**How Can I Receive God’s Abundant Life and His Gift of Eternal Life?**

* **Understand** that eternal life is God’s precious gift to you through Jesus Christ. You cannot earn it. Eternal life and forgiveness from your sin is not something you deserve: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith and the not of yourselves it is the gift of God not of works lest anyone should boast.”*  (Ephesians 2:8-9) God inspired good works are the result of a genuine salvation. God requires that we live righteously, but our good works cannot forgive even one sin. (Ephesians 2:10)
* **Acknowledge** your sin before God and your need of His gift of salvation through Christ. We have all sinned (eg. Pride, selfishness, lying, lust, immoral sex, drunkenness, rebellion, anger, swearing, unforgiveness, greed, stealing, idolatry, etc.). *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23)
* **Realize** if you don’t receive God’s loving provision to save you from sin and be “born again,” you’ll suffer forever in hell. *“For the wages (penalty) of sin is eternal death* (Hell), *but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23; Mark 9:43-48)
* **Believe** the fact that Our Heavenly Father so loved you that He sent Jesus Christ – God the Son to die upon the Cross as the only solution and provision for you to be saved from your sin. *“There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.”* (Acts 4:12; John 3:16, 36; John 14:6)
* **Repentance** will prepare your heart to receive Jesus Christ. This involves turning from your sin and surrendering your life to live only for Him. Trusting that Jesus paid the full penalty for your sin on the Cross: *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”* (Acts 3:19)
* **Receive** Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by asking Him to come into your life*. “But to as many as received Him* (Jesus) *to them He gave the power to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”* (John 1:12; Revelation 3:20)
* **Pray in faith** and sincerely ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sin and to come into your life and save you. Ask Him to be the Lord of every area in your life from today and always: *“For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is* (your) *Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* (Romans 10:9).

If you do this you’ll receive power to **obey** Christ and to **overcome** sin for you’ll be “born again” by God’s Spirit (John 3:3-8). Would you like a call or visit? We can pray with you for your needs. Jesus states that we must become an active part of His local church, the Body of Christ (Hebrews 10:23-27).

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