

John the Baptist had a baptism of repentance

to prepare the way for the Lord (Jesus).

⁷⁶ And thou, child, (*John the Baptist*), shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; ⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins. **Luke 1:76-77.**

³ And he (*John the Baptist*), came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. **Luke 3:3-4.**

The start of Jesus earthly ministry.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**, **Matthew 4:17.**

And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.** **Mark 1:15**

So, why do we need to repent, if our salvation is simply believing in Jesus Christ and that God raised Him ???

Knowing that we are a sinner is what allows us to realize that we need a Savior. Thus, we need to acknowledge that we are sinners (*we have strayed from the ways of Christ and have gone our own ways*), and we need to repent.

Repentance is a good gift; every gift that comes down from the Father is good, **James 1:17.** The Father does not give His children bad gifts. When we are reluctant to repent, it is only because of our foolish pride. Therefore, put away your foolish pride and repent of your sins so that they will not be held against you.

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: **John 1:12.**

Our Salvation is a work of God and not of man.

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9.**

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, **Philippians 2:12.**

²⁸ Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He has sent**, **John 6:28-29.**

Very often when we think about “doing the works of God,” we think of performing a physical action. Jesus tells us that believing in the One that God has sent (*Jesus*), is a work itself.

Believing by faith is not necessarily easy, and it does not come without a cost; the world will be against you, others may mock you, only a very few may encourage you, but keep on standing, keep on believing, for this is doing the work and will of God.

For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **1st Thessalonians 5:9.**

Jesus did not come to condemn us; rather, He came that all mankind might be saved.

God is not sitting on His throne waiting for an opportunity to strike us down; He has appointed us to salvation. God is a good and faithful Father; He loves us even through our sins.

His plans for you are better than your plans for yourself.
Trust Him; **God is absolutely good!!!**

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope, **Jeremiah 29:11.**

SALVATION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, I need a Savior. I have tried doing things my way, and they have always come up short. Therefore, I proclaim that You are (*God's only begotten Son*), and my Lord and Savior. You left Your deity behind in heaven,

Philippians 2:6-7, and came down and lived a sinless life ministering here on earth as a Man, **John 3:16-17**, being both fully God and fully Man. You were crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day God raised You from the dead. I repent of my sins and ask for Your forgiveness; cleanse me and make me whole as I continue to walk in the light of Your Word, **1st John 1:7**. I believe that You died for my sins, as You also took all of mankind's sins upon Yourself. By faith I believe this in my heart and receive Your gracious gift of salvation, **Ephesians 2:8**, and the eternal life to come. *Thank you, Jesus.*

Now that I am saved, baptize me with Your Holy Spirit, for it says in **Luke 11:13**, that the Father in heaven shall give the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who ask of Him. *Thank you, Father.*

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SALVATION

becoming born-again

Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God**, **John 33**.

He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him, **John 3:36**.

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **Roman 10:9-10**.

Two simple requirements for salvation:

1. Confess/profess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
2. Believe that God raised His Son from the dead.

This scripture does not speak of you being good or worthy enough!!! And if you believe in Christ, as God's Son, and in an all-powerful God, the Creator of the universe, it's no great leap of faith to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes 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, John 3:16-17.

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