

The Bible reminds us that,
.... you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:18 NKJV).

This is the gospel, the good news. Today if you put your trust in Jesus, repent of your sin, and believe that he came to save you from the judgment of God and bring wholeness in your life you can experience the everlasting life and enjoy a close fellowship with God who loves you. It is that simple. Jesus says:

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. [meaning to live forever after this mortal life is over]. **Do you believe this?** (John 11:25-26 NKJV)

Would you want to receive this eternal life Jesus promises for you? Jesus is the best gift you can receive in your entire life.

Make your decision now and tell God about it in prayer. Humbly repent and confess to God the sins that stand between you and Him. By faith, express your thanks to Jesus for dying for your sins and shedding His precious blood, so that you may be holy and ready to present yourself in Heaven - not on your own merit but because of His sacrificial death on the cross in your place. Linger in God's presence and read His Word for His assurance of salvation to your heart. God wants to give you His Holy

Spirit to abide in you, teach you, comfort you, and guide you day by day, moment by moment.

The next two things you want to do are:

Tell someone about your decision to trust Christ Jesus for salvation and eternal life. This outward confession is important to prevent Satan from casting doubt in your mind as to your salvation and new life in Christ.

Obtain a Bible, read in it, and pray every day so that you may grow in understanding and grace in your new relationship with your precious Saviour and Lord of your life.

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The Blood of Jesus Christ
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In the eyes of the world Jesus died on the cross a shameful death as a Roman criminal who posed a threat to the political stability of the land. But Jesus' death was neither the tragic end of a political activist nor a sudden end of a noble life lived on this earth as some skeptics would concede. Jesus never came to start a social revolution or found a new religion - there is no dearth of religions in this world. Jesus himself once said that his kingdom was not of this world. As his name suggests, Jesus came to save us from sin and to reconcile us to God without whom our soul is always restless and lost to eternal life.

Jesus' death on the cross, as vindicated by his resurrection, was in fact his ultimate triumph over sin and death that have plagued mankind ever since the dawn of history. No one except a divine being can conquer death and sin and bring restoration

and healing to a sick humanity. Jesus had power over his death and his life was immaculate—free of any trace of sin. Jesus once said:

Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. (John 10:17-18 NKJV)

Jesus is one of the holy prophets of Islam (referred to in the Qu’ran by many appellations such as *Ruh-Allah*, (the soul of God), *Kalimatullah*, (the word of God), *Zakiyya*, (the sinless one), and ‘the blessed one’ in his birth, death and resurrection). He is the promised Messiah of Judaism. Guru Govind Singh, one of the gurus of Sikhism recognized in Jesus the conqueror of the devil and the Saviour of the world. In the Hindu Scriptures (particularly in the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Rig Veda*), the idea of a recurring incarnation of God to restore righteousness (*dharma*) in society, and the need for a perfect sacrifice for the remission of sin come closest to the understanding of the reality of Jesus. When we come to the Bible, the revelation of God, we discover Jesus as *the* God-incarnate and the Saviour of the fallen human race. In the gospel of John we read:

In the beginning was the Word, (one of the names of Jesus, John 1:14) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4 NKJV)

Jesus is revered by great men of this world. People such as Saint Augustine, Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa and Martin Luther

King Jr were greatly influenced and inspired by his noble example. To gain any credibility to their claims the founders of most religious movements have tried to pattern their lives after Jesus and compare themselves to him in some way or another.

The only accusation brought against Jesus by his enemies was that he called himself the Son of God thereby making himself equal to God - a blasphemy that demanded a death penalty according to the Jewish law. But Jesus came to be the Saviour of the world. Many biblical prophecies of the Old Testament predicted his death on a cross.

The Bible says that without the shedding of the blood there is no forgiveness of sin and the blood of Jesus Christ cleans us from all sins (Hebrews 9:22). The death of Christ was a sacrifice - an atonement for sins. The idea of atonement for sin is found in most cultures in one form or other which underscores the principle of this world, that to save others sometimes a valiant and loving person has to risk his life or even die for them. We see that soldiers die on the battlefield to protect the freedom of a country. Parents have to endure suffering and hardship in order to give a better life to their children. All this is done out of the love and devotion a person has for his calling. Jesus once said:

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. (John 15:13-14).

In the veins of Christ flowed the blood of a divine being free of sin - Christ is the second person of the Godhead of the

Christian faith. The Bible reveals God as a triune Being - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The trinity can be experienced by us, but it is hard to explain. The Bible calls it a mystery which the human mind cannot comprehend (I Timothy 3:16). On the cross God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, took the punishment for the sins of the world. On the cross the justice and the love of God were marvelously displayed. God’s righteousness and justice demand a penalty for sin, which is death. God’s love and mercy provided Jesus Christ to pay that penalty so no one has to die. As sinners we cannot pay the penalty for our sins. Christ the sinless one took our place to pay the penalty for our sins. He shed his precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins. By repenting and putting our trust in Jesus we are saved and made whole in the sight of God and our relationship with Him is restored and we are adopted into the family of God.

We know that our human life is not possible without blood. Blood performs five essential functions for our existence. It carries nutrient to all parts of our body for nourishment; it transports oxygen to cells and removes waste product; it fights disease and regulates body temperature. Where there has been considerable loss of blood human life is seriously threatened, and only a blood transfusion of the right type can save the dying person’s life. In a spiritual sense we need the divine blood of God’s Son to impart to us eternal life. The blood of Christ shed on the cross made this divine healing and salvation possible for you and me.