

## God's wonderful plan for salvation of man

Dear friend, I want to pose you a question, the most important question in your life. Thereon depends your joy and your pain all eternity long. The question is: **Are you saved ?** I mean...**are you sure** you will go to heaven when you die? I do not ask whether you are member of a church, if you are baptized or confirmed or if you received the communion or youth consecration – I don't mean that. I also do not want to know if you are a good and fine person but...**Are you saved?**

Nobody, really nobody will receive the wonderful blessings of God, nor does anybody get to heaven except he is saved. Jesus Christ once told an israelitan expert and teacher of the Bible (Nicodemus) in the Gospel of John: **„You must be born anew.“** and that **„from above“**. God himself shows us in His Word the **single** plan for salvation of man – the single possibility to get saved. This plan is **simple**. You can be saved already today.

First of all, dear friend, you need to acknowledge: **You are a sinner**. In your current state you cannot stand before God. The Bible says: „There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...“ (Letter of Romans chapter 3, 10-12 and 23).

There is no possibility to be saved except you acknowledge you are lost – a lost sinner. Yes, as hard as it may appear: You are a sinner determined to die for the sins you committed. The letter of Romans says: „The wages of sin is death.“ (Rom. 6,23)

You may think: „Well, we are all sinners and we all have to die.“ This is right indeed... but it is not the end. There is a terrible consequence. A human who has no forgiveness of his guilt before

God will have to receive his righteous punishment as a doomed person in the eternal fire of hell. This is the righteous judgment of a holy God.

In the New Testament of the Bible (God's Word) the letter of Hebrews 9,27 states: „And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment;“ This is a terrible, awful fact. But it is good for us to know the truth in time and to acknowledge her. Only then is it possible to find the way out, which God told us in His Word as well.

Sin – in general and personally – is separation from God. The final place for sinful creatures therefore is hell. Many people thought „Hell“ is something like a fairytale or scaremongering of certain religious people or as Santa Clause, the storck or the Easter Bunny.

Dear friend, God's Word (the good old Bible) talks unequivocally about this eternal judgement as **second death** which will come unto every human who is not redeemed, because the soul of every human will exist forever. Likewise every human **has to** resurrect. Therefore is the question of your life – the **most important question** of your life – where and how you go on. Will you spend endless eternity at the side of all lost ones in the burning lake of fire? There will be most of all people. Or will you be at the side of the freed people who are redeemed through **believing in Jesus Christ?** There will be eternal glory and **eternal life**, no suffering, no tears, no diseases and no death but only joy.

Your decision is between these two possibilities: FOR or AGAINST God. Somebody might ask a strange question „What do I have to do to go lost...?“ That we can answer: „NOTHING!“ , because nobody **goes** lost but every human – including yourself – **are lost already**. Therefore every one who wants needs to **become** saved at all.

Dear Friend, I can imagine how these thoughts may be hard to comprehend for you; yet I also, who wrote these few lines, had to perform this step of faith to become saved: This is the whole truth of God's Word. In this statement is all the love of the Creator and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Although you can never stand **as you are** (with all your sins and your guilt) before a three times Holy God...you can come in faith – **as you are** (with all your sins, all your guilt, all your fear or depression) – to **HIM** who paid for your guilt before God: the Saviour. It is our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we love, because **HE** loved us first.

This is God's will concerning every human, also for you. It is the pleasing message from heaven. God does not want anybody to stay lost. Since God is holy and just, He must condemn all sinners to eternal death, eternal punishment. Yet because God does not love death of men He created **one** way out: „For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in **HIM** (Jesus Christ) should not perish, but have everlasting life.“, Gospel of John chapter 3 vers 16.

Jesus Christ had to die. He had to shed His blood. And without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness, states God's Word (letter of Hebrews, chapter 9, vers 22).

Now we may not be able to understand **how** our sins got laid on the Son of God but God's Word confirms us this fact. In the moment Jesus Christ was laid on a stake (many call this stake „cross“), and nailed thereon, in this moment Gott put all sins of

humanity on Jesus Christ as is written: „Who with His own Self bare our sins in His own body on the tree...“

Your sin, dear friend, was laid on Jesus Christ. HE died in your place. He Himself never committed any sin, but He took your sins with Him into death. Isn't that wonderful? This is the truth. God cannot lie.

# God's wonderful Plan

We read in the Acts chapter 16 verse 30 and 31 that Paul and Silas, were in prison because they preached the Gospel in Philippi (Greek). Their prison keeper asked them:

**„What do I have to do to be saved?“**

They told him:

**„Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved!“**

We live in a time of big changes. Whole humanity perceives a threatening danger for the whole world, people unite more and more and call for fraternization of man, freedom and preservation of nature – an ultimate longing for safety and peace.

Through our massive sinning we humans on earth have got to the point where the big bang – the great judgement of God on humanity – will come unavoidably! That's what the Bible, God's Word, teaches. Soon, within not many years, this great time of pardon is over.

Dear friend, I don't know you, I don't know who you are, but I know that the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ knows **every human** – including you – and calls you: „Be reconciled to God!“. God did let His Son die and rise again for you that you can believe and be saved through this faith.

The Lord Jesus Christ says in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 11, vers 28: „Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.“

Jesus Christ died nearly 2000 years on a stake on Golgotha outside Jerusalem. There He took the judgment, the second death

upon Him (this is your eternal hell and damnation). You, dear Friend, may accept this now in faith to receive full forgiveness of your sins and payment of your guilt before God. He did it for love to you, because He knew you even when you was not born yet. This is the wonderful plan of God's salvation for you.

Just one more thing... you have to want it and you yourself have come to Him. Why don't you overcome in this one point of your life? Ask Him in quiet and simple prayer:

„Lord Jesus Christ, I know that I am a lost human before God. I need forgiveness of all my sins. I cannot help myself in this matter. Please help me! Lord Jesus Christ, please save me! Please redeem me from my burden and my guilt before God! Your shed blood shall wash me clean. Please come, Lord Jesus, who raised from the dead, now into my life and into my heart. I want to be yours in time and eternity. Till now I served sin and the devil, consciously or unconsciously. I want to be yours only, Lord Jesus, and be your own. I thank you, Lord Jesus, that you accept me. Give me, I pray thee, the Holy Spirit of God and let me know that you are here now. Amen.“

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