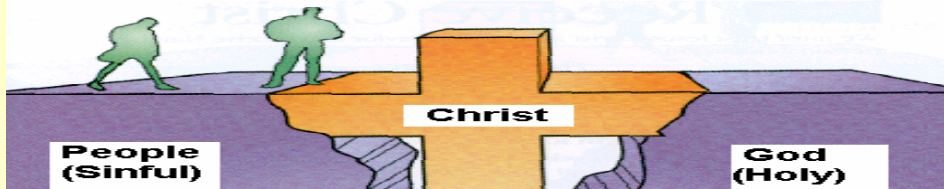


## Step 7: Know, "What Must I Do"

God has provided the only way...  
Each Person must make a choice...

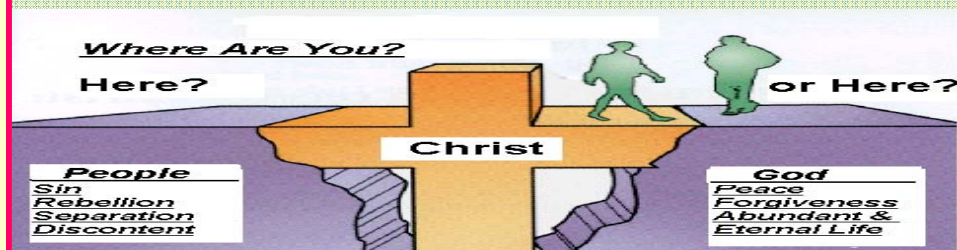


How can I be born again? How can I have my sins forgiven?  
**"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."** (Rom 10:9)

If you call on the Lord Jesus, He has promised to save you!  
You can Trust Him to do it! **Ro 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Faith and Repentance are necessary to be saved. They are two sides of the same coin. Faith is to believe what God says. Repentance is to turn from the self directed life to the God directed life.

**Ro 10:9 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."**



Where Are You?

Here?

or Here?

**“Whatever prevents you from receiving Jesus as your Lord is the price you are selling heaven for!”**

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# SEVEN STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING

## Step 1: Know What Your Problem Is!

Your main problem is that you were born into a kingdom ruled by Satan who is the **"god of this world"** (2 Cor. 4:4). Jesus told the Pharisees in **"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do"** (John 8:44).

God created man in His image (Gen. 1:26), but that image was marred when Adam sinned. **Rom 5:12, "By one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."**

We received sinful natures from parents who had sinful natures. King David said, **Ps 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."**

A sinful nature results in our sinful choices. Why? We are told in **Rom 3:10 –11, "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. ... there is none that doeth good, no, not one."**

## Step 2: Know What the Results of Sin Are

Our sin causes us to turn from a God directed life to a self directed life which separates us from God. Death means separation: In the garden, spiritual death came when God's spirit was separated from Adam and Eve when they sinned. Physical death is separation of the body from the soul. The second death is the separation of a person from God in a place of eternal torment. This is described in .... **Rev. 20:15, "And whosoever was not found**



### Step 3: Know What Kind of Person You Are!

God gave us laws to live by, but because of our "Adam" nature, we violate them. Have you lied? That makes you a liar. If you have ever stolen anything, that makes you a thief. If you have used God's name in vain it makes you a blasphemer. If you have looked on the opposite sex to lust after them, you are an adulterer.

Jesus said in, **Matt. 5:28, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."**

God says if you have not worshipped and obeyed Him as you should, you are guilty of rebellion and idolatry

**1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."**

*If all your thoughts, deeds, and words were recorded and played back at the judgment, what condition would you be in? If you only sinned 5 times a day, in a 70 year span, you would have sinned over 127,000 times against God. Some say, "I'll just ask God to forgive me, but only a corrupt Judge overlooks the broken laws!*

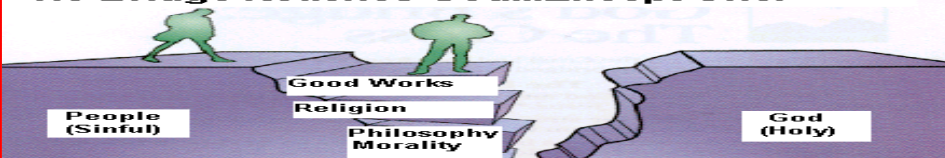
What is the penalty of our sin against God? **Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death."** This is the 2nd death in a lake of fire for all eternity separated from God and all that's good.

### Step 4: Know That Sin Must Be Paid For!

A holy God will execute justice on any person with sin on their account. This is described in: **Matt. 13:42 "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."**

*Sinful man is in a serious condition. How can he get right with his holy Creator? Men have devised many ways to do that, but God told us the only payment for our sin is death. If we pay for our sins our selves, we must go to hell for all eternity. Not a good option.*

**No Bridge Reaches God...Except One!**



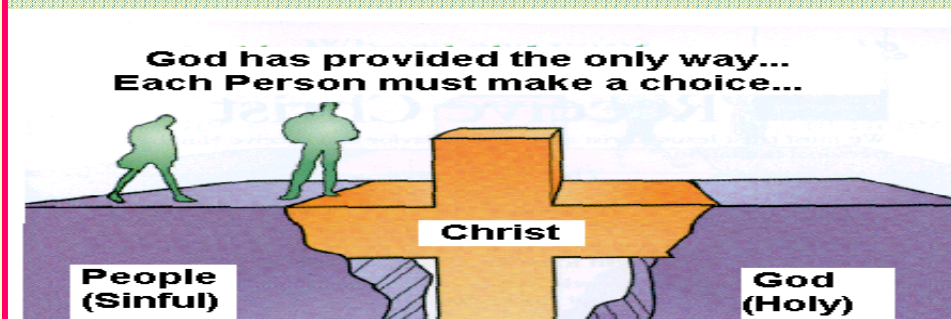
### Step 5: Know How Sin Was Paid For!

If we could find someone who would be willing to pay our sin penalty for us, God could not accept them because they owe the same penalty we do. Sinful man needs a Savior, but that Savior can be no ordinary human being! Only Jesus was qualified and willing to become our substitute and take our death for us.

**1st Peter 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."** When Jesus became our substitute on the cross, Isaiah 53:6 tells us what happened:

**"The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."**

Every sin you have committed or ever will commit was paid for by the sinless Son of God as He hung on the cross in your place!



### Step 6: Know How to Enter God's Kingdom

Jesus said, **"You must be born again" (John 3:7).** This will happen if we receive God's gift of eternal life.

**Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life."** God provided a gift for you, but a gift not received does you no good! Jesus said in **Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."** Being saved is receiving Jesus into your life with a commitment to obey Him as your Lord.

**John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."**