What Must I Do



This message is dedicated to all those who are without Jesus Christ, and therefore without hope and without eternal life. The Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son, became a man so that He could take your place on the Cross as your Substitute and pay the price for every sin you would ever commit. He had you personally in mind on the Cross, and all your sins were imputed to Him so that you could have eternal life. Whoever you are, and whatever you have done, eternal life is freely available to you. Only one simple choice stands between you and eternal life.

ROBERT R. McLaughlin He said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:30b-31a)

Eternal life is as close to you as your own soul. In your soul you can make the non-meritorious choice for faith in Jesus Christ. Faith is a "nonmeritorious" choice because all the merit is in the object of faith, and the object of faith in salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ.

He [God the Father] made Him [Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2Co 5:21)

Jesus Christ died in our place, as our Substitute, and therefore salvation is offered as a free gift to all. To believe in Jesus Christ is to accept the free gift of eternal life. To reject Him is to accept eternal condemnation.

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (Joh 3:36)

In the privacy of your own soul you have freedom. You are free at this moment to exercise faith in Jesus Christ and receive eternal life. It is faith alone in Christ alone. Nothing else is required—no tears of repentance, walking down the church aisle, giving up all your sins, joining the church, or any other so-called "religious" activity. Salvation is given in grace (unmerited favor); it is not something we can earn with good deeds.

Salvation is so very simple. In the privacy and freedom of your soul, you can silently tell God the Father that you are believing in His Son, Jesus Christ, and at that very moment you will have eternal life, which can never be taken away, regardless of your lifestyle after salvation.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (Rom 11:29)

This faith is a private matter between you and God, and no one else. God the Father provided salvation—He sent His Son, and the Son went to the Cross. The Father imputed your sins to the Son and judged them. All the work has already been done for you. All that remains is for you to accept this great gift. You can either believe in Christ for eternal life or reject Him for eternal condemnation. The choice is yours.