

*The following aren't, "steps," as much as they're explanations of commitments to God that are essential if you are to become a child of God and know you have salvation.*

**1** AS GOD IS pure holiness, the basis of relationship with God is complete repentance from our sin. NO relationship with God can be begun while a person willfully and delightedly continues in sin.

Recognize that you are a sinner; you are separated from God by your sinful NATURE, which you cannot change, and for that reason you cannot earn your salvation by good works.

God's Word tells us that EVERYONE is a sinner. The Bible tells us that it is our SINFUL HEART that has separated us from God, from birth. For this reason, even if we were somehow able to change all our ACTIONS, so that we never again sinned outwardly, we would still be separated from God by our sinful NATURE, which we cannot change.

23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.  
*Romans 3:23*

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word Is not in us.  
*I John 1:8 & 10*

10 As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one:*  
11 *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*  
12 *They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*  
13 *Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:*  
14 *Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:*  
15 *Their feet are swift to shed blood:*  
16 *Destruction and misery are in their ways:*  
17 *And the way of peace have they not known:*  
18 *There is no fear of God before their eyes.*  
*Romans 3:10-18*

**2** REALIZE THAT ONLY Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, is your means to God.

God's Word tells us that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, died on the cross in our place. Jesus, the only sinless Man ever born, took our sin upon Himself, and nailed that sin to the cross with Him, so that we might be sinless. Because He was, Himself, sinless, Jesus rose from the dead three days later, conquering death also, so that we, too, might have the right (with our sin destroyed by Jesus) to rise again to eternal life. Our eternal life was therefore bought and paid for by Jesus Christ (God Himself). No further work need be done (nor can be done) to earn our salvation; it was purchased by Jesus Christ Himself!

16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.  
*John 3:16-18*

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name.  
*John 20:31*

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.  
*Rom. 10: 9*

5 For *there is* one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;  
6 Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.  
*I Tim. 2:5-6*

**3** REPENT OF YOUR Sins and ask God to forgive you of all sin you have committed, and to purify your sinful heart

Repentance is hating the sin we have committed, and making the commitment that, through the power of God, we will stop committing those sins. We ask God to help us hate the sins, and to help us stop committing the sins, because we can do neither on our own. And we do our part by making the decision.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the Lord.  
*Acts 3:19*

8 Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.  
9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.  
*James 4: 8-10*

10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, a repentance not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world finally produces death.  
*II Cor. 7: 10*

**4** TELL OTHERS OF the commitment you've made, and be baptized to make your commitment final.

These two acts are outward confessions of the inward decision that we have made. God knows that, "putting our money where our mouth is," is what makes our decision firm. Although they are outward acts, these are no less important in our decision to live for Christ, than the inward decision that we have made. They are, in fact, the first step forward in the wonderful life that you have just begun!

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.  
*Romans 10:9-10*

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father Which is in heaven.  
*Matt. 10:32*

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.  
*Acts 2:38*

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the Name of the Lord.  
*Acts 22:16*

## SUMMARY

- 1) Recognize that you are a sinner, separated from God by your sinful nature, and unable to earn your salvation by good works.
- 2) Believe in Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, as your only means to God.
- 3) Repent of your sins and ask God to forgive you of your sins, and to purify your sinful heart.
- 4) Tell others of the commitment you've made, and be baptized to make your commitment final.

*28* Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; Thou shalt make me full of joy with Thy countenance. *Acts 2: 28*

Scripture tells us,

*2* For God saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

*II Corinthians 6:2*

In other words, God has given you this opportunity, right now, to repent of your sins and be made right with Him! You have the opportunity right now, as He has given you that opportunity right now; He may not in the future. None of us knows how long (s)he has to live.

Make that decision now. Say the sinner's prayer:

## *Prayer*

*Dear Heavenly Father...*

**THANK YOU for caring so much for me that You had Jesus, Your Son, die on the cross for me, to wash away my sins.**

**I confess before You that I am a sinner, and that I cannot change myself.**

**Please forgive me of my sins. Change my heart and make me hate my sin.**

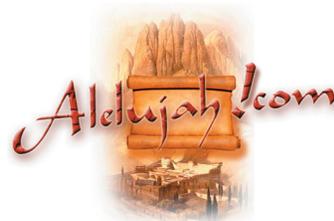
**Please take away my sins, and cleanse me completely from all sin.**

**Make me Your son/daughter!**

**Thank You, Heavenly Father!**

**I pray this in Jesus' Name,**

*AMEN*



## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

**O**UR RELATIONSHIP WITH God is based on holiness and therefore starts with repentance. All our questions, reasons, excuses, and conditions are answered in this. Without a heart after God, one cannot please Him, nor enter His presence. Without a heart made ready for God by repentance, our ability to understand anything about God, or to receive answers for our questions, is almost nil. And, with sin in our life, one cannot enter into the presence of Almighty God. If even a speck of unrighteousness exists in us we are completely and eternally separated from God we are damned.

Righteousness cannot be earned; it is a gift from God. This most precious of all gifts was purchased for us by the only One able to do so - Jesus, the spotless Son of God. Read on, to learn how to receive His unspeakable gift - the gift of righteousness from God Himself!

GOD tells us in His Word, the Bible, of four steps to peace with Him. You can take these steps immediately, and know peace with God, beginning EVEN NOW! These aren't, "steps," as much as they are explanations of commitments to God that are essential if you are to become a child of God and know you have salvation.