

Introduction

Our mission in creating our website is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with you and present a summary of Christ's teachings in such a way that you will have all the information you need to determine if you want to have a sincere and lasting relationship with Him. If you already have a relationship with Jesus, we hope this information will help you strengthen it. Either way, you've come to the right place.

At the top of each of our website pages, you will find two simple words that explain exactly why you might want to either begin a relationship with Christ or strengthen the relationship you already have with Him. Those two words are: JESUS SAVES. This important two-word statement not only exemplifies Jesus' purpose, it also is the essence behind each of the PDF documents you will find on our website. It is our belief that we all want to have a wonderful life while here on earth, and that we all want to avoid having a miserable experience in the hereafter when we die. We can now have both because Jesus will indeed save us if we choose to have a fulfilling and faithful relationship with Him.

The name Jesus itself means as much. *Jesus* is derived from the Hebrew name Yeshua/Y'shua, which is based on the Semitic root י-ש-ע (Hebrew: ישע), meaning "to deliver; to rescue."¹ Most dictionaries will translate Jesus' name to be "God is salvation".²

It would be fair to ask, "Salvation from what?" Our website documents will explain the "what", the "how", and the "why" behind God's gift of salvation, but here is a tantalizing hint: Believing in Jesus Christ will save you from all that isn't good for you. Of course, this is a simple answer to a complex subject matter, but we suspect those who have come to fully understand who Jesus Christ is, and who have developed a genuine belief in Him, and who have chosen to follow His teachings in their lifestyles, will tell you that while it is a simple answer, it is also an accurate one.

At first you might think that salvation from all that isn't good for you would be impossible to achieve. If you think this, you are right. The salvation of which we speak cannot be *achieved* or *earned*, for it is a *gift* by the grace of God to those who genuinely believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, and choose Him as their Lord and Savior.

As you will find in reading our website materials, arriving at a "right" relationship with Christ will be a journey that lasts a lifetime. For reasons you will discover, this journey won't always be blissful, but your destination will be worth every hurdle you will face and then some.

For each of us, our journey will also be one of progress, not perfection. And we do not make the journey on our own. When we choose to have a "right" relationship with Jesus and faithfully trust in Him as our sole Lord and Savior, He makes us a number of life-altering promises. They include the following:

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." **John 14:16-18**

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." **John 14:26**

"And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:20B**

Our website documents are designed to give you all the information you need to guide you through the process of fully understanding who Jesus is, why you will want to believe in Him, and how to put your belief in Him into practice.

We pray you will choose to be saved from all that isn't good for you, both here on earth and in the hereinafter. If you make this choice, welcome to what will be the most important journey of your life.

¹ Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon; Hendrickson Publishers 1996.

² See <https://www.mit.edu/~rei/spir-jesusname.html>