

The central message of the bible focuses on who God is, what He requires from us, and how we can be saved for eternity. It also clearly tells us that all have sinned and need salvation.

How then does the Word of God lead us to salvation?

In John 3:3 Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In John 3:16 He added: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Why?

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

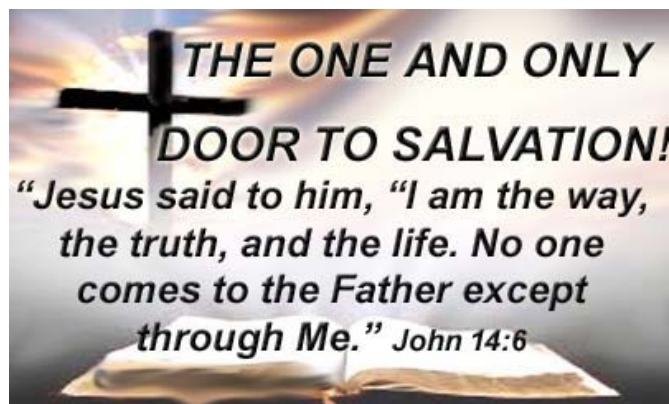
1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."

2 Corinthians 4:6, "For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ."

Jesus added in John 5:24, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Do I believe God's edict for salvation in Christ?

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How does scripture ascertain the fact that Jesus is the only way to salvation?

John 10:9, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

John 5:24, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

What's more?

John 3:36, "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Why?

Acts 4:12, "For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Psalm 37:39, "The salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble."

As such:

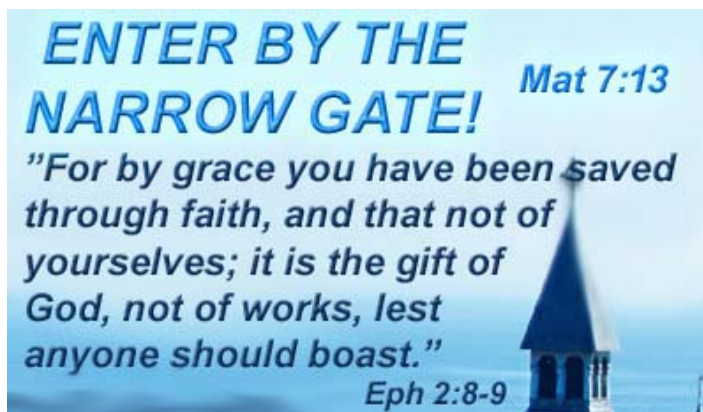
Titus 3:4-5, "When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit."

Finally:

Jesus in Matthew 11:25 said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes."

Have I truly entered the Kingdom of God through the one and only door, Christ Jesus?

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To believe is defined as to accept something as true from a reliable source, and to rely on it by faith. Therefore, to believe in God requires that we believe in and abide by His Word.

As such:

Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

In all truth, we if we believe in Christ, He must also be Lord of our life. We sure cannot claim to be in Christ if He is not whom He says He must be, "Lord Jesus."

Then Jesus in Matthew 7:13 tells us, "Enter by the narrow gate".

In other words, not hypocritically just wave at Christ, claim Him as Savior, and continue following and living like the world. Truly, unless our belief turns into action in following Him, it is in vain.

The reason Jesus said:

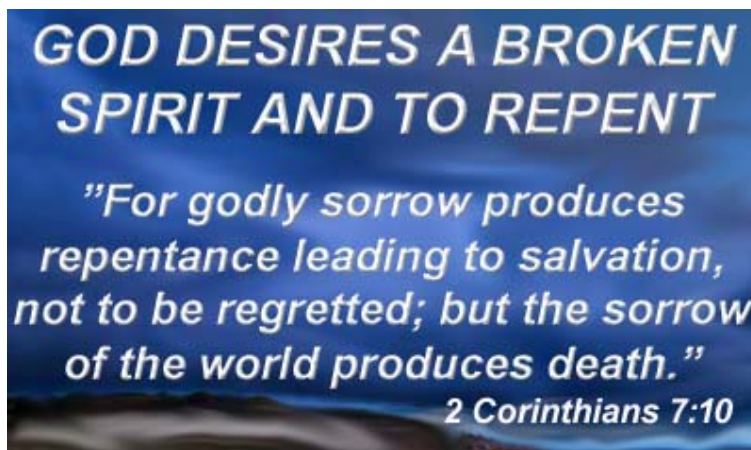
John 14:23, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

What's more?

