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How to Find Salvation Through Jesus

If you've had questions about how to get saved, or if you've maybe heard about salvation, but it's still not clear to you. Please pray for guidance, then read what's here. I pray it helps you.

Summary before you dive in: To get saved by Jesus, recognize your need for salvation, believe in Jesus, and accept salvation as a free gift of God's graciousness. Understand that God's holiness sets a high standard and that all have sinned. Salvation is about faith in Jesus' sacrifice, not our works. Build a relationship with God, share the good news, and live out your faith. Dive deeper for a comprehensive guide on how to accept and embrace salvation.

Do you want to get saved by Jesus? The good news is that doing that is **simple**. Religion tries to make it complicated, but coming to Jesus is very simple. Just recognize that you need salvation through Jesus, believe in him – that he died for your sins, that this is nothing you could do yourself, and receive the free gift of salvation. You get to have a relationship with God, your father, and put him in the driver's seat of your life to steer you in the right direction. He's waiting right now to do that.

Philippians 3:9 (NLT) says, "I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ."

You do not need to first get clean or be perfect – forget that. Come to him right now, as you are, and ask for the free gift of salvation.

That's it.

Here's a more, in-depth explanation to get saved by Jesus so that you fully understand it – so **don't leave** but I invite you to read on…

1. God is holy.

The definition of holy is: “exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness” and “set apart.”

God is righteous. Everything is right with God – there is nothing wrong – he is sinless. He’s so holy that sin cannot be in his presence. Being holy is the highest standard. God loves what is right.

If you took out a key and scratched a car at a junkyard, there’s really no punishment for that, right? Take that same key and scratch a Ferrari at a dealer and you’re now in big trouble. **God’s holiness is worth a trillion times more than a Ferrari**. Any tiny scratch on God’s holy standard is unacceptable.

The Ten Commandments show us what God is like (Exodus 20 – NIV):

- You shall have no other gods before me.
- You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

This standard is impossible for us to accomplish, which means…

2. You’re a sinner.

We have all sinned (me, too!) – **even one sin is too much. The Bible says so:**

> “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”
> Romans 3:23-24 (NLT)

The Ten Commandments is God’s standard. Have you kept them all your whole life? I know I haven’t.

Sin leads to death:

> “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
> Romans 6:23 KJV

The wages – the payment you receive from your sin, is death. Death is your paycheck. It’s the result of sin, but there’s good news…

God is just. That means he’s a perfect judge. He has to punish the murderer, right? If he doesn’t, he’s not a just judge. **That’s why he just can’t let everyone into heaven.** We ALL deserve to be separated from God for not meeting his standard of being completely blameless.

And do you think your good deeds offset the bad things you’ve done? Try that in a court of law. Will a judge take those good things into account? Nope. You’re judged on your crimes alone.

If you’re guilty, are you going to go to heaven or hell?

God demands holiness and any sin makes you unholy…

3. You can’t pay back what you owe.

The Bible explains how there’s no way to pay what we owe for our debt of sin:

> “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and **all our righteous acts are like filthy rags**; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.“
> Isaiah 64:6 NIV

God is so holy that only a perfect sacrifice can cover sin. The only thing we can offer (our best deeds) are like filthy rags. Filthy rags aren’t even worth paying a penny for because they can’t be cleaned and repaired – you just throw them out.

In the Old Testament times, before Jesus, animal sacrifices had to be made to cover sin. Only perfect animals could be sacrificed – no broken bones or anything wrong at all. So…

4. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for your sins.

Most people have heard of this Bible verse, but read it:

> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**"
> John 3:16-17 ESV

Jesus was tortured (beaten unrecognizable) and he died to pay the price for your sins – all of them. He died, went to hell for you, and he then rose again to conquer death. Jesus never sinned, so he was the perfect sacrifice. Your sin was put on him (if you accept that as a gift). **He didn't come to condemn you, but to save you – he loves you!**

God provided a way out – a way to get our sins repaid. We just need to believe Jesus' blood took our place. ALL our sins are forgiven – **past AND future**. It's a free pass into Heaven.

If you want to pay for your debt of sin yourself, you'll need to be in hell forever – that's the deal.

That leaves us with only 2 choices that line up with justice:

- Believe that Jesus is God's only son who paid for our sins, and accept that free gift.
- Pay for our sins ourselves in hell forever, which is what we deserve.

So, you see… **God does not send anyone to hell. It's our choice. He wants to rescue us.** God saves us from eternal death and provides a way for us to get eternal life if we just receive what God already did.

