

## What does salvation mean?

The spiritual term "salvation"? It is an essential word in the Bible!

The meaning of salvation:

"To give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins."  
Luke 1:77

- Salvation means that you and I must change to become a new creation. God by His Holy Spirit will change our nature to make it holy. Our heart will be changed so that we will love all people -- even our enemies. We will hate sin and walk in the light.

- Salvation means that we are not longer under Satan's authority. The Bible says, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1: 13-14)

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## How can I receive salvation?

In Mathew 1:21 the angel told Joseph that Mary, "will give birth to son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."

The angel told the shepherds "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

In Acts 4:12 the Bible says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Jesus Christ came to save us by shedding his blood on the cross. Hebrews 9:22 states, "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." You may sacrifice a sheep every year in Eed Al-Adhaa, and remember that when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, God provided a great ram to redeem Abraham's son. This great ram is a symbol of Jesus Christ.

**Step 1:** Believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior.

**Step 2:** Come to Him and repent of your sins. Ask him to forgive you and change your heart. Jesus must become Lord of your life. The contract that is signed in Jesus' blood is a contract that describes who your life belongs to. Pray a simple prayer with all your heart. Ask Jesus to be your Savior and Lord. Then serve Him.

**Step 3:** Read the Bible daily and connect with a church in your community. If there is no church in your town, contact a Christian website to guide you and answer your questions.

**Prayer of Faith for Salvation:**

*"Jesus, I know that I have sinned. I ask you to forgive me for those sins. I know you died on the cross for my sins, and I want you to be my Lord and Savior. Please come into my life and make me new. Thank you Jesus for setting me free! I will serve you from this day forward. In Jesus name I pray, amen!"*

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**What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ?**

The real Christian person is the one who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You can't say you are my friend unless you have personal relationship with me. We eat together, talk, laugh and cry, and listen to each other. To be a friend with somebody means you understand him and he understands you. That is exactly what it is like in a personal relationship with Jesus.

In John 8:31 Jesus said, "If you obey my teaching ...you are really my disciples." In John 14: 20, 23 Jesus told his followers, "...You are in me and I am in you...Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love him. We will come to him and make our home with him."

Jesus also said, "I do not call you servants any more. Servants do not know their master's business. Instead I have called you friends." (John 15:15) Friendship means love and care. "Just as the Father has loved me I have loved you. Now remain in my love." (John 15:9) Followers of Jesus walk with him every moment of their life, obeying his commands and loving him.