Luke 9:62, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Have I truly entered the narrow gate, crossed the threshold resolutely, and embraced and committed to follow Christ as Lord?

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If we claim to believe in God and Christ for salvation, obviously, the first revelation from the Holy Spirit is that we are sinners needing repentance, and as Scripture says:

Acts 3:19, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

The reason why:

Acts 2:38, "Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God."

As such Jesus said:

Luke 24:46-47, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations."

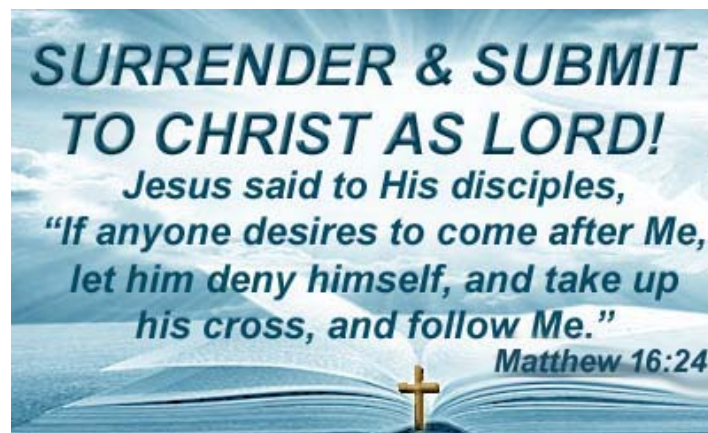
Luke 13:3, "Unless you repent, you will all perish."

Therefore:

2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin."

Do I understand the need for true repentance from sins, leading to salvation?

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From scripture, we understand that repentance requires an outright change in our life's attitudes, which translates in complete renunciation of sins that previously dominated our lives.

How is this accomplished?

Titus 2:11-12, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age."

Speaking of Christ Peter said:

1 Peter 2:24, "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness."

As such Jesus added:

Matthew 11:29, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

What happens if we don't surrender to Christ as Lord?

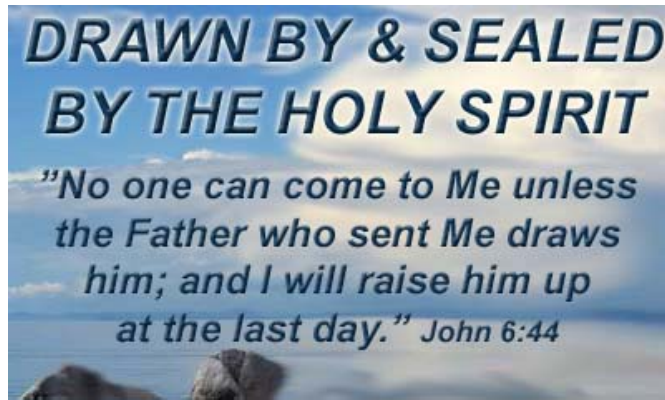
Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Therefore:

Philippians 2:5-7, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men."

Have I taken up my cross to follow Christ as Lord?

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How are we drawn to Christ for eternal salvation?

Ephesians 1:4-5, "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

As a result:

Ephesians 2:8-9, "By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Titus 3:5: "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy."

What's more?

Romans 8:38-39, "I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In other words, at salvation we are sealed by the Holy Spirit to be eternally in God's presence.

As such:

Romans 8:16, "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

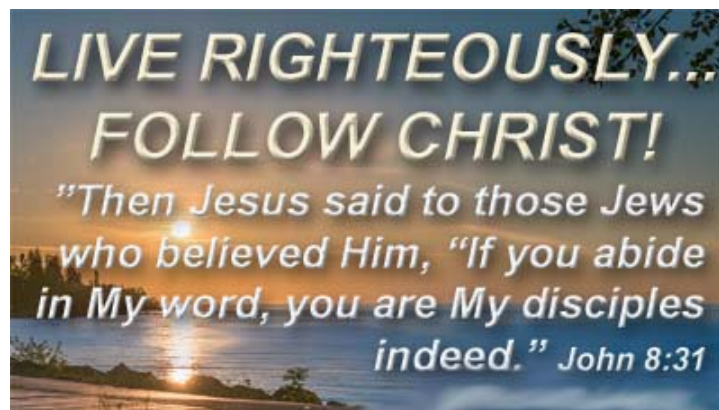
And as Jesus said:

John 10:27, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

Therefore:

Psalms 25:5, "Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day."

