



He gave...



Who was the first person to donate blood?

I'm proud to know my son gives blood so that others may have a chance to live. As a result, many lives can be saved.

In our modern world, donating blood is a safe procedure that hurts very little. Donors lie on soft beds, in a clean environment, while nurses use clean needles to collect their blood.

When Jesus Christ gave His blood over 2000 years ago, He did not have the benefit of a soft bed or a clean needle.

How was it done?



Roman soldiers nailed Jesus Christ's body to a wooden cross by hammering spikes through His hands and feet. After the soldiers raised the cross and set it into the ground, Jesus hung for hours in

excruciating pain. Jesus' blood slowly drained from His body. This first blood donation in the history of humankind was neither safe nor painless.

It cost the Donor His life.

Why did Jesus die on the cross?



The death of Jesus Christ provided a way for humans to have a relationship with their Creator, who is God. The Bible says, “*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent*” (**John**

17:3). Before Jesus Christ died, He told a crowd of people, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*” (**John 14:6**). Jesus Christ is God's gift of salvation to sinful human beings. “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*” (**John 3:16**). Jesus Christ's blood paid for our sins. The Bible says, “*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*” (**Romans 6:23**). The Bible shows us what sin is and why it is so serious.

God is Holy

God cannot tolerate sin because of His holiness. He is completely without any wrongdoing. Many people think of sin as committing a crime—something done against society. However, sin is more than a crime; it is a transgression against God. Because of sin, we are separated from God and are unable to enjoy fellowship with Him: “...for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities” (**Isaiah 64:7**). Even though you may be a very moral person, the Bible says that you are still a sinner. “As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one:*” (**Romans 3:10**). “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” (**Romans 3:23**).

What is the result of sin?

Spiritual Death.

To be spiritually dead means that you do not know God and cannot communicate with Him, or come into His presence. The person that is still separated from God after his or her physical death will be sent to hell forever.

Revelation 20:15 says, “...whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” According to God’s Word, sinners deserve to go to hell after they die. This awful and extreme punishment shows us how holy



God is, and how seriously He views the matter of sin.

Can I be forgiven of my sins **by doing good works?**

No. The Bible says, “*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;...*” (**Isaiah 64:6**). God rejects any attempt to earn our own salvation: “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast*” (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). God wants to freely give us salvation and to clothe us in His own righteousness. The person who works for his or her own righteousness with an “I can do it myself” attitude is highly offensive to God.



Is it enough to try to keep the commandments?

No. *“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10).* God sees all of our thoughts, actions, and hears every word we speak. Examine your life while keeping this truth of God’s knowledge in mind. Can you identify any sinful words, thoughts, or actions? Jesus said, *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32).* Some people are too proud to acknowledge their sinfulness and cannot see that they need Jesus Christ to



be their Savior. Those who agree with the Bible and admit their own sinfulness can receive the hope of salvation.

Jesus Christ

The Perfect Payment

Because Jesus is God's Son, His blood is powerful enough to pay for the sins of the entire human race! "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (**John 1:29**). "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (**1 John 1:7**).

God's Word promises that everyone who calls out to Jesus Christ for salvation will be heard: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (**Romans 10:13**).

How is Jesus Christ's blood applied to my heart? By faith. Salvation is a free gift given to those who have faith in Jesus Christ's payment for their sins. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (**John 3:36**). When you admit

to God that you are a sinner and believe in your heart that Jesus paid for your sins, your relationship to God is restored: *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”* **(Romans 5:1)**.

Those who receive Christ’s payment for their sins are declared righteous before God and brought into the family of God, even though they may continue to sin. Once you become a child of God, you can never lose that position: *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”* **(John 1:12)**. This promise means that salvation is not based on whether or not we are good people, but rather on our personal faith in Jesus Christ’s payment for our sins. *“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”* **(Romans 10:10)**.

Will you receive Jesus Christ's blood donation?

Many people reject the sacrifice that Jesus Christ has made for them. As with any blood donation, the person in need of blood must be willing to accept the donor's blood. Jesus Christ's blood is a gift that *must be received*. His blood will not cleanse anyone who has not received it.

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, paid for your sins when He died on the cross?

Are you willing to turn away from your sins and turn to God?

If you have answered "yes" to *all* three of these questions, then you can receive Jesus Christ's gift of blood. What keeps you from calling out to God right now? The Bible says, "...*behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (**2 Corinthians 6:2**). Thousands of people all over the world die

every day. No one is promised a tomorrow. God gives us the choice of where to spend eternity, but He does not extend that choice to us beyond our earthly existence. The Bible says, “...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” (**Hebrews 9:27**). Please accept Jesus Christ today.



