**How am I Saved?**

**You must confess with your mouth…**

The Apostle Paul writes, “if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” ([Romans 10:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+10%3A9&version=HCSB)). If we do not acknowledge Jesus as Lord, then we are simply trying to buy “fire insurance” to save us from hell and make us feel better. A confession of faith that doesn’t acknowledge Jesus as Lord fails to change the root of the problem between God and humans – rebellion ([Matthew 7:22-23](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7%3A22-23&version=HCSB)).

**You must believe in your heart…**

Believing God raised Jesus from the dead is essential to our salvation because we are acknowledging that Jesus alone satisfied God’s requirements to save us from our sins. We can’t give ourselves or any other religious leader credit for saving us. If we trust God’s Word, then we must choose to believe in our hearts that Jesus paid for our sins on the cross. His resurrection from death proves He was right ([Isaiah 53:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53%3A5&version=HCSB); [Romans 1:3-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+1%3A3-4&version=HCSB); [Galatians 3:13-14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=galatians+3%3A13-14&version=HCSB)). By faith, we also believe and confess that Jesus is Lord of our lives ([Romans 10:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+10%3A9&version=HCSB)). The title *Lord* means He is completely in charge. When we say, “Jesus is Lord,” and mean it, we step down from the throne of our own lives and ask Him to rule over us in the way God planned from the beginning of creation.

**You must repent…**

Repentance means we change our hearts and minds, turn from our sins and rebellion against God, confess Jesus as our Lord, and invite Him to take charge of our lives. Then He comes in, forgives us of all our sins, and gives us the gift of eternal life ([John 17:3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17%3A3&version=HCSB)). Jesus makes us capable of having spiritual relationship and communion with God. Faith in Jesus and the salvation He offers isn’t a dead religion; it’s a dynamic, personal relationship with God ([James 2:17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+2%3A17&version=HCSB)).

**You must choose to follow Jesus…**

Following Jesus is a choice. To be saved doesn’t simply mean we now believe something we didn’t believe before. True believing requires following. You are born again when you make the radical decision to change your life’s purpose and follow Him. You no longer live for self and sin; instead, you surrender your life to Christ and choose to follow Him as your Lord.

**Questions to Consider**

1. Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A8-9&version=HCSB). Can you be saved by doing “good things” like attending church, reading the Bible, or serving other people? Why or why not?
2. According to [Romans 10:9-10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+10%3A9-10%2C+13&version=HCSB), what two steps must a person take to be saved? Have you taken those steps?
3. How would you respond to someone who says, “I believe in Jesus, but I don’t want to give up control over my life”?