

How can I be saved?

Do you now see the need to be saved and be right with God? If so,

You must repent. This means a change of mind and heart about sin, forsaking sin and changing the direction of your life, and living in obedience to God.

You must have faith in Christ. This means believing that Christ died for sin, and trusting completely and only in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you truly believe in Christ, you will be saved and have eternal life.

Which way now?

If you believe in Christ, you have a right relationship with God, your sins have been forgiven, you are a child of God, you are eternally secure, and God Himself has come into your life by His Holy Spirit.

You should now give close attention to:

Prayer: You can speak with God your Father, asking Him for daily forgiveness, and thanking Him for salvation in Christ and the many other good things He gives you in life.

Bible reading: God speaks to you in the Bible, and you must grow in knowledge of who God is and what He wants you to do.

Fellowship: You must meet regularly with your brothers and sisters in Christ by joining a local church, where you will hear the regular preaching of God's Word, and learn about the sacraments of baptism and Lord's Supper.

Service: Use your gifts to serve the Lord and live a holy life.

Our Invitation to You

We invite you to come to our church services and to join us in worship and fellowship.

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We worship at 32 Unity Road just north of Caledonia, Ontario. Worship times are 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. every Sunday.

The Apostles' Creed

A Summary of Faith

1. I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
 2. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord;
 3. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
 4. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.
 5. On the third day he arose from the dead;
 6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 7. from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 8. I believe in the Holy Spirit;
 9. I believe a holy catholic Christian church, the communion of saints;
 10. the forgiveness of sins;
 11. the resurrection of the body;
 12. and the life everlasting.
Amen.
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If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9



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Ultimate Questions

Questions you must ask

Life is full of questions. Some are trivial, some more serious – and some tremendously important.

You may have questions about your health, your financial situation, your job, your family or your future.

But the greatest, the ultimate questions, are about God and your relationship to Him. Nothing in life is more important than this. Good health, financial stability, secure employment, a contented family and a hopeful future are all things that people want. Yet even these are temporary and eventually pointless unless you have a living relationship with God, one that is clear and certain – and will last forever.

In this brochure you will discover why such a relationship is so urgently needed – and how it is possible.

The questions that follow are the most serious and important that anyone could ask. The answers are those that everyone needs. Please read them thoroughly and carefully. You cannot afford to miss their message.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Mark 13: 31

Is anyone there?

Evolution can not explain earth's amazingly complex life forms. God exists, and He created the heavens and the earth – the entire universe. Mankind is not the product of evolution, but was created by God Himself.

Is God speaking?

God is beyond our understanding and we need Him to reveal Himself to us. He does this in two ways:

In His works: God speaks firstly in the glory of His creation, and the sheer size, balance, and variety of the universe show His power, intelligence and imagination.

In His Word: God also speaks to us in the Bible. Scripture is God-breathed, and thus is the Word of God. Its prophecies are fulfilled to the letter, and it has had a life-changing impact on people's lives.

What is God like?

God is personal. He is not a thing, power or influence, but is a living personal Being.

God is one. There is only one true God, in a "trinity" of three persons – the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit.

God is spirit. He does not have a body. He is invisible, and is everywhere all the time.

God is eternal. He has always existed, and He will remain always the same.

God is independent. He survives on His own.

God is holy. He is utterly without fault or defect, and hates all wickedness and wrong.

God is just. He is a perfect Judge, rewarding and punishing.

God is perfect. His knowledge and wisdom cover all things, and are beyond human understanding.

God is sovereign. He is the sole and supreme ruler of the universe – nothing is outside His control.

God is omnipotent. He is all-powerful, and nothing is too hard for Him.

Who am I?

Man doesn't merely exist, but was created by God. His special place in creation is as God's personal representative with authority over all other living creatures. Man was created in a perfect environment, with a perfect relationship to fellow man and in perfect harmony with God. That's hardly the situation today! What happened?

What went wrong?

The first man and woman (Adam and Eve) disobeyed God's command not to eat from a certain tree. So they earned the punishment God had threatened: "You shall surely die." By disobeying God, man cut himself off from God, and in this way, death entered the world. Further, all of Adam's descendants became polluted with sin. You are thus a sinner by birth, by nature, by practice, and by choice.

Is sin serious?

The result of being a sinner is very serious.

You are debased. Sin has invaded every part of your nature and personality.

You are defiled. Your thoughts, words and actions are all tainted with sin.

You are defiant. By choosing to sin, you break God's law and make yourself subject to God's judgment and punishment.

Where do I go from here?

What happens when you die? Those in a right relationship with God will be welcomed into heaven. All others will be punished with everlasting punishment in hell.

Hell is factual. The Bible makes clear that hell is a reality, and not just imagined.

Hell is fearful. It is a place of torment and suffering, cut off from all good.

Hell is final. There is no exit from hell. Punishment is eternal.

Hell is fair. In sending sinners to hell, God is giving them what they have chosen. They reject God here; He rejects them there.

Can religion help?

People worship God with a vast variety of religious practices. But "religion" can never solve your sin problem in itself.

Religion can never satisfy God. Our best efforts are flawed, but God demands absolute perfection.

Religion can never remove sin. Your good deeds can never remove bad deeds.

Religion can never change your sinful nature. The real problem is not your behaviour, but your heart which is corrupt and depraved.

Religious activities are important, but you can not rely on them to make you right with God.

Is there an answer?

Yes there is, and God has provided it. In His love, God sent His only Son Jesus Christ. God the Son took on our human nature, and yet remained completely God. He taught with astounding authority, performed miracles, and healed the sick. Although He was perfectly obedient to God, He was crucified to death. This was to pay the death penalty of sin.

Why the cross?

Christ's death on the cross is very important.

Christ the Substitute. Sinners can escape God's wrath only because Christ volunteered to take the place of sinners and bear the just penalty for them.

Christ the Sin-bearer. This death was very real, and Christ endured the penalty of separation from God, in punishment for sin.

Christ the Saviour. Christ rose from the dead three days after His death. God thus accepted the payment of Christ's death, and gave Him victory over death.
