



# The ABCs of Salvation: A Simple Guide to Faith

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## Heaven Is Not Out of Reach

Maybe you've wondered whether heaven is possible for you. Perhaps you've made mistakes, drifted from faith, or felt too far gone for God to forgive. The truth is, no one can earn heaven. But the good news of the gospel is this: Jesus came to bring heaven within reach. He offers forgiveness for every sin, peace for every heart, and eternal life to anyone who believes. This short guide will help you understand what it means to receive Christ as your Savior and how to begin a lifelong relationship with Him.

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)*

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### 1. Understanding the Gospel

The word gospel simply means “good news.” It's the most important news you will ever receive. God loves you, no matter your past, and has made a way for you to enter heaven. We call accepting this gift salvation.

Salvation is the act of God's grace through which a person is rescued from sin, spiritual death, and eternal separation from Him, and is given new life through faith in Jesus Christ. It is both deliverance from the penalty of sin and restoration to fellowship with God. Salvation is not earned by human effort or good works; it is a gift offered to all who believe.

The Bible teaches that every person will spend eternity in one of two places. One is hell, the eternal separation from God, reserved for those who reject His grace and refuse His offer of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is a place of conscious existence apart from God's presence, described in Scripture as darkness, fire, and judgment. Hell represents the full consequence of sin and rebellion against God. It is what we are being “saved” from.

The other is heaven, the eternal dwelling place of God, His angels, and all who have been redeemed through faith in Jesus Christ. Heaven is a place of perfect peace, joy, and righteousness where God's presence fills everything with light and love. In heaven, there is no sin, sorrow, or death. In heaven, there is only the everlasting glory of being united with God forever.

### Here's the 'Good News' in Four Simple Truths

1. **God loves you and created you for a purpose.** God didn't create you by accident. He designed you to know Him and to live in a relationship filled with love and meaning. (John 3:16)
2. **Sin separates us from God.** Sin is anything that goes against God's perfect ways. It breaks our connection with Him, leaving a gap that we can't close on our own. (Romans 3:23)
3. **Jesus bridges the gap.** Because God loves us, He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise so that the barrier of sin could be removed. (Romans 5:8)
4. **You can receive forgiveness and new life by faith.** Salvation isn't something you earn; it's a gift. When you trust Jesus and accept what He's done for you, God forgives you completely and gives you a new start. (Ephesians 2:8–9)

**2. The ABCs of Salvation – Coming to faith is as simple and as life-changing as ABC.**

**A — Admit:** Admit that you are a sinner and that you need God’s forgiveness. (1 John 1:9)

What are some things in your life that show your need for God’s forgiveness?

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Write a short prayer admitting those sins to God.

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**B — Believe:** Believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for your sins and rose again to give you new life. (Acts 16:31)

What do you believe about Jesus?

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In your own words, describe what His death and resurrection mean to you.

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**C — Confess:** Confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Turn away from your old life and surrender to Him fully. (Romans 10:9)

What would it mean for you to let Jesus lead your life from this day forward?

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Write one sentence declaring Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

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### 3. A Prayer to Accept Christ

If you're ready to take that step and make Jesus the Lord of your life, you can pray a simple prayer like this one. The words themselves don't save you; your faith does.

Lord Jesus,

I admit that I've sinned and fallen short of Your glory.

I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose again to give me eternal life.

I confess You as my Lord and Savior.

Forgive me, change me, and make me new.

Thank You for saving me and giving me a new beginning.

I choose to follow You from this day forward.

In Your name, amen.

### 4. What Comes Next

Choosing Jesus is the beginning of a lifelong journey, not the end. Here are a few next steps to help you grow in your new faith:

1. Read the Bible daily. I recommend starting with the Gospel of John.
2. Pray and talk to God. Prayer is conversation with your Heavenly Father.
3. Find a Bible-believing church and get connected with other believers.
4. Tell someone about your decision. Sharing your story strengthens your faith.
5. Visit [InteractiveBibleStudies.net](http://InteractiveBibleStudies.net) for free devotionals and study guides.

### 5. A Final Encouragement

No one is too lost for God to find. No sin is too great for Him to forgive. No heart is too hard for His love to reach. If you've prayed to accept Christ today, welcome to the family of God. Heaven rejoices every time one sinner repents (Luke 15:10).

### 6. My Next Steps Tracker

Salvation is the beginning of a new life, not the end of a story. Take your next steps in faith one day, one prayer, one act of obedience at a time. Use this tracker to record what God is doing in your life and stay connected as you grow in your faith.

#### My Spiritual Journey

I admitted my need for God's forgiveness.

I confessed Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

I believe Jesus died and rose again for me.

I prayed the prayer of salvation.

 Date I accepted Christ: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Next Steps in Faith

### **Begin reading the Bible daily.**

Start with the Gospel of John. Highlight verses that stand out and ask God to help you understand them.

### **Talk to God through prayer.**

Spend a few minutes each day thanking Him, asking for guidance, and bringing your needs before Him.

### **Find a church home.**

Look for a Bible-believing church that teaches the Word of God and encourages community.

### **Tell someone about your decision.**

Share your story with a friend, family member, or pastor. Your testimony can encourage others.

### **Consider baptism.**

Baptism is a public symbol of your faith, an outward sign of an inward change.

### **Connect with Christian resources.**

Read devotionals, join a small group, or explore studies that help you grow.

### **Celebrate your decision with a Certificate of Salvation** (<https://interactivebiblestudies.net/certificate-of-salvation/>)


Print your certificate, sign and date it, then frame it as a reminder of the day you accepted Christ.

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## Stay Connected

If you've recently accepted Christ, I'd love to hear from you!

You don't have to walk this journey alone. I'd be honored to celebrate with you, pray for you, or help you find your next step.

 Reach Out: Using the contact link at my website.

 Visit: [InteractiveBibleStudies.net](https://InteractiveBibleStudies.net)

*Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

— Philippians 1:6