But we must do more than just believe he exists. Demons know he exists and they are not saved. **We must have the heart posture where we submit our lives to God/Jesus** – a very strong belief, like if you're hanging off a cliff and someone's pulling you up on a rope, that you believe they'll rescue you:

> "You believe there is one God. That's good, but even the demons believe that! And they shake with fear."
> James 2:19 (ERV)

5. What Jesus did was a gift (God's grace) – "Just Jesus"

It's all about **grace** (God's graciousness) because we can't save ourselves – we already messed up:

> "I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believed. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. You are not saved by the things you have done, so there is nothing to boast about."
> ??Ephesians? ?2:8-9

You did not and cannot cover your sins by yourself (except by going to hell forever, which is eternal death).

It's not by works – it's a gift. Grace is a gift. **You can't earn a gift.** If you do, it's a reward, not a gift. Gifts don't have any strings attached, or they cannot be called gifts.

Grace means "unmerited favor" and that's what salvation is: favor you did not earn.

That's the whole point of grace and mercy (and love). **You can't earn God's grace. It's a gift from God.** And nobody can take it away from you. Nothing you can do will/can earn God's grace. **Just accept it.** That's what God wants:

> "Where, then, is there room for boasting? Do our works bring God's acceptance? Not at all! It was not our works of keeping the law but our faith in his finished work that makes us right with God."
> ??Romans? ?3?:?27? ?TPT??

It's **just Jesus** – not Jesus plus anything.

Why?

Simple… God wants all the glory! He's not going to share the credit with you or anyone else. It's just Jesus – only him.

The true gospel is just this **simple**. Man has tried to bring in works, which is religion – a bunch of rules to follow, but that's making salvation equal to Jesus plus other things, as if what he did was not enough. God's grace is tough for us to grasp. We want rules to follow to feel safe (religion).

Here's something to consider…

Saying to Jesus that he lived a perfect, sinless life and sacrificed his life, but that **you need to also do something on top of all that, is a slap in his face**. That's not salvation. When you add *anything* to what Jesus did, that's not complete belief in him, and **you are not saved in that case**. God wants and deserves ALL the glory for salvation. This is not an easy concept to always get, as humans.

The works or good things we do are a RESULT of our faith in Jesus. That fruit proves our faith. It's natural when we understand the enormity of God's grace / all he did for us. This is how to read what James says:

> "So you see that people are made right with God by what they do. They cannot be made right by faith alone."
> ??James? ?2:24? ?ERV??

Our fruit proves our faith. It happens naturally. Fruit just works its way out of you. True salvation bears (produces) fruit (the good things we do). You'll *want* to do good things when you realize what you've received.

Here's the formula – for all you logical thinkers (like me):

1. Salvation is belief **(faith)** in God's grace (Jesus' blood sacrifice).
2. That **faith** seals the Holy Spirit inside of us (we're transformed).
3. The "Fruit of the Spirit" (read Galatians 5) proves our **faith** in salvation. Fruit proves faith.

When there's true salvation, you'll see fruit (good works) – BECAUSE of real faith. Faith + works (religion) does not equal salvation. Faith equals salvation and good works are a byproduct – we need to get the formula right / put the equals sign in the right place:

- Faith + works = religion
- Faith (alone) = salvation + works

It's just Jesus, not Jesus plus anything.

A tree bears fruit if it's connected to a water source and is in good soil. God is the soil. God flowing through us bears fruit. Our flesh cannot do that. Our flesh is selfish and not good. God helps us overpower our flesh once we turn to him and receive him.

Salvation is just receiving. It's not a reward for doing anything. This is difficult for many of us to wrap our heads around. That's why there's religion – people trying to add more to it (and that doesn't work – it backfires).

You can't just say you believe (say a prayer once and just move on like normal), it needs to be in you / a part of you – a true commitment (a true realization of God's graciousness).

When that happens, good things come out. That's the proof of your faith… simple. Accept the gift of grace and let it flow through you where good works/fruit comes out naturally because you've been transformed by God's Holy Spirit and the understanding of grace / what Jesus did.

For example, you can't just say you're a fan of your favorite team. If you're really a fan, you watch the games, know the team, and cheer for them because you believe in them. You're a true fan. It's natural. It just comes out. It's kind of the same thing – stay walking with God…

> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
> I John 1:7 ESV

Let God's Holy Spirit clean you – just like Jesus washing his disciples' feet. **You just need to believe, receive, and God does all the work of cleaning you up.** He will change you. You don't need to do it yourself. If you try to do it yourself, you'll fail and end up in a cycle of failure. Ask God to change you and he will. Sometimes it's right away, but more likely, it's over time. Stay close to God.

