

## MARK IT DOWN!

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### WHICH ONE OF THESE STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBES WHERE YOU ARE SPIRITUALLY RIGHT NOW?

- I just prayed to receive God's gift of forgiveness of sin and eternal life.
- I am a little unsure of where I stand with God and where I'll spend eternity, and I have questions.
- I have clearly been saved in the past, but I need to recommit my life to Jesus.
- I need to follow in believers baptism or other steps of obedience.
- Some other decision not in this list (explain here)

## NEXT STEPS

Being saved is just the beginning of your journey with God. Now, you to follow Him and grow in your faith. Here are a few ways you can seek after God:

### BE BAPTIZED (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

Baptism is an important picture of what Jesus has done in your life and an important step of obedience. Talk to someone today about when you can follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

### PURSUE

Spend time daily reading the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17), praying (Jeremiah 33:3), walking in obedience (James 1:22), and loving and serving others (John 13:34-35).

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
2 Peter 3:18*

### TELL

Begin telling others what Jesus did in your life right now! Help them know Jesus and live for Him! (Matthew 28:19-20)

### CONNECT

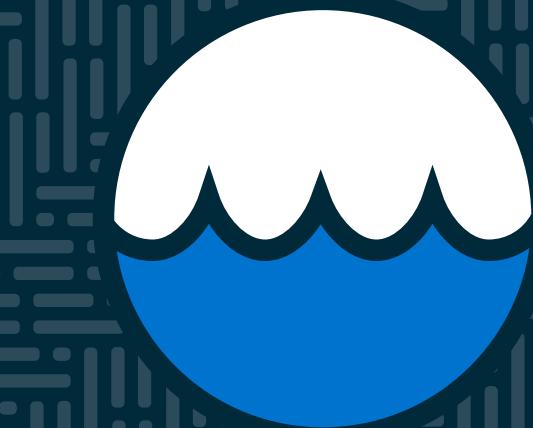
Visit with friends, family, minister, or pastor and ask for help in taking your next steps in your new journey with Jesus. Get involved with the Church (Hebrews 10:24-25), make sure a church knows how God is working in your life, and that they have the info about you that is included in this guide.

*Check out free tools to help you grow at [oklahomabaptists.org/student](http://oklahomabaptists.org/student)  
It's a great way to start growing right now!*



## SALVATION DECISION GUIDE

The Gospel message is literally the best news on the planet! Forgiveness of sin, eternal life, and a relationship with God are just a few reasons why the Gospel message is GOOD NEWS! But... there is a certain urgency that comes with understanding and receiving this message. Let's talk about it.



## (1) WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

### ONE GREAT GOD

God has many attributes. God is the creator. God is loving. God is most importantly holy and just.

*Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.  
Psalm 100:3*

*For it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."  
1 Peter 1:16*

### ONE GREAT PROBLEM

Our sin (breaking God's commandments) separates us from God. Our sin creates a great canyon between God and us because our sin is opposed to God's holiness. This gap is far too deep and wide for us to cross ourselves. Our good deeds will not make us right with God. Because God is holy and just, He must judge sin. Hell was created to justly punish sin wherever it is found.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
Romans 3:23*

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...  
Isaiah 64:6*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord  
Romans 6:23*

### ONE GREAT HOPE

Because of God's great love for us, He sent His Son into the world to live a perfect life and show us how to find hope. He became the sacrifice we needed by dying a horrible death, in our place, on the cross to pay for our sins. So even though we broke God's law, Jesus paid our penalty so we can be pardoned. He then proved all He said was true by rising from the dead, which gives us assurance of life after the grave and an abundant life on earth!

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8*

*Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God.  
1 Peter 3:18*

*By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.  
1 Corinthians 6:14*

### ONE GREAT DECISION

We must decide to put our trust in Jesus (believe) by relying on what He did on the cross to pay for our sin so we can be restored to God and be with Him in Heaven. If we decide not to trust in Jesus, we will justly pay for our own sins in God's prison, hell.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.  
John 3:16-18*

*For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.  
Romans 10:13*



## (2) WHAT DOES A SAVED PERSON'S STORY LOOK LIKE?

### BEFORE THEY WERE SAVED

Separated, guilty, shame, fear, no real identity or purpose:

### WHEN THEY WERE SAVED

Understood there was a God, sinned against Him, called upon and trusted in Jesus to receive forgiveness, eternal life, a relationship with God:

### AFTER THEY WERE SAVED

Peace, joy, cleansing, identity, purpose, security, attitude about sin changed, spiritual growth:

## (3) EXAMINE YOURSELF

### BIG QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE A STORY LIKE THIS, OR ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO FIGURE THIS OUT?

Many people consider themselves a Christian but don't have a story of them coming to Christ. Many are putting their trust in being a good person or being religious. There needs to be a time in your life that you place your trust/reliance on Jesus Christ to be saved.

*Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."  
John 3:3*

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.  
Acts 4:12*

## (4) THE INVITATION

### 1) HAS WHAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED MADE SENSE, AND DO YOU THINK IT IS THE TRUTH?

### 2) IS THERE ANYTHING HOLDING YOU BACK FROM TRUSTING IN JESUS RIGHT NOW?

*for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
Romans 10:13*

## (5) HOW TO PRAY

**DEAR GOD, // I KNOW I AM A SINNER. // I BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS // AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD. // I TRUST IN JESUS ALONE TO BE FORGIVEN AND GET TO HEAVEN. // THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME. // HELP ME TO LIVE FOR YOU. // AMEN.**

## (6) WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!?!

Congratulations! If you truly just put your trust in Jesus, you now have forgiveness, true peace with God, cleansing, identity, purpose, security, and more! You will have a new attitude about sin and will begin to grow if you seek after God.