

Who is Jesus Christ?

Frequently Asked Question 2

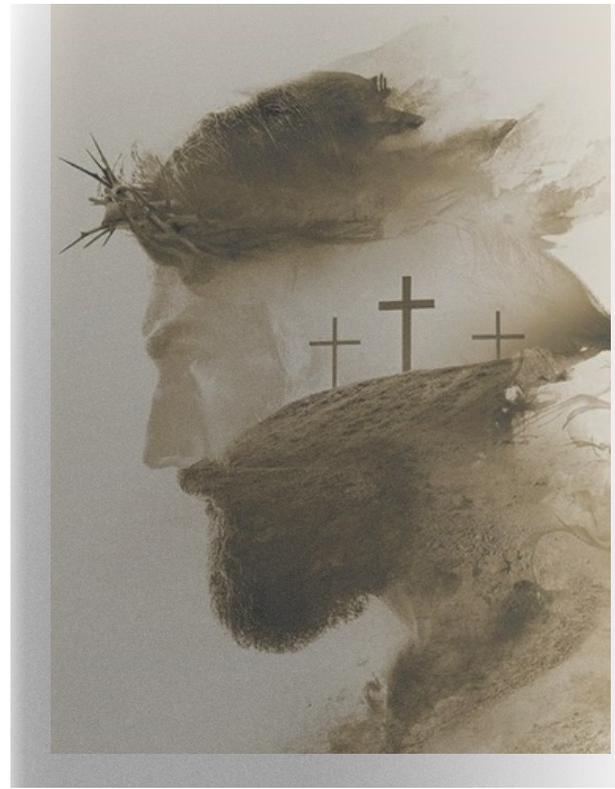


“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name
JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”
(Matthew 1:21)

“We have found the Messiah (which is translated, the
Christ)” (John 1:41b)

The name, Jesus, in Hebrew is, Jehoshua, which means,
“Jehovah is Saviour”. Jesus is God (Jehovah) who came into
the world to save us from our sins.

Christ is His title, which means, “Messiah” or “Anointed
One”. Jesus Christ means, “Jesus the Messiah” or “Jesus the
Anointed One”, the One anointed by God to bring
salvation to the world.



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1. Jesus Christ is God

God's Word refers to Jesus Christ as God:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us.” (Matthew 1:23)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1,14)

“I and My Father are one.” (John 10:30)

“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,”
(Titus 2:13)

“But to the Son He says: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;” (Hebrews 1:8a)

2. Jesus Christ is God, the perfect Saviour

Jesus Christ is the perfect Saviour because:

a. He is Special

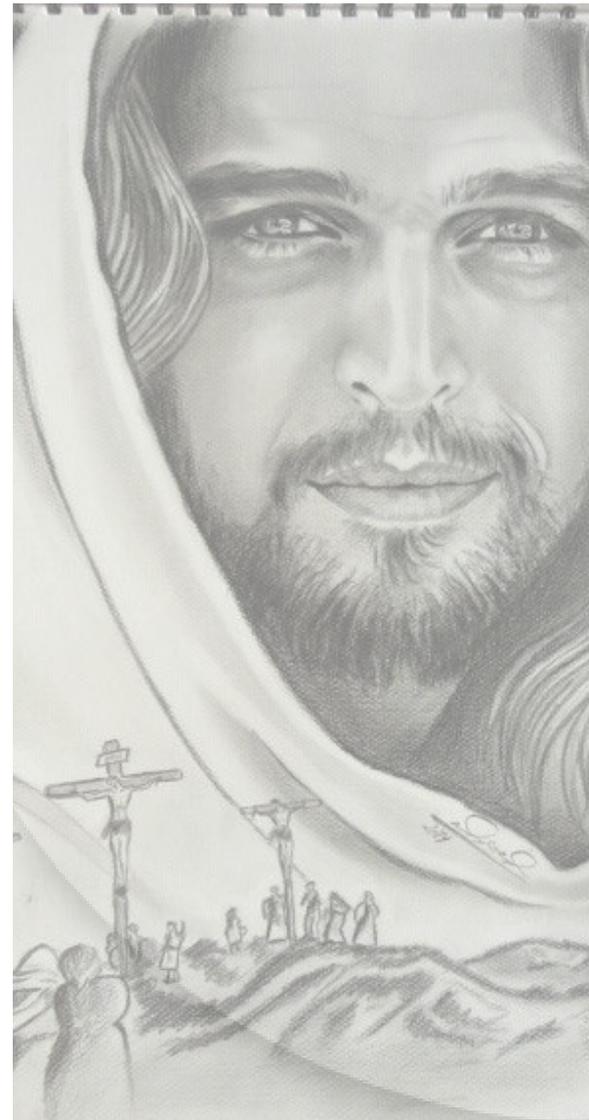
Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18,20) and born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). He was 100% man (John 1:14; Luke 2:52) and 100% God (refer to point 1 above) at the same time. As man, He died for our sins, but as God, He paid for our sins.

b. He is Sinless

Although Jesus Christ came into the world as a man, He did not sin like a man. He lived a life without sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5). By being sinless, He was able to be the perfect substitute to take our place on the cross (Isaiah 53:5,6; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18) and be the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (John 1:29; 1 John 2:2; 4:14). On the cross, He took all our sins upon Himself and paid for every single one of them even though He did not commit any one of them.

c. He is the Solution

Jesus Christ alone is the complete and eternal solution to the problem of sin and the penalty of sin (Romans 6:23; John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Although we deserve to receive the judgment of a just and holy God, God is love and He has made a way for us to be saved from our sins. Sin has separated us from God, but we are reconciled to God by the death of His Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8,10).



