

Many Believe They Are Saved

Fig Leaves vs. Animal Skins

Signs of the time indicate, we are in the last days, last minutes, maybe even last seconds of history. God is prompting me to check on your hearts and faith toward the lover of your soul... Jesus Christ. Some learn of, and trust In Jesus Christ early in life, some later in life, and some on their deathbed. But most will reject or neglect salvation (relationship with Jesus Christ) altogether according to scripture. (1 Peter 4:7, Matthew 7:13-14, Galatians 4:6) *full verses are below.* The most important decision each of us must make in life is to accept Gods invitation to live eternally with Him. He wants no one to choose hell where the maggots do not die. (Mark 4:47-49). I spend time explaining genuine salvation to each couple in ministry and pray that genuine salvation is not ignored by anyone. Please consider this as another invitation to spend eternity in Christ's presence along with all who believe in him. (Matthew 24:36)

My Own Righteousness vs. Jesus Righteousness

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Very **common** to all humans on earth is to be born into this world, to continue life with little regard for what happens after life on earth, and then pass from this earth in death! (Matthew 7:13)

Much **less common** is a human to be born into this world, enjoy all earthly life offers, then receive salvation by faith provided by Jesus' death burial and resurrection, some as they are on their death bed. (Matthew 7:14)

Scripture tells us *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."* (1 Corinthians 1:18 KJV).

Jesus' cross and resurrection provide the only remedy for a human in his or her lost state to spend eternity in God's presence. Eternal life = faith in Jesus Christ and His Word. The following Biblical events are examples of many simple revelations from scripture of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Knowing that the New Testament is the infallible interpreter of Old Testament details, we look at this subject from both the New and Old Testaments of the Bible. Following the instruction of scripture, we will examine the **Natural** event first and then the fulfillment of that natural event in the New Testament **Spiritual** interpretation.

The Natural Event

- We read in (Genesis 2: 25) before sin Adam and Eve were naked and unashamed.
- After they sinned the couple hid themselves from God because for the first time, they were ashamed of their nakedness from disobedience to God (Gen. 3:7).
- When confronted Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent, but they were both trying to justify themselves or possibly even blame God!
- Adam and Eve covered their own shame by making themselves aprons by sowing fig leaves together.
- Before the couple was banished from the Garden of Eden, God shed the first blood on earth, providing animal skins as a covering for their nakedness (Genesis 3:19-24).
- God banished them from Eden so they would not eat of the Tree of Life and live forever in their fallen state.

Spiritual Event

- This shedding of blood to provide animal skin coverings is pointing us toward the shed blood of Jesus Christ in fulfillment of Christ's ministry to redeem, cleans and save us from all sin.
- To put on this new garment God made, they had to remove their own hand made covering (becoming naked or fully vulnerable and honest before God) then put on these skins or blood covering!
- Scripture tells us, all human attempts to be righteous such as religious tradition, denial of self or outward status, character, behavior, or appearance (attempts at covering our own failure) (Isaiah.64:6) without relationship with God through Jesus Christ do not equal salvation! Unlike man, God changes a human heart from the inside. You will know change has taken place when the fruit of the Spirit is apparent in a human life. Fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:19-26).
- To save humanity God had to become human which He did through conception by Holy Spirit and being born of the Virgin Mary (Matthew 1:18)
- He then paid the wages of sin that humans owed to provided our righteousness by the shed blood of His son Jesus. (The lamb of God John 1:29). By faith in Him, the wages of our sins are paid. Giving us the proper relationship He required to be with Him in eternity.

- Without this blood covering a human would be unable to enter into the wedding feast of the one groom Jesus Christ and His one bride (the church) revealed in (Ephesians 5:31-32) (Revelations 19:7).
- The one true salvation is provided by the sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Any addition to this grace gift demeans His one perfect sacrifice! Any other additions leave us striving and uncertain of our final fate because we each know too well our propensity to fail.
- For anyone who is not fully certain of their final fate after death or passing from this earth, **here is another opportunity to personally receive for themselves this gift of Grace called Eternal Life.** In all sincerity it is Simple!

Get Alone With God And Please Follow In Prayer

Read the scriptures below first, then if you believe it, Pray each prayer

“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

- **Pray: Lord, I have sinned and I need you to save me!**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord” (Romans 6:23)

- **Because of my sin I deserve to die to pay the wages of my sin.**

“God demonstrated His love towards you, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ Died for us” (Romans 5:8)

- **Lord, thank you for your love for me and for dying to pay my debt! I invite you now to be the Lord and Savior of all my life.**

“That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved” (Romans 10:9)

- **I confess with my mouth Jesus is my Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Christ from the dead!**

- **By God’s Grace I Am Saved!**

Finally, there is no human that can attain right standing with Jesus Christ by their own effort or good works, and there is no substitution for relationship with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The fruit of the spirit flows from a born again child of God along with Righteousness peace and joy! If you prayed the above prayer welcome to the family of God... life eternal!

Scriptures References

End is coming soon

“The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.”¹ Peter 4:7 NLT

Few find it.

“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.” Matthew 7:14 NLT

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Matthew 7:13 NLT

The name Abba

“And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.” Galatians 4:6-7 NLT

Living in the Spirit

“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.” Galatians 5:19-24, 26 NLT

Maggots don't die

"And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.' 'For everyone will be tested with fire.'" Mark 9:47-49 NLT

Only the father knows the last hour

"However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows." Matthew 24:36 NLT

"**The message of the cross is foolish** to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe."

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 NLT

Natural then Spiritual

"What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while Christ, the second man, came from heaven." 1 Corinthians 15:46-47 NLT

Suddenly felt shame

"The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful, and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So, she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and **they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness**. So, they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves." Genesis 3:6-7 NLT

Animal Skins....banished

"And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:21-24 NLT

Born Again

"So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit." John 3:7-8 NLT

Dirty with sin

"We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. Yet no one calls on your name or pleads with you for mercy. Therefore, you have turned away from us and turned us over to our sins." Isaiah 64:6-7 NLT

Conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary

"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:18 NLT

Lamb of God

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 NLT

Christ and the Church

"As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one." Ephesians 5:31-32 NLT

Lamb & Bride

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself.” Revelation 19:7 NLT

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