

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Mankind was born with a sin nature, a desire bent away from God.

- The problem is sin cannot dwell in the presence of a Holy God.
- Mankind was eternally separated from God.
- **But God had the answer to our sin problem...His son Jesus!**

Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary.

- JESUS lived a sinless life.
- This made him worthy to pay for our sin debt.
- Jesus died on the cross, he shed his blood to pay our sin debt.
- You could never pay for your own sin debt because you have a sin nature.
- Jesus death on the cross was acceptable to God because He was sinless.
- His death and resurrection brought mankind back into fellowship with God.

QUESTION: How will you respond to this good news? What will you do about Jesus Christ? You have a choice; to accept Him or reject Him.

Will you accept God's offer of reconciliation TO ACCEPT HIS SON AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR? It's as easy as ABC.

A - **ADMIT** that you are a sinner and repent (turn from, have a change of heart) of your sins.

B - **BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for "your" sin

C - **CHOOSE** Him as your personal Lord and Savior. Declare that Jesus Christ is Lord of your life.

PRAYER: *"Father God I ADMIT that I am a sinner. I repent (change my heart and mind) of my sin. I BELIEVE Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for MY sin. Today, I CHOOSE Him as my personal Lord and Savior. I declare that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life! In Jesus name, Amen."*

If you prayed this prayer, welcome to the family of God. What has just happened in the spirit realm?

- You have now been **PLACED** into the body of Christ. This is the **BAPTISM** of Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13). Welcome to the universal family of God all over the world. Baptism of Holy Spirit is a gift from God. You can't earn it or lose it. It's your spiritual position.
- You have been **SEALED** by the Holy Spirit of God. The sealing ministry of the Spirit is to identify believers as God's own and give them the security that they belong to Him. God has stamped his seal of approval upon you and you belong to Him. God will protect you and keep you until death, or His second return to earth. The Spirit is the seal that locks you into the

family of God (Ephesians 1:13–14; Ephesians 1:13). Being sealed by Holy Spirit is a gift from God. You can't earn it or lose it.

- You are **INDWELT** by the Holy Spirit. The indwelling of the Spirit refers to His residence in the life of every believer. The indwelling is a blessing we receive automatically when we come to Christ. The Holy Spirit indwelling is permanent. Since Holy Spirit has taken up residence in our hearts at salvation, what is he doing? What's his ministry to us? He is your Internal Helper!!!! He is your Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener and Standby (Romans 8:9) There is no area or situation too small to ask for Holy Spirit's help. Being indwelt by Holy Spirit is a gift from God. You can't earn it or lose it.
- You are **FILLED** by the Holy Spirit. In the Greek language (Language the New Testament was written in) filled means "to control." Whatever fills you...controls you. The infilling of Holy Spirit is ongoing. We constantly need to be filled because people, and the sinful world we live in depletes the infilling.
- When we are filled with Holy Spirit a transformation (changed from the inside out) takes place. Holy Spirit releases His powers and influence in our lives. Meaning he gives us the ability to change.
- Ephesians 5:18 *"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"*
 - The author, the Apostle Paul, gives the negative example of a person filled with wine and the wines controls them to live a undisciplined life. The Apostle Paul also gives a positive example of being filled with the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to control your life and help you live a victorious Christian life. This is done through surrender.
 - The level of Infilling is "your" choice and is based upon how much of your life you surrender to Holy Spirit's control. Remember, Holy Spirit wants to fill you but the question is do you want to be filled (controlled by Holy Spirit and told what to do) or continue to be in control of your own life?
 - Ephesians 5:19-21 tells us how to be filled with Holy Spirit. *"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ,"*
 - This means we are to make worship a lifestyle. Each day spend time reading the Bible, listening to, and singing Christian worship music (e.g. K-LOVE App), praying for yourself and others, journaling, meditating on God's Word.
 - Always remember to give thanks to God for everything, and not grumbling and complaining. Grumblers and complainers will not experience the filling (control) of Holy Spirit. Giving thanks helps us to grow in our faith, and trust in God, knowing that God will work everything for our good and His glory (Romans 8:28).
 - "Be filled with the Spirit." Be filled with the fruit of the spirit, which is the character, image of Jesus Christ. **"Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV):** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness (humility), self-control;*" Make sure Holy Spirit is given the place in your life that He wants and deserves to have. The purpose of the Spirit's filling is to help you live a victorious Christian life.