God takes care of us – he gives us rest (wow)…

> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
> Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

Yoking is putting two animals together and the stronger one shows the weaker one what to do because they're connected. God is saying he'll do the work.

Know this:

- God loves you for who you are – not for what you do.
- How much you love God/Jesus is proven by your actions (fruit that comes out).
- God can't love you more.
- God even loves his enemies (but his enemies aren't saved).
- Give your burdens to God and he will help you. He wants so much to help you.

God is the same to you on your best days as your worst days. He doesn't change. It's *us* who change, not him. He's perfect, we're not.

Salvation is not performance based. It's what Jesus did.

Hold on – it gets even better…

6. Jesus' righteousness gets LEGALLY (or financially) transferred to us.

If you want to think more logically about salvation, think about getting saved as a financial or legal transaction because that's what it is – it's something that's finished:

> "But no one earns God's righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous in his eyes. **It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into your account!**"
> ??Romans? ?4?:?5? ?TPT??

It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but we trust and have **faith in grace alone.** It's not us trying to get ourselves clean, but acceptance of God's graciousness to us. You don't get clean before taking a shower, right? You take the shower to get clean.

We cannot do it on our own. You can try, but you can't do it yourself. **You'll keep failing** , over and over. This is why trying to get yourself perfect before coming to Jesus does not (cannot) work.

We do not need to turn from our sin (get perfect) and *then* accept Christ – that's the wrong order. It's just Jesus. Believe in Jesus and he will take care of cleaning you up – **it's that simple**. He will help you turn from your sinful ways. Jesus washed his disciples' feet. HE did the cleaning.

Also, you're not saved one minute and then not saved the next – you cannot lose your salvation because you did not earn it. **Jesus doesn't have to keep dying on the cross every time you sin. He did it once.** The last thing he said before he died was, "It is finished." That one time was powerful enough to cover everyone's past **and future** sins forever. Don't have wavering faith, but have faith that is solid and rooted in Jesus.

The thief on the cross, next to Jesus who asked to be remembered was saved. Did he do any good works at all or attend church? No. The fact this happened was to show that it just takes belief / faith. That's it. It's **just Jesus**. Repentance is simply your turning to God. He takes care of you and cleans you up. You go from just you to you and God on your side.

So, are you ready?

7. Here’s how to get saved…

Now that you know God is holy, that you have sin you cannot repay except for eternity in hell, that your works don’t save you, but only God’s graciousness can, **do you want to receive the free gift of salvation?**

Here’s what the Bible says about how to get saved:

> “**If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.”
> – Romans 10:9-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

That’s it – so simple. Say it in your own words, out loud, believe in God’s grace (that all your sin has been paid for) and receive the gift of salvation!

It might sound like this, but there is no single, special prayer to get saved:

“Father God, I know I’m a sinner. I cannot save myself, no matter what I do. I cannot live up to your standard. I admit that. Only you can save me by your grace. I declare that Jesus is Lord, and I believe his sacrifice covers all my sins. He took my place and then rose from the dead. Through that, and only through that, am I made right with you. I accept your free gift of salvation through Jesus, and I am now saved from hell.”

Now, ask for his help to clean you up. Again, you don’t need to be perfect – in fact, don’t even try because you can’t do it (trying to be perfect is itself a sin/idolatry). Give yourself over to Jesus. He will transform you. It will take some time, but sometimes it’s right away.

Does saying these words get you saved? No, the words are not salvation. It’s your belief in what words like that represent. It’s putting down beliefs that you can be good enough to get to Heaven. You can’t. You’re surrendering. You’re giving up. You stop striving and ask God to take over for you.

8. You’re only convicted, not condemned.

Now, this is GOOD NEWS:

> “So now the case is closed. There remains **no accusing voice of condemnation** against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One.”
> Romans 8:1 TPT

God's Holy Spirit will convict you by letting you know when you're doing wrong, but you're still saved – you never lose it. Holy Spirit is sealed in you. What God seals cannot be unsealed (if so, he's not God):

> "And because of him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation of truth, you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. Now **we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit**."
> Ephesians 1:13 TPT

Yes! God's spirit now lives inside you. That's the power of God living in you. You are now not alone – ever. In fact, having Holy Spirit in you helps you understand the Bible better.

