

ABC'S OF SALVATION

SAY: “Let me show you what the Bible says about receiving salvation. It’s as easy as the ABC’s...”

admit to God that you are a sinner. Everyone needs salvation. Each of us has a problem the Bible calls sin. Sin is a refusal to acknowledge God’s authority over our lives. Everyone who does not live a life of perfect obedience to the Lord is guilty of sin. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Since none of us are perfect, all are sinners (Romans 3:10-18). The result of sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23). Spiritual death means eternal separation from God. By God’s perfect standard we are guilty of sin and therefore subject to the punishment for sin, which is separation from God. Admitting that you are a sinner and separated from God is the first step of repentance, which is turning from sin and self and turning toward God.

believe in Jesus Christ as God’s Son and receive Jesus’ gift of forgiveness from sin. God loves each of us. God offers us salvation. Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation, God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. “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).

confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to others. After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, share your decision with another person. Tell someone in your group or your leader about your decision. Following Christ’s example, ask for baptism in water as a public expression of your faith. “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).

SAY: “Now, let’s pray to receive salvation – Go ahead and repeat this prayer after me:

Dear Lord,

I admit that I am a sinner. I’ve done many things that don’t please you and I’ve been living my life for myself. I am sorry, and I repent. I ask you to forgive me. I believe that you died on the cross for me, to save me, and You rose again! You did what I could not do for myself. I come to you now and ask you to take control of my life; I give it to you. Send the Holy Spirit to guide me. From this day forward, help me to live every day for you and in a way that pleases you. I love you, Lord, and I thank you that I will spend all eternity with you. I begin my relationship with you today.

I pray this in Jesus’ Name,

Amen.