**Salvation**

**John 3:16 “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.”**

**Ephesians 2:8 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God”**

These are two of many verses that talk about our salvation, but what is special about these two verses alone is the fact that we can easily understand them for 1 and for 2 God gave us Jesus to die on the cross for our sins hello He gave us His one and only Son to not only get tortured beyond anything we can imagine pain wise but then to get nailed on a wooden cross that no doubt rubbed his wounds wrong causing more pain and finally dying on the cross. Jesus died that horrible death taking our sins away just so we can have eternal life in Heaven. I know people say I didn’t ask Him to do that so why should I care. I say because HE cares and loves us enough to do that.

In John 17:20-24 Jesus prays for us and here is that prayer **“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**

**“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”**

Jesus prayed for us; think about it **He** prayed for us way before we were born, **He** prayed for our salvation so we may join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Pastor Tim I am glad you are bringing Salvation up, now how can I be saved? Well good question as there are so many people will tell you different ways of being saved but there is only one true way of being saved.

**Romans 10:9**

**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.**

**Romans 10:10**

**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.**

It is through the sanctification in Romans 10:9 and the Justification in Romans 10:10 that say how you can be saved.

First you must **repent,** well what does repent mean? It means to feel remorse, contrition, or self-reproach for what one has done or failed to do

Well why must we repent? We must seek forgiveness for our sinful ways we must from our hearts feel remorse and seek forgiveness once you do that God will forgive you of your sins.

Second you must **believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior** who died on the cross for your sins and then rose up 3 days later. Once you believe that you need to be baptized, and why do you need to be baptized? Here is what Jesus said on that. Jesus says in **John 3:5 “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.”** By being baptized you are having your sins washed away in Jesus name and once you are baptized God will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

A guide to what to pray:

“Dear Father in Heaven, I realize that I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins [wrongdoings]. I am willing to turn from my sins and lead the life you want me to lead. I now ask Jesus Christ to come into my heart and I receive Him into my life as my personal Savior. I am willing, by God's grace, to follow and obey Christ as the Lord of my life. Please forgive me for my sins and save me”

It is through that process you will be saved and have eternal life. It is however important to remember one thing, life still will not be perfect for you or easy for you, the temptation to sin will always be there as it is our nature to do so. But you must remain strong in turn away from sin do your best to not sin and if it happens seek forgiveness from God and He will forgive you if you truly are sorry for what you did. God loves us and would rather we seek forgiveness then not do so and burn in Hell.

It is important to pray to God, always talk to Him, it does not need to be 10 or 20minute prayers just pray and talk to God. What if I can’t think of anything to pray about or talk to God? Don’t use your mouth or logic to pray to God use your heart to do it for God looks into our hearts first. In **Matthew 6:5-8** Jesus says this about prayers: **“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**

Now that does not mean you can never pray openly with others as you can but when you do make sure it is from your heart and not something you are doing just for show. God has no tolerance for lip service.

A lot of people tend to pray about earthly things always asking God for this or for that for themselves. But that is a wrong kind of prayer as we were told not to ask for earthly things as God knows what our needs are, when praying ask God what you can do for Him that will bring Him glory.

It is so important to have salvation the choice is easy, spend eternity with our Father in Heaven or spend eternity in Hell being tortured.

I say unto you get saved or get left behind

***Close out service with Lord’s Prayer***

Matthew 6:9-13

"Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one."