3. Jesus Christ is God, the perfect Saviour, who accomplished a perfect work

Jesus Christ accomplished a perfect work of salvation because:

a. Salvation is Finished

On the cross, Jesus Christ paid our debt of sin which we could never pay for on our own. After paying for the very last sin, He said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30) In the original Greek, the word that He used was, *Tetelestai*, a common accounting term which means, "Paid in full". It was a familiar word used by merchants to mean that a debt had been fully paid, i.e. no further payment needed.

Jesus Christ was saying that he had paid in full the price of all our sins. His mission "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10) was accomplished. He had "finished the work" (John 17:4) which God the Father had given Him to do. The work of salvation was finished! Sin had been completely paid for!

Salvation is finished means that:

i. Salvation is not an instalment plan

Jesus Christ did not pay for some of our sins and then require us to pay for the rest. He paid it ALL! 1 John 1:7b tells us that “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” The word, “all”, in this verse refers to our past, present and future sins.

ii. Jesus Christ does not need your help to save you

Salvation is by grace through faith alone (Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8,9). True saving faith is **DEPENDING** on **JESUS ALONE** to save you from your sins. True saving faith is **NOT** depending on **Jesus + Something Else** (e.g. Bible knowledge, good works, religious activities, etc.), but depending on **Jesus + Nothing Else** (i.e. Jesus alone).

b. Salvation is Forever

Jesus Christ died one time and for all time (Hebrews 10:10,12,14). Salvation is not a temporary work but is forever.

Salvation is forever means that:

i. You cannot lose your salvation

Jesus Christ assures us that the moment we believe in Him, we have (i.e. possess) everlasting life in Him (John 3:16; 6:47). The believer’s salvation in Him is secure and lasts forever. Once you place your faith in Him to save you from your sins, you are eternally safe in His hand and your salvation cannot be lost (John 10:28,29). Once saved, always saved!

ii. You only need to receive Jesus Christ once

Once you are a child of God, you are forever a child of God. Your sin does not affect God’s relationship with you (i.e. your status as a child of God will never change), but it affects your fellowship with Him (i.e. your communion with God will be affected). When you sin, you do not need to receive Jesus Christ again or ask Him to save you again because your salvation was never lost and will never be lost. You simply need to ask for His forgiveness to restore your fellowship with Him (1 John 1:9).



4. Jesus Christ is God, the perfect Saviour, who accomplished a perfect work, in order to give us the perfect gift

Salvation is Finished, Salvation is Forever and Salvation is Free!

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He accomplished a perfect work of salvation, conquering sin, death and Hell forever, so that He may give us the perfect gift of a personal relationship with God (John 14:6) and eternal life in Heaven (Romans 6:23b).

The perfect gift of God is given by grace (Ephesians 2:8,9). Salvation is not based on what we do or do not do for God, but on what God has done for us.

The perfect gift of God is received by faith (John 1:12):

a. You need to make a decision to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour

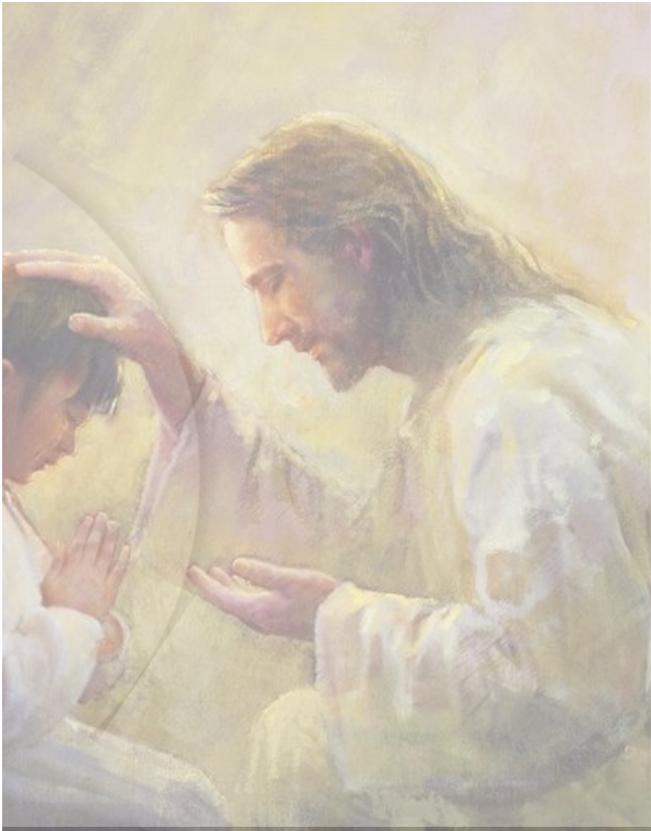
It is useless to just hear about or know about Jesus Christ but not receive Him as your Saviour. 1 John 5:12 says, “He who has [NOT ‘hears about’ or ‘knows about’] the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” In order to “have the Son”, you need to make a decision to receive Him by faith. Salvation does not require works, but it involves a decision of faith.

b. You need to make a decision to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour personally

Salvation is neither automatic nor inherited and nobody can receive Jesus Christ on your behalf. Therefore in order for you to be saved from your sins, you need to make a decision to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour personally. We may go to church as a congregation, but one day, we will all stand before God individually, and He will judge us individually. On that day, many will find out that they never had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (Matthew 7:21-23). Salvation is a personal decision of faith.



c. You need to make a decision to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour personally at a certain point in time in your life.



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