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# The Plan of Salvation

*God's Rescue, from Eden to the Empty Tomb*

**All Have Sinned**
Romans 3:23

**Christ Died**
For the ungodly

**He Rose**
The third day

**Free Gift**
By grace through faith

THE PROBLEM

## Why We Need Salvation

Before the good news makes sense, we need to see the bad news: what sin has done, and why we cannot fix it ourselves.

EVERYONE

### All Have Sinned

No one is righteous on their own.

*"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one"*

ROMANS 3:10

SEPARATED

### Cut Off from God

Sin puts a wall between us and God.

*"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God"*

ISAIAH 59:2

THE PENALTY

### The Wages of Sin

Sin earns death.

*"For the wages of sin is death"*

ROMANS 6:23

JUDGMENT

### After Death

Every person will stand before God.

*"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"*

HEBREWS 9:27

HELPLESS

### Good Works Cannot Save

Our best is not enough.

*"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"*

ISAIAH 64:6

BUT GOD

### God Loves Sinners

The bad news is not the end of the story.

*"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us"*

EPHESIANS 2:4

KEY VERSE

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

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)**

# The Romans Road Chart

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## The Romans Road

*The way of salvation in seven verses*

From Paul's letter to the Romans, King James Version

### Follow the Road

**1 All have sinned**

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Every person needs a Saviour.

ROMANS 3:23

**2 Sin brings death; God gives life**

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

ROMANS 6:23

**3 Christ died for us**

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

ROMANS 5:8

**4 Confess and believe**

"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."

ROMANS 10:9

**5 Call on His name**

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

ROMANS 10:13

**6 Peace with God**

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

ROMANS 5:1

**7 No condemnation**

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

ROMANS 8:1

KEY VERSE

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# The Romans Road and God's Preparation

ROMANS 3–10

## The Romans Road, Step by Step

Seven verses from one letter that explain how to be saved.

1

### The Problem

Everyone has sinned.

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"*

**ROMANS 3:23**

2

### The Penalty and the Gift

Sin earns death; God gives life freely.

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**ROMANS 6:23**

3

### God's Provision

Jesus died for us while we were still sinners.

*"while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

**ROMANS 5:8**

4

### Our Response

Believe in the risen Lord and confess Him.

*"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."*

**ROMANS 10:9**

5

### For Everyone

Whoever calls on Him will be saved.

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

**ROMANS 10:13**

6

### The Result

Justified by faith, at peace with God, free from condemnation.

*"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"*

**ROMANS 5:1**

> *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."*
>
> Romans 8:1 (KJV)

GENESIS TO THE GOSPELS

## Prepared from the Beginning

Salvation was not God's second plan. All through the Old Testament He pointed to the Saviour who was coming.

EDEN

### The Promised Seed

The first promise of a Saviour.

*"it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel."*

**GENESIS 3:15**

MOUNT MORIAH

### God Will Provide

A ram in Isaac's place.

*"My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering"*

**GENESIS 22:8**

EGYPT

### The Passover Lamb

The blood on the door meant life.

*"and when I see the blood, I will pass over you"*

**EXODUS 12:13**

THE TABERNACLE

### Blood for Atonement

Life for life on the altar.

*"for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."*

**LEVITICUS 17:11**

ISAIAH

### The Suffering Servant

Wounded for our sins.

*"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities"*

**ISAIAH 53:5**

FULFILLED

### The Lamb of God

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus.

*"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*

**JOHN 1:29**

# Words of Salvation and How to Be Saved

KEY CHRISTIAN TERMS

## The Great Words of Salvation

The Bible uses many words to describe what God does when He saves us. Each has its own short page in Key Christian Terms.

### Grace
God's undeserved favour.
Read more →
EPHESIANS 2:8

### Repentance
Turning from sin to God.
Read more →
ACTS 3:19

### Faith
Trusting Christ alone.
Read more →
ROMANS 10:17

### Atonement
Sin covered by Christ's blood. Read more →
ROMANS 5:11

### Redemption
Bought back at a price.
Read more →
1 PETER 1:18–19

### Justification
Declared righteous. Read more →
ROMANS 5:1

### Born Again
New life from the Spirit.
Read more →
JOHN 3:3

### Sanctification
Growing in holiness. Read more →
1 THESSALONIANS 4:3

YOUR RESPONSE

## How to Be Saved

God has done everything needed for our salvation. Here is how the Bible says to receive it.

1

### Admit Your Need
Agree with God that you are a sinner.
*"God be merciful to me a sinner."*
LUKE 18:13

2

### Turn from Sin
Repent: turn away from sin and toward God.
*"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out"*
ACTS 3:19

3

### Believe in Jesus
Trust that He died for you and rose again.
*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"*
ACTS 16:31

4

### Receive Him
Welcome Christ as your Saviour and Lord.
*"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

5

### Confess Him
Openly own Jesus as Lord.
*"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*
ROMANS 10:10

6

### Follow Him
Be baptized as He commanded, and walk with Him.
*"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized"*
ACTS 2:41

A PRAYER YOU CAN PRAY

### Talk to God Now

Words alone do not save; trusting Christ does. If you are ready to trust Him, you can tell God in your own words, or like this:

*"Lord God, I know that I am a sinner and cannot save myself. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again. I turn from my sin and trust Him as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me eternal life. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Then tell another believer, find a Bible-believing church, and start reading the Gospel of John.

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# New Life and Six Truths

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

## New Life and Assurance

Salvation is not only forgiveness for the past. It is a new life now and a sure hope for ever.

1

### A New Creature

God makes us new on the inside.

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

2

### You Can Know

God wants His children to be sure.

*“that ye may know that ye have eternal life”*

**1 JOHN 5:13**

3

### Held by His Hand

Jesus keeps His sheep.

*“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.”*

**JOHN 10:28**

4

### God Finishes His Work

What He starts, He completes.

*“He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ”*

**PHILIPPIANS 1:6**

5

### Saved for Good Works

Good works are the fruit of salvation, not the root.

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works”*

**EPHESIANS 2:10**

6

### Heaven at Last

God will dwell with His people for ever.

*“and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death”*

**REVELATION 21:4**

KEY THEMES

## Six Truths About Salvation

These six truths sum up God’s plan of salvation.

1

### God Loves the World

Salvation begins with the love of God.

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son”*

**JOHN 3:16**

2

### All Have Sinned

No one is good enough on their own.

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”*

**ROMANS 3:23**

3

### Christ Died for Sinners

Jesus took the punishment we deserved.

*“but God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

**ROMANS 5:8**

4

### He Rose Again

The empty tomb proves the payment was accepted.

*“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”*

**ROMANS 4:25**

5

### By Grace Through Faith

A gift to receive, not a wage to earn.

*“it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

**EPHESIANS 2:8–9**

6

### Jesus Is the Only Way

There is no other Saviour.

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”*

**JOHN 14:6**