Condemnation: The devil wants to hold up a mirror and make you look at yourself and all the bad things you've done or are doing. Doing that takes your eyes off Jesus as you look at yourself. The Devil is going to try to do this to you a lot (he might even have "Christians" do it to you – I hate this, but it happens unfortunately). The Devil did this to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and they hid from God because they were looking at their sin. God doesn't do this. Instead of looking at yourself, look at what Jesus did for you. You just get conviction, not condemnation.

> There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
> Romans 8:1 KJV

You do not have to strive anymore. Just come to God and receive what he has done for you… that's it. Trust him, and rest. You're free.

9. It's not religion. It's relationship.

Here's a simple view of this:

- Religion is man's attempt to reach God.
- Jesus is God's attempt to reach man.

> Matthew 7:21-23 says: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, '**I never knew you**; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

- The Holy Spirit lives in us – we're saved. God knows us. Talk to him (that's prayer). He is listening.
- "Know" is like how a husband knows his wife (intimacy).
- You're not doing things to prove yourself to God.
- Lawlessness is denying what Jesus did on the cross and to deny union with him.

Just remain in God – rest in what he did for you:

> "**Anyone who wanders away and does not remain faithful to the teaching of Christ has no relationship with God.** But those who remain in the teaching of Christ have a wonderful relationship with both the Father and the Son."
> 2 John 1:9 TPT

And I like how The Message version of the Bible translates this:

> There are a lot of smooth-talking con artists loose in the world who refuse to believe that Jesus Christ was truly human, a flesh-and-blood human being. Give them their true title: Deceiver! Antichrist! And be very careful around them so you don't lose out on what we've worked so diligently in together; I want you to get every reward you have coming to you. Anyone who gets so progressive in his thinking that he walks out on the teaching of Christ, walks out on God. But whoever stays with the teaching, stays faithful to both the Father and the Son.
> 2 John 1:9 MSG

Remain faithful to God. Have that wonderful relationship with him. Being faithful is fruit, which is proof of your salvation.

> "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
> Romans 10:17 NKJV

Increase your faith by studying God's word (the Bible). Ask Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance and you'll get it.

Relationship starts when you just start talking to God about your day, how you're feeling, etc. like you would a friend. Spend time, sitting before God (you might not hear him talking for a while, but just sit and wait). Spending time with God is how God knows you. You'll start hearing him talk back to you in your spirit (which is the best thing ever). It's in your voice, but you'll stop and go, "Where did that thought come from?" and you'll start to understand that's God.

10. What if you sin, though?

You're dead to sin. All your sins (past and future), died on the cross with Jesus.

> “So let it be the same way with you! Since you are now joined with him, you must continually view yourselves as **dead and unresponsive to sin’s appeal** while living daily for God’s pleasure in union with Jesus, the Anointed One.”
> Romans 6:11 TPT

Sin is gone now. You used to be a sinner, but now you’re saved…

> “But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us. Therefore, since we have now been justified [declared free of the guilt of sin] by His blood, [how much more certain is it that] we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”
> Romans 5:8-9 Amplified Bible

See that? It says we *were* sinners. That’s in the past (this is also GOOD NEWS!). A change has taken place, and old labels are gone – be happy! **We’re not considered sinners anymore.** And while we still may do sinful acts, there is grace – Jesus saved us.

Our old, sinful self has died:

> “Keep in mind that we who belong to Jesus Christ have already experienced crucifixion. For everything connected with our self-life **was put to death on the cross** and crucified with Messiah.”
> Galatians 5:24 TPT

We are free.

Actions still do have consequences. You reap what you sow into. **Doing sinful acts still leads down the road to death** (stuff that isn’t good), so you’ll have more trouble, but you’re still saved because Jesus paid the price.

> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
> I John 1:7 ESV

People who have been saved will still do sinful acts because we’re human. That’s why **there’s grace to cover us**. We’re all on our own journey and God is working on all of us. This is why we rely on his grace as a safety net. It’s there to catch us, but we don’t want to hang out on the safety net – there are no real rewards there.

So, don’t think of yourself as a sinner anymore, that’s not your identity. You are in the family of God. You are a saint, who still will do sinful acts (not good), but that’s not your identity. That’s how I think of it. And the more you focus on Jesus and what he did instead

of your sin, you lose the desire to sin. Sin stops being appealing.

When you strive (by yourself) to stop sinning, you'll fail every time. But when you stop trying to fix yourself, stop living sin conscious and start being more conscious of who you are in Christ and rest in Jesus and his finished work, knowing that sin has already been dealt with and you are already forgiven and you're already free, something amazing happens. **Freedom becomes effortless.** You realize the old you, the one that wanted sin, already died with Christ. And the new you, born of his spirit, doesn't even desire those things anymore.

