The Salvation of God and Salvation Prayer

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Here is the basic Gospel: You can only be right with the God of all creation through Jesus Christ: <u>John 14:6</u> "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the zoe-life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him."

If you want to know what Father God is really like just look at Jesus. Col 1:13 "... his agape-dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image (*exact likeness*) of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" To know God, study Jesus in all He said, did and still does.

Rom 4:24 "But for us also, to whom *righteousness* shall be imputed (*counted as valid in spite of conflicting facts*), if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification (*being made just as if you had never sinned or will sin again to right standing as a joint heir with Jesus as a son of God)."*

<u>1 Cor 15:1</u> "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are sozo-saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

And Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father never to die for sins again. <u>Heb 10:12</u> "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"

So how are we made the righteousness of God in Jesus? Rom 10:8 "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 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 sozo-saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto soteria-salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

So you are made righteous, (free of sin, holy, blameless and unreproveable) by believing God raised Jesus from the dead and receive salvation by confessing or agreeing as true with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, owner and judge of all.

The first step is the new birth or the new creation: <u>John 1:12</u> "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: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." This is where your spirit is recreated and made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus and your task is to now renew your mind-soul and to do good works with God working in you.

A salvation prayer: "Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins, were buried and were raised by Father God on the third day for my justification according to the scriptures. I make you Lord of my life, come rule and reign in and through me my King. Baptize me with Your Holy Spirit and fire. Heal every part of my life. Teach me Your truth in love that I may walk to Your glory. Amen and thank You."

And a simpler one: "Jesus, God raised you from the dead, You are Lord. Fill me with Your Spirit to walk in agape-love. Thank You!"

If you want to know what God is really like the Bible makes it very plain, look to Jesus. Heb 1:1 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" So whatever your view of God, He declares that the right view has to include all that Jesus was and now is, not His people who obviously still fail, but Jesus Himself.

And in and through Jesus God set things the way He wants them: <u>Col 1:12</u> "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his agape-dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature"

Salvation has two parts, an eternal one with God and the other with our life here on earth now. The earthly process of salvation is how God finishes the job of making heaven on earth, and this is a key to the Lord's Prayer. Matt 6:9 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

This includes you forgiving God as well as anyone else who has offended you in any way. Many have opinions on how the world is and ultimately blame God. Forgiving Him for our ignorance and pride is a key part of success. Then include forgiving others who have hurt you in any way. Ask God for the grace to do this in you.

Men must pray and act for God to get the job done. <u>Titus 2:13</u> "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity (wrong thinking, acts and desires), and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of doing good works."

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