

GOD'S STORY

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life."
John 3:16 (MSG)

❖ We were created to be SAVED.

How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ. ⁴ Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.
Ephesians 1:3-5 (NLT)

1. We have a SIN PROBLEM.

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

2. Our rebellion and disobedience lead to a SEPARATION PROBLEM.

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

3. God's love for us leads to a SAVIOR SOLUTION.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

4. Our salvation depends on our willingness to CONFESS and BELIEVE.

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

❖ We were saved to be SANCTIFIED.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified...

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NIV)

1. To be sanctified means to be SET APART.

There was a time when some of you were (separated from God), but now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God. You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NLT)

2. To be sanctified is to live a HOLY LIFE.

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God—who chose you to be his children—is holy. ¹⁶ For He himself has said, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NLT)

3. To be sanctified is choosing to SURRENDER to the LORDSHIP of Christ.

(Remember), when you were slaves to sin, you weren't concerned with doing what was right. ²¹ And what was the result? It was not good, since now you are ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. ²² But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

Romans 6:20-22 (NLT)

- ❖ We were sanctified and are made SECURE FOREVER.

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.”

John 6:37-39 (NIV)

1. We are secure in knowing that God LOVES US no matter what.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, ³⁹ nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)

2. We will be secure from ever being SEPARATED from GOD no matter who.

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

John 10:27-30 (NIV)

3. We have been made secure for our ETERNAL LIFE to come no matter when.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. ²² He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NIV)