

The Facts of Salvation

Fact #1: God created us in his own image and dearly loves each and every person.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **Genesis 1:27 (NIV)**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NIV)**

Fact #2: Our sin, self-will, and rebellion have kept us from enjoying a personal relationship with God.

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. **Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)**

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **Romans 3:23 (NIV)**

Fact #3: God desires to forgive and restore all who will forsake their sin and turn to him.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. **Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV)**

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. **Acts 3:19-20 (NIV)**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)**

Fact #4: Jesus Christ is God's only provision for restoring the relationship with God that has been broken.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6 (NIV)**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:12 (NIV)**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

Fact #5: To be restored into right relationship with God you must acknowledge that Jesus is God and personally invite him into life as Savior and Lord.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. **John 1:10-13 (NIV)**

That 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. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (NIV)**