



Who was St. Patrick?



Early Years



About 400 years after Jesus Christ died on a Roman cross, the good news of Jesus had already spread from Rome to England. An English boy named Maewyn was told about Jesus early on in life by his mother. Maewyn had a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This close friendship with God would be what helped him through the hardest time of his life. At age 16, Maewyn was kidnapped by Irish raiders.

For over six long years he roamed the green Irish hills working as a shepherd in forced servitude. Maewyn looked across the ocean and longed for home. Lonely and afraid, he turned to God for comfort through prayer and remembering Bible passages he had heard in church. During this time Maewyn became familiar with the pagan beliefs and lifestyle of Celtic Druids.

One night Maewyn felt God urging him to walk to the coast. With no certainty of a plan, Maewyn walked to the coast in the middle of the night and found a ship leaving for England. He would finally be reunited with his parents!



Back in England, Maewyn went to school to learn the Bible. It was during this time he took the nickname "Patrick." Soon Patrick felt God urging him to make another brave move. He knew God wanted him to step out in faith one more time and return to the country of his captivity. The Druids need to hear the gospel, he thought. He was determined to share with others his relationship with the one true God.

Saint Patrick's Day in Ireland

Doubting his qualifications, and lacking a clear plan, Patrick returned to Ireland and began a 30-year long work as a missionary. Church historians estimate that Patrick introduced Christ to over 135,000 pagans who did not have a personal relationship with their Creator. His accomplishments were astounding, establishing 300 churches and ordaining 350 men to serve in God's church.

Patrick is known for taking Celtic symbols and Christianizing them. He used the shamrock to teach about the trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three distinct persons. Patrick made such a big impact on the entire country of Ireland that a national holiday was created on March 17th, the day of his death. **During his lifetime, Patrick taught that the word "saint" is how the Bible refers to anyone who knows God on a personal, one-to-one basis, like a friend. If you trust Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, then you are a saint!**

Why did Jesus Christ come?

St. Patrick taught that Jesus Christ is ***the Word of God, Creator of our universe.*** God's Word became a man in order to serve as a mediator (or middle-man) between sinners and their Creator. The Bible says, ***"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"*** (1 Timothy 2:5)

Doesn't God love everyone?

Yes. God proved His love for the world by sacrificing His Son Jesus for us all. But sin keeps God from knowing us on a personal level, like Saint Patrick did. The Bible says, ***"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God."*** (Isaiah 59:2) And, ***"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*** (Romans 3:23) It is impossible for a holy God to get close to sinners.



***"And the Word was made
flesh, and dwelt among us..."***
John 1:14

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

No. The Bible says, *“all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.”* (Isaiah 64:6) God rejects any attempt to earn our 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)

Is it enough to try to keep the 10 Commandments? No. *“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”* (James 2:10)

Can you identify any sinful thoughts, words, or actions in your life? Jesus said, *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* (Luke 5:32) Some people are too proud to agree with the Bible. Unless they admit to their own sinfulness, they cannot be made right with God.

What is the end result of sin?

Spiritual death. To be spiritually dead means you do not know God and cannot come into His presence. Worst of all, you are not written in God’s Book of Life. Revelation 20:15 says, *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”* The unfortunate men and women who are still separated from God after their physical death will be sent to hell forever. After trillions of years, their punishment will only have just begun. This awful and extreme punishment shows us the enormity of God’s holiness, and the severity of our sin.



“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:” Matt. 25:41

Jesus Christ The Perfect Payment

The Bible offers this hope to hopeless sinners: *“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”* (Eph. 2:13)

There is true power in the name of Jesus Christ. That is why so many people wrongly use His name as a curse word. Likewise, there is true power in the divine blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross. *“...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from ALL sin.”*

(1 John 1:7) On the cross, Christ traded with us. The Bible says, *“For he (God) hath made him (Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* (John 14:6) Jesus Christ was *“wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”* (Isaiah 53:5)



“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God...”

1 Peter 3:18

What must I do to be saved?

The way to be made right in God’s eyes is not to try really hard to be a better person, or to do more good deeds than bad ones. These attempts to please God don’t change your sin nature.

You Must Be Born Again! Jesus said, *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

(John 3:3) The new birth happens when God’s Holy Spirit comes to live inside of a person who believes on Jesus Christ. God’s indwelling Spirit is the **FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE!**



“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”

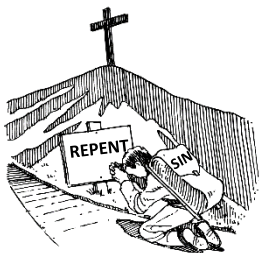
Ephesians 2:8

How to be Born Again

1— REPENT

The Bible says, “The Lord is...not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance.”

(2 Peter 3:9) Admit that your sin nature is dragging you down to hell. Turn to Jesus Christ for help, confessing your sins to Him. Let go of your opinions and accept that God’s word is true. Come to God on His terms. God expects us to trust the gospel (or the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ) as our only hope of salvation.



Jesus said, “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

Luke 13:3

2— TRUST the GOSPEL

The Bible says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...” (Romans 1:16)

On the cross Jesus *disposed of our filthy sins*. When Jesus was buried, He *buried our old sin nature with Him*. When Jesus rose from the dead, He *proved His power to give eternal life to all who put their faith in Him*. Merely believing that Jesus Christ existed does not save your soul. The Bible says, “...the devils also believe, and tremble.” (James 2:19)



Entrusting Jesus Christ with the fate of your eternal soul is more than mere head knowledge, it is **faith**. “For by grace are ye saved through **faith**...” (Eph. 2:8) All false religions are based upon Satan’s lie that you must save yourself by being a good person. God knows this is impossible, and He

offers eternal life **FREELY** to any sinner who puts their **faith** in Jesus Christ: *“Even the righteousness of God which is by **faith** of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that **believe**...”* (Romans 3:22) Satan is blinding the minds of unbelievers, telling them that God is not real and that life is a cosmic accident. Only God can fill the emptiness in our hearts. Trust in the gospel of Jesus Christ and become a new man or woman.



“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Romans 10:10

3— ASK

If you believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to God, all that remains is to ask God to save you. The Bible says: *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:13) What stops you from asking Jesus to save you right now? No one knows what day will be their last. The souls in hell right now would love to trade places with you for one more chance to be saved.

Get saved today!

Like Saint Patrick, you can have a personal friendship with God by calling on the name of Jesus Christ and asking Him to save you. In your own words, tell God you have no reason to escape hell other than Jesus Christ dying on the cross for your sins, being buried, and three days later rising from the grave.

Tell God you want His Holy Spirit to live inside of you, sealing you forever as His born again child. If you tell God these things, and truly mean them, God will give you eternal life. There is no other gospel that can save us from hell. The

Bible warns, *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”* (Galatians 1:8)

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