

Salvation

Salvation is made possible by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, a person is separated from God and His unconditional love for all eternity. However, God loved you so much that He made a way for your sins to be paid for and forgiven, and for you to be saved. ([John 3:16](#))

Everyone, except Jesus, has sinned. Paul, who preached the Gospel in the first century church, said in [Romans 3:23](#), “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” You cannot be good enough on your own to save yourself, even if you think you are a good person. In [Romans 6:23](#), Paul states, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Jesus calls us to confess, turn from sin (which is called repentance), and ask God for forgiveness. [Acts 3:19](#) says, “Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” Paul wrote in [Romans 10:9–13](#), “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

We are saved by the grace and mercy of God Almighty. We also are told that we will be judged by the fruit which we bear ([Matthew 7:16](#)). A believer of Jesus follows not only with words but with actions which reflect a surrendered life. We believe that one sin will not send you to an eternity without God. But we do interpret Scripture to say that believers can intentionally walk away from their faith and abandon any promise of an afterlife with God depending on how they live. We desire for every person who Jesus has saved to continue to grow in their faith and in their love for the church. With that forward motion, we believe fruit will surely be seen and grace will be fully experienced.

The reason God has placed us on Earth is to come to know Jesus Christ and live a life devoted to Him. Jesus is the only way to have true freedom in life. If you recognized that you don't have a relationship with Christ, He wants to save you.

If you are struggling with this or would like to talk about being saved we would love to help. Please contact the church office at 919-772-0515 or email us at church.office@raleighfirstnazarene.org.

