

How does a person get Saved?

1. I am a sinner. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
 - a. Sin was initiated in the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3:1-15**)
 - b. Since that time every man has been born a sinner due to inheriting it from their father. **Psalms 51:5**
 - c. Every person has this problem and there is no way that we can overcome it on our own. **Isaiah 64:6**
 - d. The reality of our sinfulness should be more than a flippant, "Oh, sure no one is perfect". Instead it should be a sorrowful realization that we have failed God. **II Corinthians 7:10**

2. There is a penalty for my sin. **Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
 - a. This is not just talking about physical death, but a spiritual death beyond.
 - b. People who are born once die twice, but people who are born twice die once.
 1. People who are only born physically suffer two deaths.
 - a. The natural physical death. **Hebrews 9:27**
 - b. Then comes the spiritual and eternal death. **Revelation 21:8**
 2. Only the physical death can touch those who were born twice.
 - a. They were born both physically and spiritually.
 - b. They can no longer be touched by the condemning second death. **John 5:24**

3. Jesus was willing to pay my debt for me. **Romans 5:8, But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**
 - a. He literally became our substitute. **II Corinthians 5:21**
 - b. Jesus was not forced to pay this price; he did it because he loved us. **John 10:17-18**

4. God requires me to believe in order to be saved. **John 3:16, 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.**
 - a. The Greek word translated believe is *PISTOS* and it means to trust or put your confidence in Jesus.
 - b. This is all God requires in order for one to be saved (**John 1:12, 3:14-18, 5:24, 6:35-47, 8:24, 11:25-26, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:1-7**).
 - c. This is expressed by calling out to God. **Romans 10:13, For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**