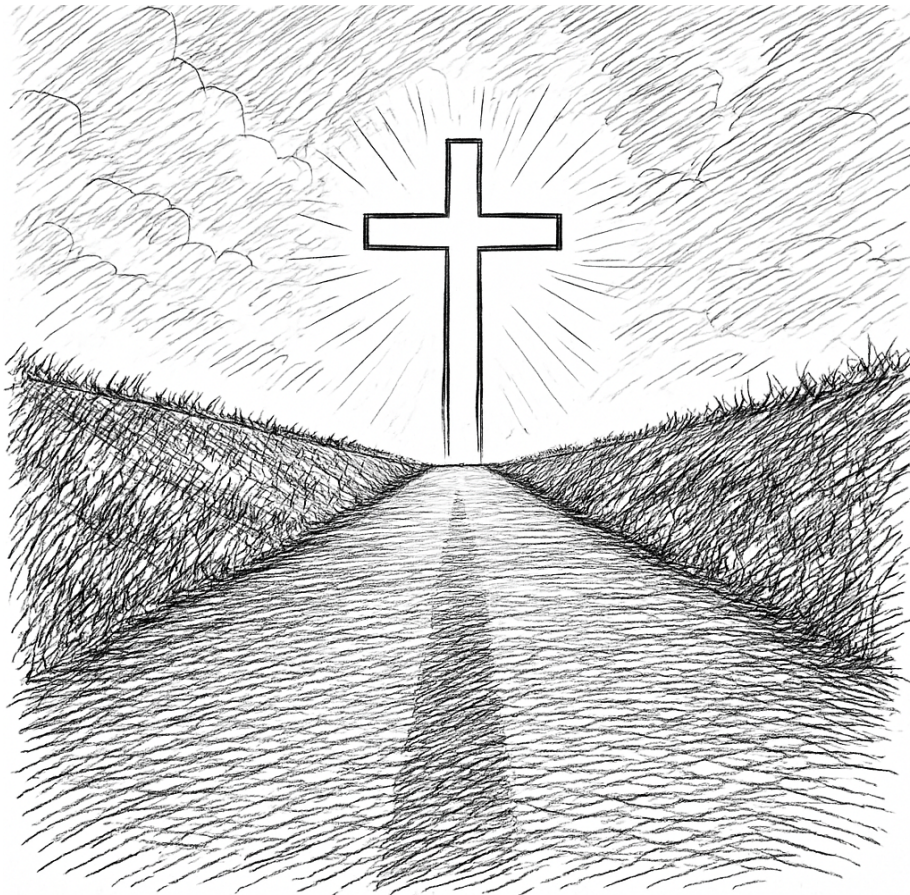


The Road to Salvation

The 5 R's of Redemption



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Friends, the Lord has worked in each of us, leading us to study the Holy Bible, and calling us to draw nearer to Him. We cannot deny that this life without Jesus leaves us lacking and empty. Our hearts have a hole that only Jesus can fill. It's time we take the ultimate step and invite Him into our lives forever. Here are 5 simple steps that will take you down the road of Salvation:

