

5 You can be saved right now from the penalty and power of sin!

Fact is, **any time later** than right now **may be way too late** to call out to the Lord for salvation, for you do not know when you will die or when the Lord will come back into the sky to take all the Christians out of this world and on to their home in Heaven.

Scripture says that when the dying criminal being crucified next to the Lord Jesus Christ called out to Him, pleading with Him to save him—“*Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*”—Jesus replied, “*Verily I say unto thee, **Today** shalt thou be with me in paradise.*” Luke 23:43

Please—right **now**—turn away from sin and turn your life over to Jesus Christ; ask Him to save you and make your life worth living! He will do it **now**. God promised you.

6 You can be successful in constantly improving as a victorious Christian.

If you have trusted Christ as your Savior, this advice will help you become a *strong* Christian:

1. Follow Jesus Christ by studying and obeying the Bible. (see 1 Peter 2:2)
2. Pray often for guidance and for power to obey. (see Philippians 4:6-7)
3. Go to an active, Bible-teaching church on Sundays to worship God with other Christians, to learn God’s Word, the Bible, to meet other Christian friends, and to learn how to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. (see Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:1-47)
4. Tell others every day about the wonderful salvation through Jesus Christ (Acts 2:47), and work at living the Christian life with such sincerity that others will believe you know God when you tell them (James 2:12).



1 You can know why you exist!

What is the purpose of life? Why am I here? How should I live my life? The Bible, God's Word, has the answers to these crucial questions.

(1) Our purpose in this life is to please and enjoy God, "Thou art worthy, **O Lord**, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created**". Revelation 4:11.

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**" Micah 6:8

(2) The Bible has the plan for our lives. Many specific passages of Scripture include the clause, "This is the will of God". God's Word is also made up of principles that can be applied to modern situations so we can know what is right, what is best, and what is most pleasing to God.

2 You can be happy!

Everyone wants to be happy, and many people make it their life-long purpose to find happiness, whatever that may mean to them. To some, happiness means having

"fun"; others may define it as finding meaning to this complex, demanding life. The words, **happy, blessed, and joyful** are used in the Bible to describe the state or condition of cheerfulness, calmness, and contentment that we all would like to enjoy in our minds and hearts. We call it "happiness".

The **most important** aspect and the very foundation of happiness is the assurance that God has accepted you, has cleansed you of sin, and has imparted to you eternal life, which gives all the resources of a happy life—deep abiding peace, purpose for living, and power for successful daily life. Deuteronomy 33:29 declares, "**Happy art thou . . . people saved by the Lord**."—rescued from the power and penalty of sin. To those who are already Christians, God reminds them that the only way to maintain continual happiness is to carefully obey the Lord, "**If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them**." John 13:17

3 You can be forgiven of all your sins now and forever!

Simply and precisely stated, **God's salvation is free, complete, and eternal** because of the sacrificial death of Christ. Jesus not only was punished for our sins and rose from the

grave victorious over sin, death, and Hell, He has provided everlasting pardon for every sinner who will come to Him and ask Him for deliverance, "**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**." Romans 6:23

"Much more then, being **now** justified by His blood, we **shall be** saved from wrath through Him." Romans 5:9

"... we have been **sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**." Hebrews 10:10

"For by one offering He hath **perfected for ever** them that are sanctified." Hebrews 10:14

4 You can be sure you will be in Heaven as soon as your life on earth is over!

1 John 5:13 announces, "**These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life**". If you now "have" the life that is "eternal", you will always have it. Also, 2 Corinthians 5:8 assures all Christians that to be "**absent from the body**" is to be "**present with the Lord**."