

Short Answer Series # 26

What must I do to be Saved?

The Lord gave each one of us our life. (Acts 17v25.) And He gave us the Free-Will to be the master of our own lives. But, sooner or later, we realize, that all that's in our control will cease at our death; and we need something we don't possess to survive past death.

Nobody really wants to die, though many people see death as the only escape from an intolerable situation they're in. But, with every individual, the question surfaces at some time, 'How can I outlive death?' Not just, how can I cheat it for a while? But, how can I go through this experience called death, and come out on the other side, still thinking, seeing, hearing, and living?

The reason why we have such a proliferation of religions, cults, and occult practices, is because desperate people are trying to find a way to outlive death. Surely, the One who gave us life in the first place, (the Source of life,) knows how we can live on into Eternity? Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things. (Colossians 1v16.) The best thing to do is to communicate with Him. 'He that comes to God must believe that He is.' (Hebrews 11v6.) It's important to believe that He exists, but, if you don't, it's not an insurmountable problem.

He won't just barge in and take over, He waits to be invited. So, the first thing to do is to invite Him into your life. If you don't believe He exists, be honest. Say, 'Lord, I don't know if You exist, but I want to be saved from the penalty of my sin. (Death.) I invite you to come into my life, to reveal Yourself to me, and be my Lord and Saviour.' (A Saviour is one who saves.)

He is a being, not a force. He is Someone you can talk to. He is relevant to everything that happens in your life. Every problem, every question, every doubt, every situation, He has the remedy for, and He is always available. You have personal access to Him every hour of every day. You don't need anyone to interpret for you, or to mediate between You and Him. The only thing anyone else can do for you is introduce you to Him. After that, it's between you and Him alone.

The Bible is Spiritual food, to satisfy our Spiritual hunger. If you don't feed Spiritually, you will starve to death Spiritually. Others, who have met Him before you, gather together to talk about their experiences, and learn from the Bible, you should join them.

Primarily, Christianity is a relationship between an individual and the Risen Lord Jesus. As with any relationship, you need to communicate. Prayer is the way to communicate with the Lord. Speak to Him often, as your friend, and as your God, and He will lead and keep you.

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