

The Way of Salvation

Plain & Simple

There are some things in the Bible that are not easy to understand; however, God has made the way of salvation so plain, and so simple, that a child can understand it.

God's plan of salvation was plain and simple for about two-thousand years; however, when our focus changed from *individuals* being genuinely born again, to reaching *crowds*, we began to experience the promotion of the *common* salvation Jude warned about in Jude 1:3, and the *perverted* gospel Paul warned about in Galatians 1:7.

Influential pastors began to spread their *common salvation* plan far and wide, and the masses who were too shallow to study the Word of God for themselves, chose sides and the battle for Lordship-salvation or Easy-believism was underway.

Salvation Begins With Hearing The Word of God.



Ephesians 1:13 - "In whom ye also trusted, **after that ye heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation..."

Romans 10:14 - "...how shall they believe in him of whom they have not **heard**? and how shall they **hear** without a preacher?"

Luke 8:13 - They on the rock are they, which, when they **hear**, receive the **word** with joy

Acts 15:7 - "...the Gentiles by my mouth should **hear** the **word** of the gospel, and believe."

Luke 8:12 - "Those by the way side are they that **hear**; then cometh the devil, and taketh away **the word** out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."

The Holy Spirit Convicts The Sinner of His Sin.

John 16:8,9 - "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin...because they believe not on me."

Romans 2:4 - "...not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

Acts 11:18 - "They...glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Second Timothy 2:25- "God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth."

The Sinner Then, Repents or Rejects The Reproving of The Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19 - "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Mark 1:15 - "...repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Luke 13:3 - "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

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Repentance is simply responding in a positive way to the Holy Spirit when we are convicted of sin.

There is not a person in this world who is saved, if he or she did not repent of their sin when convicted by the Holy Spirit.

The Result of Repentance Is A Changed Life.

Second Corinthians 5:17 - *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

When a person repents, that person becomes a "...new creature." The Greek word translated creature here is ktisis. It has been translated creation six times.

When God created the world we read, "...the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved..." (Genesis 1:2)

This is what happens when a person repents of sin. Genesis 1:3 says, "...and there was light." Jesus said, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." (John 12:46)

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When someone is genuinely saved he will have...

A new love for the Word of God.

Romans 10:8 - *"The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart."*

John 8:47 - *"He that is of God heareth God's words."*

A new love for the people of God.

First John 3:14 - *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."*

A new desire for the will of God.

Romans 6:4 - *"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."*

Philippians 2:13 - *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*

A new peace with God.

Romans 5:1 - *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

"What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, Since Jesus came into my heart!"

To understand repentance is simply to understand the order in which things happen when a person is saved.

1. Hearing the Word of God.
2. Conviction of the Holy Spirit.
3. Repentance
4. Change

If we keep the process of salvation in it's proper order, there is no need for an argument about Lordship salvation or Easy-believism.