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Why must we follow Christ as Lord?

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

As such, Jesus said:

John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 15:16, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain."

What's more?

Luke 9:23, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

John 12:26, "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also."

Matthew 10:38, "He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."

The purpose being:

Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

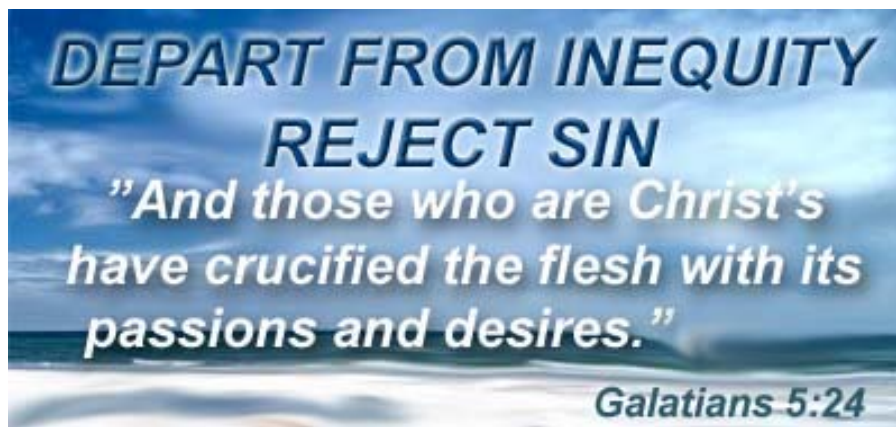
John 15:5, "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

The reason why:

1 John 2:6, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

How steadfast am I to follow Christ?

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Following Christ requires that we reject temptations to sin and live by God's Word.

As such scripture says:

Romans 6:14, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

Why?

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death."

What's more?

1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Therefore:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10, "Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Proverbs 28:13, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy."

2 Timothy 2:19, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

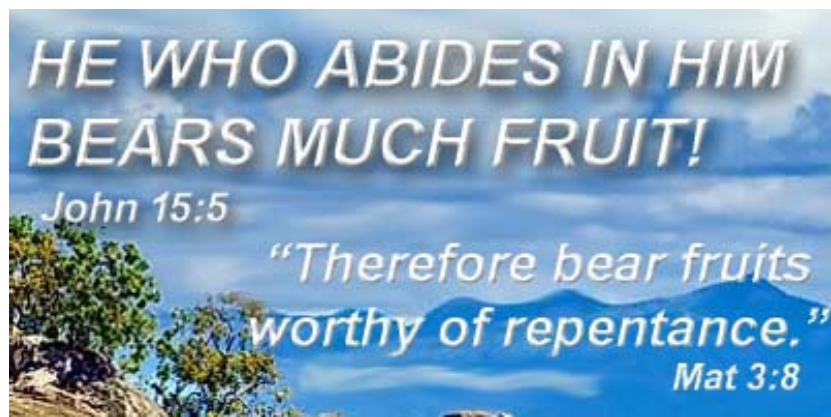
And:

Ephesians 6:11-12, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age."

Am I wearing the armor of God right now?

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Jesus on many occasions said that as believers, we must bear fruit to the glory of God. As such, this is not simply an option, but rather a command.

Here's what Jesus said on this:

John 15:5, "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

John 15:16, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain."

John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

Why?

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

John 15:8, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

What if we don't?

Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Therefore:

1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called."

Am I focused on abiding in Christ, so as to bear fruit to the glory of God?

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## **BEWARE OF DECEIVERS AND FALSE PROPHETS**

*"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1John 4:1*

In this world, we face deceiving religions, as well as preachers who give watered down messages of the gospel, to control the minds of people to their profit. They existed in Jesus time, and just as they do now.

As such we are warned:

1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons."

2 Corinthians 11:3, "I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent."

And in Jesus' own words:

Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

Matthew 7:22-23, "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 13:5, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified."

Am I steadfast in God's Word, so I am protected against liars and deceivers?

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