That's why grace is not a license to sin. It's the only thing that truly ends the power of sin. Law can modify behavior but grace transforms hearts. Fear can restrain you but love actually changes you.

> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
> Romans 6:1 NIV

When you truly understand grace, sin stops being appealing, not because you're trying harder but because your heart has changed.

Know that God did not send Jesus to die for you so you would keep doing sinful acts. The way to get free from sin is to give those sins to God (confess them) and he will take care of them. He will help you not want to do them anymore. We can't do it ourselves because…

Our sin died on the cross with Jesus. **We now have a new life that's free from that sinful identity.** We're still going to mess up, of course. We don't have to keep asking to be saved, over and over again. Being that way can start to become religious where it's us having to do something (works) on top of what Jesus did. Just remember that's already been dealt with (it's finished), and thank your Father God for the sacrifice you've already accepted.

11. What about baptism?

Baptism is not required for salvation, but it's a way to show you're serious about your faith in Jesus' blood sacrifice for your sins. It's a public declaration, which is important to do. It shows your old life passing away and a new life beginning. It's going deeper in obedience, which is good. You really should get baptized. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

Baptism alone does not get you saved. Babies aren't saved when they're baptized because they have not confessed with their mouth that Jesus is Lord, like the Bible says. Salvation through baptism a twisting of the truth (which the Devil likes to do).

I encourage you to go and get baptized once you've accepted God's gracious gift – even if you were baptized before as a child. It's an amazing experience.

12. What about Holy Spirit?

Once you're saved, God's spirit is sealed in you. You now have God's power. It's not just your spirit in you, it's God's spirit and your spirit meshed together (think: body, soul, spirit). **You also get a direct line of communication with God.** You'll hear God speak to you in your head. It'll sound like you're voice, but you'll know those thoughts didn't come from you and you will get peace along with what he says. It'll also line up with what is in the Bible, so read your Bible daily.

You do not need to go through an intermediary like the Jews in the Old Testament or like Catholics do with a priest. You have a direct line with God now. You *are* a priest, a saint.

Jesus was around after he rose from the dead, but then he left pretty quickly. He left so that Holy Spirit could come because then we'll do greater things than Jesus did:

> "I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father!
> John 14:12 TPT

We can prophecy, heal, and do miracles. Have child-like (simple) faith and go do that.

13. What is our job then?

Jesus gave us new commandments to replace the Ten Commandments (the old laws) and he told us what to do.

His instructions are given in the Great Commandment:

> "One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?'
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> 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this […] **Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: **'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** There is no commandment greater than these.'"
> Mark 12:28-31 NIV

These actually sum up the Ten Commandments perfectly (God kept it simple). Loving God and loving others ARE the Ten Commandments.

What we're supposed to do is given in the Great Commission:

> "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."
> Matthew 28:19-20

Go tell others.

It doesn't say to keep looking only at yourself, trying to make yourself better – God takes care of that, so don't worry about it. It says go tell others this good news. Love other people and tell them what Jesus did. Do that and you'll have great rewards in heaven. Also, once you take your eyes off yourself (smash the mirror the Devil holds up) and help others, your own problems often tend to go away.

And remember that what you do now (the good – the fruit) proves your faith. If you really made a commitment, you'll want to do good things, not bad things because your mind has been renewed:

> "Delightfully loved ones, don't imitate what is evil, but imitate that which is good. Whoever does good is of God; whoever does evil has not seen God."
> 3 John 1:11 TPT

Doing good things will be much easier, too! God is helping you now. Get help from God in faith:

> "For anything we do that doesn't spring from faith is, by definition, sinful."
> Romans 14:23 TPT

Have a relationship with God now. Go deep. Ask Holy Spirit for guidance as you read the Bible and you'll understand it. I highly suggest reading the book of Romans in the Passion Translation version or in The Message version. Read the book of John, too. I also really like James and Ephesians. Corinthians, Hebrews, Colossians – they're all good. There's more to learn – just get into God's word, the Bible. Get into a good church in your area – one that believes in salvation by God's grace and just Jesus.

Still doesn't make sense / still have questions?

Ask God for help, and he WILL give you wisdom and understanding. He will. Take that step and ask him.

Read the Bible – start in the New Testament and ask Holy Spirit for wisdom and understanding before each time you start reading.

Talk to a local pastor or friends you have who follow Jesus.

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