Step #1: Recognize

- Recognize that we are sinners and fall short of God's glory. **Romans 3:23** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*
 - *Confirms the universal sinfulness of mankind.*
- That to get to God, and spend eternity with Him, we must be made right in His eyes. We cannot achieve righteousness on our own. No amount of being good and good deeds can save us. There is only one way to Heaven and that is through Jesus Christ. **John 14:6** *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*
 - *Confirms that the only way to be justified (made right/good and holy) is through our faith in Jesus Christ*
- Because we sin, we have opened up a portal to allow the Devil to place strongholds over our lives. **Isaiah 59:2** *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."* **Ephesians 4:27** *"And give no opportunity to the devil."*
 - *This verse warns believers not to give the devil a foothold — sin creates openings for demonic influence or strongholds.*
- We must also recognize that there is an enemy that is fighting for our soul. Our fight is with him, not our fellow humans. We battle not against flesh and blood (people) but we battle against spirits (principalities and the powers of the air). **Ephesians 6:12** – *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*
 - *Identifies the real spiritual enemy, not other people.*
- Satan and his demons were cast out of Heaven and into the realm of the universe/the high places. **Revelation 12:7** *"Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back"* **Read Ezekiel 28:11-19**
 - *Just as there was **war in heaven**, there is now a **spiritual war over our souls on Earth**.*
(Overview of Ezekiel 28: Ezekiel 28 is a prophetic chapter where God, through the prophet Ezekiel, delivers judgment against the King of Tyre, but the message goes deeper - it shifts from addressing a human ruler to describing a being with characteristics that many interpret as Satan. **Verses 1-10: Judgment on the Human King of Tyre:** God rebukes the pride of the king of Tyre. The king claims to be a god, but God reminds him he is just a man. Because of his arrogance and reliance on wealth and wisdom, judgment and death are pronounced upon him. **Verses 11-19: Lament for the "King of Tyre" (Satanic Imagery)** This section goes beyond human traits: He is described as "the seal of perfection," "full of wisdom and perfect in beauty" (v.12). He was "in Eden, the garden of God" (v.13). He was an anointed cherub - a high-ranking angel - blameless until sin was found in him (v.14-15).

His heart became proud because of his beauty, and he was cast down by God (v.17). This is widely interpreted as describing Satan's fall from heaven, veiled in a lament about the earthly king of Tyre. *Pride leads to downfall (both for men and angels). Satan's origin: created beautiful, fell through pride and rebellion. God's sovereignty: He judges both earthly and spiritual rebellion.)*

- The devil and his fallen angels are set to steal, kill, and destroy any of God's creation. **John 10:10** *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* **1 Peter 5:8** – *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."*
 - *"The thief" here is often understood to represent Satan, who works through deception, destruction, and death.*
 - *A clear warning that Satan actively targets souls.*
- These are the principalities and powers of the air mentioned in Ephesians 6:12. We are fighting for our very salvation and need to free ourselves from these demonic attachments placed upon us by our enemy, because of our sins. **2 Timothy 2:25-26** *"...in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will."*
 - *This speaks of those who are ensnared by **Satan**, but **through repentance and truth**, can **escape** his control.*

Step#2: Remorse

- Seeing ourselves as the sinners that we are, we will quickly realize that we hurt God when we choose to do what is wrong in His eyes. **Ephesians 4:29-32** *"²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*
 - *These verses show that our sin grieves the Holy Spirit, especially when it involves how we treat others.*
- This should make us feel remorse. A true pain in our heart that we have failed Our Father. Remorse is a good thing if it takes us to the next step. **2 Corinthians 7:10** *"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."*
 - *This directly supports your point: remorse is good if it leads us back to God.*
 - *Godly sorrow leads to true change; worldly sorrow only leads to guilt and destruction.*
- As Children of God, we should feel spiritual shame when we partake in sin. This is a sign of spiritual growth and awareness. **2 Corinthians 7:9-10** *"As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting... For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret..."*

- *Godly grief (spiritual shame or conviction) is not weakness - it's a **healthy spiritual response** that leads to **repentance** and **growth**. *Godly Sorrow Is a Sign of Maturity**

Step#3: Repent

- We must cry out to God and let him know that we are sorry for our sins. **Luke 13:3** *"But unless you repent, you too will all perish."*
 - *Shows that repentance is necessary for salvation.*
- Beg God for forgiveness and listen to him when he tells us to "Go and sin no more," **John 8:11** *"...Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*
 - *Jesus' command to live differently after forgiveness.*
- As humans, we are likely to fail again but every time we do, we must come to God, repent, and ask him for assistance to stay away from sin. He will give us strength to stay away from temptations and remain in Righteousness. **1 Corinthians 10:13** *"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."* **2 Corinthians 12:9** *"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*
 - *God always provides a way out of temptation - He gives us strength to resist sin.*
 - *When we feel weak and prone to sin, **Christ's strength becomes our power**.*

