

9. **How does God draw all people to Jesus?**  
By the Spirit through the Word!
- "[God] chose to give us [spiritual] birth through the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth" (James 1:18 NIV).
  - "...you have been born again...through the living and abiding \_\_\_\_\_ of God" (ESV 1 Peter 1:23).
10. **God's Work of Salvation – Notice How God Does Every Part:**
- God works through Baptism to clothe us with the sinless life of Christ! "...for all of you who were \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Galatians 3:27 NIV).
  - God works through His Word:
    - To show us our sin (Romans 3:20)!
    - To make us sorry for our sins (2 Corinthians 7:10)!
    - To show us our inability to save ourselves (Galatians 3:10)!
    - To show us Jesus' saving work (1 Peter 3:18)!
    - To give us the gift of faith (Eph. 2:8) by which we receive (John 1:12-13) God's eternal blessings!

11. **What does the Bible say about faith?**  
Faith unites people to God's Salvation!
- "...whoever believes in [Jesus] shall not perish but have eternal \_\_\_\_\_" (John 3:16 NIV).
  - "I tell you the truth, he who \_\_\_\_\_ has everlasting life" (John 6:47 NIV).
  - "This righteousness from God comes through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ to all who \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 3:22 NIV).

- "...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23 NIV).
  - "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household" (Acts 16:30-31 NIV).
12. **What are the three essential ingredients of faith (KAT)?**
- Knowledge – God enables us to know the truth!
  - Agreement – God enables us to agree with the truth!
  - Trust – God enables us to trust in Jesus as our Savior!
    - Jesus is the object of our faith, the One in whom we trust!
    - We trust in Jesus *for* eternal life, *for* our entrance into heaven!
13. **A way to remember what it means to be justified** – Through my faith in Jesus for eternal life God sees me:  
"Just [as] if I'd [\_\_\_\_\_]."
14. **Good Works – They result from our faith:** "And he died for all, that those who live [through faith in Jesus] should no longer live for themselves but for \_\_\_\_\_ who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor. 5:15 NIV).

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### Introduction

God wants to richly bless you! Since all people have sinned, all people need to be saved. Since no one can save himself, God has taken action for us through Jesus!

This brochure will guide you through many important Bible teachings related to salvation. Please use your NIV Bible to look up the answers; if you need a Bible, let us know.

Once you have looked up the answers, or even before, please contact us using the info in the block at the end. We want to help you be sure that you have God's gifts of forgiveness, spiritual life, and eternal salvation!

1. **Why should all people study the topic of salvation?** God wants us to be sure of eternal life, not based on what we think but on the truth of His Holy Word! Jesus said: "If you hold to my \_\_\_\_\_, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the \_\_\_\_\_, and the truth will set you \_\_\_\_\_ [from your sins]" (John 8:31-32 NIV).
2. **Why do all people need to be saved?** All have sinned and separated themselves from God!
  - a. "...for all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23 NIV).
  - b. "But your iniquities [sins] have \_\_\_\_\_ you from your God" (Isaiah 59:2 NIV).
  - c. "For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_" (Romans 6:23 NIV).
3. **Why are all people unable to save themselves?** God requires all people to be *sinless in His sight* to enter into heaven, but no one can actually meet God's requirement:
  - a. "There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and \_\_\_\_\_ sins" (Ecclesiastes 7:20 NIV).
  - b. "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking \_\_\_\_\_ of it" (James 2:10 NIV).
4. **What is the primary purpose of God's Law?** It shows us our sin!
  - a. "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by \_\_\_\_\_ the law; rather, through the law we become \_\_\_\_\_ of sin" (Romans 3:20 NIV).
  - b. "You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from \_\_\_\_\_;

- you have fallen away from grace" (Galatians 5:4 NIV).
- c. Jesus said: "Many will say to me on that day [when I return], 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never \_\_\_\_\_ you. \_\_\_\_\_ from me, you evildoers'" (Matthew 7:22-23 NIV)!
5. **Why is Jesus the only way of salvation?** Because He is God in human flesh, who *lived* without sin, *paid* the eternal penalty for all sins, and *rose* victorious from the dead!
    - a. Jesus lived a sinless life – Jesus "has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was \_\_\_\_\_ sin" (Hebrews 4:15 NIV).
    - b. Jesus received all sin – "...the LORD has laid on him the iniquity [sin] of us \_\_\_\_\_. ...it was the LORD's will to \_\_\_\_\_ him [to punish Him for our sins]" (Isaiah 53:6, 10 NIV).
    - c. Jesus received all punishment – "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole \_\_\_\_\_" (1 John 2:2 NIV).
    - d. Jesus died to seal His victory – "Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3 NIV).
    - e. Jesus rose to prove His victory – "He is not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6 NIV).
  6. **Does the Bible identify Jesus to be the one and only Savior?** Yes!
    - a. Jesus said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. \_\_\_\_\_ one comes to the

- Father except through \_\_\_\_\_" (John 14:6 NIV).
- b. In regard to Jesus: "Salvation is found in \_\_\_\_\_ one else, for there is \_\_\_\_\_ other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12 NIV).
7. **Why is repentance important?** It is essential for salvation! God works repentance in us by making us sorry for our sins and giving us faith to trust in Jesus as our only Savior!
    - a. Jesus said: "...unless you \_\_\_\_\_, you too will all perish" (Luke 13:3 NIV).
    - b. "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be \_\_\_\_\_ out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" (Acts 3:19 NIV).
    - c. "\_\_\_\_\_ sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV).
  8. **Why are all people dependant on God to connect them to Jesus?**
    - a. All are spiritually dead until God takes action to make them alive in Christ – "you were \_\_\_\_\_ in your transgressions and sins" (Ephesians 2:1 NIV).
    - b. Faith is a gift from God – "For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God--not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV).
    - c. God the Father must draw people to Jesus – He said: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me \_\_\_\_\_ him. ...has \_\_\_\_\_ him" (John 6:44, 65 NIV).