

Eternal Life (Salvation) Is a Conditional Free Gift

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Introduction

Eternal Life (Salvation) is a conditional free gift. Most evangelical Bible believing Protestants church would agree with the following four points.

You Are A Sinner

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Your Sin Separate You From God

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

God Loves You and Jesus Died For You

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In Order To Be Saved You Must Accept Jesus As Your Savior

John 1:12

But as many as received Him (*Jesus*), to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

Different churches give different answers about **HOW** you accept Jesus as your Savior.

Many churches teach you are saved by faith alone when you pray and ask Jesus to come into your heart. (*There is not one example in the Bible of someone praying and inviting Jesus into their heart! Don't get mad at me saying that. Find one example in the Bible in the Christian Dispensation of a person praying and inviting Jesus into their heart and show it to me.*)

Many churches teach you are saved by repentance and faith.

Some churches teach you are saved if you do more good deeds than bad deeds or that you somehow "pay" for your sins by doing extra good things. (*Genesis 3; Galatians 3:10 and James 2:10 teach that is incorrect because one sin condemns you.*)

What did Jesus Say?

*Jesus Said You Must **Believe***

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

*Jesus Said You Must **Repent***

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

*Jesus Said You Must **Confess Him***

Matthew 10:32

Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

*Jesus Said You Must **Believe** and **Be Baptized***

Mark 16:15-16

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

16 He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

*Jesus Said You Must **Remain Faithful Until Death***

Matthew 24:13

But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

What Does Other Bible Writers Say?

*Peter Said You Must **Repent** and **Be Baptized***

Acts 2:38

Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

*Paul Said You Must **Believe in Jesus** and **Confess Him as Lord***

Romans 10:9

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

*Paul Taught You Are **Baptized Into Jesus** (and Salvation is in Jesus)*

Romans 6:3-5

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

A Biblical Example

Acts 8:35-39

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

37 And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

Conclusion

Eternal Life (Salvation) is a conditional free gift. Jesus paid for it in full. It is offered to whosoever will. It is a free gift but a conditional gift. The conditions are conditions of **receiving** not conditions of **achieving**. There is no value or merit in meeting the conditions. They are conditions of receiving. Since God is giving the gift, He has a right to set the conditions. We believe those conditions are given by God in the Bible. They are:

Believe in Jesus

Repent of your sins

Confess Jesus publicly

Be Baptized into Jesus

Remain Faithful to Jesus until death