Step#4: Rebuke

- Once we have been made right by repenting of our sins, we must prepare to remove any demonic stronghold, generational curse, and strong ties that the devil has placed over us because of our sins. **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** *"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God..."* **1 John 1:6** *"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."*
 - ***Strongholds** are not just external - they are often **mental and spiritual**, built through sin, pride, lies, and rebellion.*
 - ***Walking in darkness** (unrepented sin) aligns us with **the devil's territory**, away from the light of Christ.*
- In order to do so we must immerse ourselves in the Word of God and live by the Word, or the demons that are rebuked will come back with seven more demons even stronger. **Matthew 12:43-45** *"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."*

- *For if we do not fill ourselves with the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, after rebuking out evil; we are allowing space for the evil to enter back into our hearts (or like the verse said, our 'house').*
- Therefore, we must prepare to change our lives and live for Jesus, accepting the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we can withstand the devil **when (not if)** he comes against us with. **Ephesians 6:11-17** *"¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*
- *We must protect ourselves after repenting and rebuking out evil. The Holy Spirit has worked through Paul to give us a way to defend ourselves from the forces of evil.*
 - **Belt of Truth:** What it means: Truth holds everything together. Know God's truth (His Word), speak truth, and walk in honesty. Application: Be grounded in Scripture so you're not swayed by lies or deception.
 - **Breastplate of Righteousness:** What it means: Righteousness (right living) protects your heart. Christ's righteousness covers you, and your obedience keeps your heart safe and on the straight and narrow path. Application: Live with integrity and guard your heart from sin and guilt.
 - **The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace:** What it means: Be prepared to move forward in peace and share the Good News. Stand firm even in chaos. Application: Walk in peace with others and always be ready to share the gospel.
 - **The Shield of Faith:** What it means: Faith protects you from doubt, fear, temptation, lies, and the flaming arrows of the enemy. Application: Trust God even when things look dark. Use faith to block attacks from the enemy.
 - **The Helmet of Salvation:** What it means: Salvation guards your mind. Know who you are in Christ—saved, secure, and redeemed. Application: Keep your thoughts focused on God's promises and your eternal identity in Christ.
 - **The Sword of the Spirit (which is the Word of God):** What it means: The Bible is your weapon to fight spiritual battles. It cuts through lies and darkness. Jesus himself is the Word of God. **John 1:1** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". **Hebrews 4:12** "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the

heart”. Application: Read, memorize, and speak Scripture to counter temptation and attacks.

- Therefore, if you want to be delivered from any demonic stronghold, soul tie or generational curse, pray this prayer: **Father God, in the name of our Lord Jesus and by His precious Blood, I rebuke any generational curse, stronghold, any demonic attachment from the enemy, any soul ties latched in, on, and around me, casting them into the pits of hell, seeking my deliverance! In Jesus Mighty Name! Amen!**

Step#5: Reborn

- Now that you have recognized that you are a sinner, have remorse for the wrongs that you’ve done, repented for your sins, and rebuke the evil one from any attachments upon you, you are ready to be reborn. **John 3:3** “Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”
 - *New life begins in Christ.*
- Your spirit can be renewed, made new, and become born again. Go to a quiet place where you can be alone with the Lord or you can pray this right now: **“Lord Jesus, I recognized that I am a sinner and that I am in need of a savior. I cannot get to the Father unless I have You. Please forgive me for my sins and make me new again. Like a newborn child. Come into my heart and guide my life. I accept you as my Lord and Savior. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank You for saving my soul! Be with me and cover me in your blood, so that I may be protected when the enemy comes against me. I ask all this in Jesus Name! Amen!”**

After having learned this, it is important that you understand that you will now be held accountable when you stand before the Lord. In addition, stand on guard because the enemy is angry that you have given your heart to God and will want to attack you and make you doubt your faith. Do not fear. Call on the name of Jesus and the devil will flee.

I’d like to leave you with two favorite Bible verses, that I have memorized. I hope they encourage you and give you strength as they have me:

Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Psalms 27:1 “You are my light and salvation. Whom shall I fear? You are the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?”

God Bless each and every one of your souls. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”