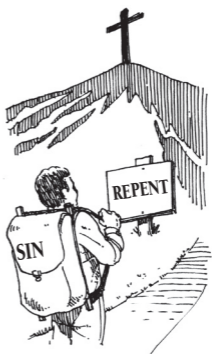
God's Path is simple

How can I be saved from my sins?

The Bible shows God's path to salvation—*simply repent, believe, ask, and receive.*

1. You must repent.

The word “*repentance*” means *to change one's mind or direction*. God wants you to change your mind about sin. He wants you to see your sin as something that grieves Him and to change your direction from seeking sin, to seeking God. The Bible says God is “...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). No one has to pay for their sins when our loving God invites all people to repent.



2. You must believe.

Believing is more than just acknowledging that Jesus Christ exists. The Bible says, "... the devils also believe, and tremble" (**James 2:19**). True belief is placing your complete confidence in Jesus Christ and His ability to save you. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (**Acts 4:12**). You must believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross to pay for all of your sins. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord



Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;..." (**Romans 10:9, 10**).

3. You must ask.

The Bible says, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (**Romans 10:13**). To call upon the Lord simply means to pray. Even though you cannot see Him, God can hear and answer your prayer. Ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and to become the Lord of your life.



4. You must receive.

Salvation is offered as a free gift from God. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (**Romans 6:23**). However, like any gift, salvation is not yours until you receive it: “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” (**John 1:12**). Take a moment right now to call upon the name of the Lord. Tell the Lord that you wish to turn away from sin and receive His wonderful gift of salvation!



The time is now!

You have come to the place in your life where you must make a decision. If you choose to accept the payment made by the Lord Jesus Christ for your sin, then you simply need to bow your head and pray. Tell Jesus, in your own words, that you are sorry for your sin and ask Him to forgive you and save you from hell. Tell Him you are willing to receive Him as your Lord and Savior. Let Him know you want to accept His gift of eternal life.

Remember, Jesus Christ never turns anyone away!

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about the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.**

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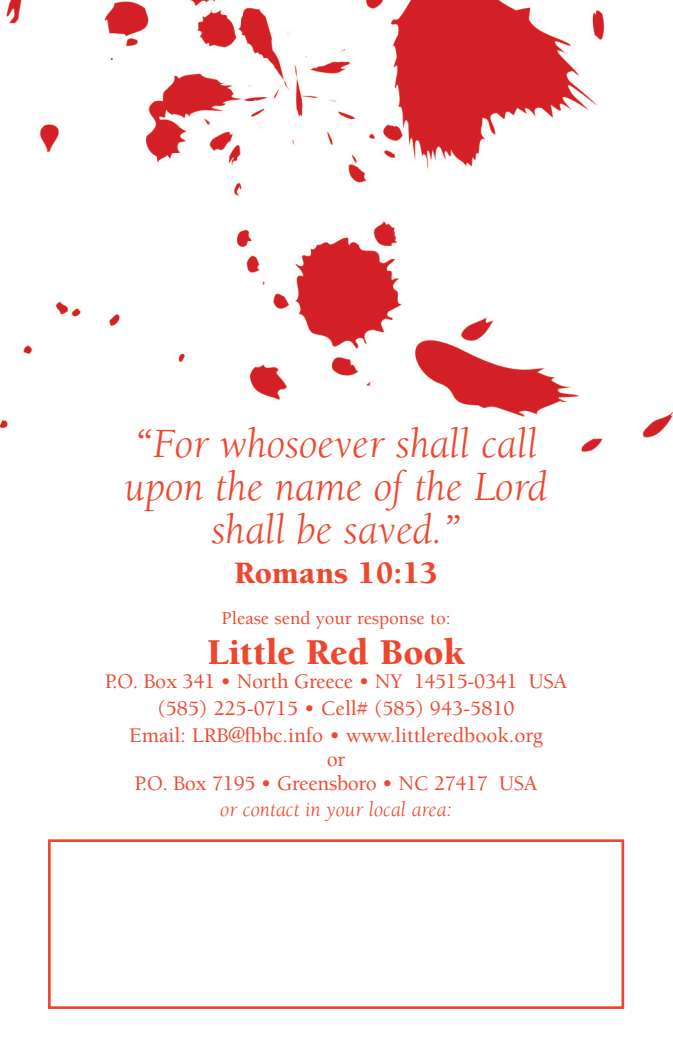
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Romans 10:13

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