

## What is Salvation and Who Needs It?

Salvation. Now that's a word we don't use much except in Christian circles.

So, what does that word mean from a Christian perspective?

"Salvation" is the term Christians use to describe being rescued from the power of sin and death. The Bible teaches in Romans 3:23 that everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's standard for living. Sin is anything we do that hurts our relationship with God.

Sin affects everyone! It controls us; it shapes us; it drives us; it separates us from God. We cannot overcome its power by ourselves. We see the control of sin from childhood on into adulthood. Children don't need to be taught to do wrong; they know it internally. They were born with sin inside. We all have sin within us as James 1 says.

Because of that, ***we are all in desperate need of a Savior.*** We need someone outside of our sinful situation that is not effected by sin to reach into our world & break sins control over us.

In John 3:16 it says, "For God loved the world so much that He gave His One and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to ***save*** the world through Him."

Referring to Jesus, Acts 4:12 says, "There is ***salvation*** in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be ***saved.***"

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

Jesus is our Savior! The One who brings us salvation.

Jesus overcame sin's power of us by giving His life for ours. Jesus provides salvation through His death, burial and resurrection!

We "get saved" when we place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. When we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved!

Are you saved?