

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 studied to become a pastor. In his new role, he took a new name: “Patrick,” or “fatherly one.” Soon Patrick felt God urging him to step out in faith one more time and return to the country of his slave owners. The Druids needed to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Patrick was determined to teach them of the one true God, and Jesus Christ who came to save the world from their sins.

Saint Patrick's Day in Ireland

Uncertain about his abilities, and lacking a clear plan, Patrick returned to Ireland and began a 30 year long Christian outreach. He is thought to have introduced Christ to over 135,000 pagans who did not have a personal relationship with their Creator. His accomplishments were astounding, establishing about 300 churches and setting apart about 350 men to serve God's church.

Patrick is known for using 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, the Bible says you are a saint!

Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the Word of God, Creator of our universe. God's Word became a man in order to become 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) A divine mediator is necessary because of the wall of sin separating every man and woman from God. The Bible says, *“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God.” (Isaiah 59:2)*

God can no longer see the sin of anyone who by faith receives Jesus Christ's blood donation.

All God sees is the precious blood of His perfect, loving Son.



“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

John 1:14

Sin Nature

What type of sin sends people to hell?

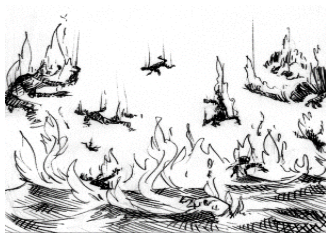
Not big sins. Not little sins. **Our sin nature** is what bans us from God's presence. Meaning there is sin in our blood. In the beginning, Adam and Eve became the first sinners and passed their sin nature on to every human that has ever lived— until Jesus Christ was born of a virgin 2,000 years ago. With God as His Father, Jesus did not inherit Adam's sin-tainted blood. **This makes Jesus Christ a suitable blood donor for the fallen human race.** Without Jesus Christ's blood donation, you remain in sin. The unfortunate men and women who die in their sins will go to hell forever. After trillions of years, their punishment will only have just begun.



Jesus Christ : The Perfect Payment

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)*** This trade happened on the cross. The Bible

says 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)*** When we were sick with sin, Jesus Christ took our sin, then “donated” His righteous blood to make us saints in God's eyes, **if we believe.**



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

Will you receive His donation?

The Bible offers hopeless sinners this hope: *“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. God’s word speaks with authority when it declares: *“...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from ALL sin.”* (1 John 1:7)



“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 about you? Do you believe this truth? If so, what stops you from asking God for a new, sinless nature? Eternal life is a free gift bought by Jesus Christ’s blood. **But His blood cannot be applied to your soul unless you repent** (agree with God) **and trust** in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to save you.

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. 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 the 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:”

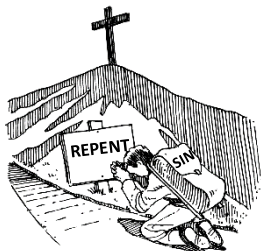
Ephesians 2:8

God's Path to the Cross

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) Agree 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. God will count your **faith** as **righteousness**:

“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 God is not real and that life is a cosmic accident. Only God can fill the emptiness in our hearts. Trust God’s gospel and be saved today!



“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. Millions of souls in hell would love to trade places with you for just one more chance to be saved.

Get saved today!

You can become a Born Again child of God **right now** 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 come and 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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