid it for **YOU**.

God's Gift.

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

I believe you know very well what a gift is, different from a loan. So, I am not even going to go there. God's gift to us is everlasting life through his son Jesus Christ. It is the only way to salvation that God has given man. It is the only way that keeps man out of hell and guarantees his place in heaven.

What must you do to be saved?

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.



This is a personal confession that you have to make. It has to be an honest invitation of Jesus Christ into your life. If you consider your life like you are the driver behind the steering wheel, detecting wherever you are going; you want to replace that driver with Jesus Christ. You want to **sincerely** ask Jesus Christ to become the Master of your life.

It is this easy.

Romans 10:13 (NLT)

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

Beloved, this is all it takes. What is holding you back from giving your life to Jesus Christ?

What is stopping you from being assured about your place in heaven? Jesus Christ is inviting you today, right now, to pick up that ticket by saying the following prayer.

"Our Father who art in Heaven, I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I have done many things in my life that I am not pleased about, and dear Lord I am very sorry. I recognize your wonderful love for me demonstrated through the sending of your son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for me.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that He was crucified, He died by the shedding His blood and was buried. I believe that You, Father raised Him from the dead on the third day, and that He is seated at the right Hand of God the Father.

I invite Jesus Christ into my life as my personal Savior and Lord. Thank You, Jesus Christ for coming into my life today. I pray in Jesus Christ's name. Amen."

Welcome to a wonderful journey with Jesus Christ!

