

Thoughts **to Ponder**

A Christ centered web page offering insight into Biblical truth and terminology.

The Gospel

The Bible records two men asking two very similar questions concerning their relationship with God. The first question was, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” The Bible reveals that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. The second question was, “What must I do to be saved?” The Bible answers with Jesus shall save His people from their sins.

When we face a medical need in our lives and we go to the doctor, the first thing the doctor does is to diagnose our problem. Then, knowing the problem, he can prescribe the proper medication or treatment to remedy our problem.

Our Problem

We all face a great spiritual need in our lives—the need to be forgiven and to have a relationship with God. Our problem is sin! Sin is the transgression of God’s law. We all have broken God’s law. You doubt? Honestly answer these questions to reveal how you have done. Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever looked at someone and sexually lusted after them? Have you ever taken anything that was not yours? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you have broken God’s law. The Bible says that if we offend in one point, we are guilty of all. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The price for our disobedience and sin is death.

Everyone will exist throughout eternity somewhere. Physical death is not the end of our existence. There is no annihilation of our true self. We will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell. Heaven is synonymous with eternal life. Hell is synonymous with eternal death, or as the Bible describes—the second death or the wrath of God.

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God's Remedy

The Gospel or Good news is that God wants all people to be saved. To be saved very simply means to be delivered or rescued from something terrible. The Gospel is defined in the Bible as Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. We are justified by Jesus' blood and we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life!

The Bible explains how to be saved. You must confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus; believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. This simply means: Admit your sinfulness before Holy God and your need for a Savior; Confess Jesus Christ as God in the flesh and Lord; Place your complete and total trust in the full payment of Jesus Christ for your sin (His death on the cross), Confess your belief in His burial and resurrection (Jesus is alive today). Believe these truths enough to repent, or turn, from your sin. Repentance is a change of mind which results in a changed life. Believe these truths enough to call on/ask Jesus Christ to forgive and save you. The Bible promises that whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life; no one can come to the Father except through Me." Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with Holy God and the only way to heaven.

Ask Jesus Christ to forgive you and to save you today!

If you asked Jesus to save you today, email us at saved@thoughtstoponder.net and we will send you information that will help you in your new life with Jesus and as a Christian.

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