QUICK BIBLE STUDY:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16-17)

As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10). For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23).

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).

There is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. (1 Timothy 1:15).

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

For God made Him who knew no sin (Jesus) to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21)

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18).

He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness --by whose stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

THE GOSPEL Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:20)

Jesus paid the price for mankind's sin. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence (Ephesians 1:7-8)

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant (grace), by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant (law), that those who are called may receive the promise of

the eternal inheritance. (Hebrews 9:15).

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22)

(Jesus) in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:14; 1 John 1:7).

Through His crucifixion, He has provided a way for us to spend eternity with Him and the Father because the forgiveness of sins is **through** the blood of Jesus Christ. We are purified through His blood.

All you have to do is: Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved. (Acts 16:31)

God has already done all the work. Grace gives us what we don't deserve (salvation) and saves us from what we do deserve (perdition because of our sins/sinful nature).

For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law, **no** flesh shall be justified. (Galatians 2:16).

Salvation is a gift through trust and faith in Jesus alone and the shedding of his blood as the payment for your sins. Believe in Him, and you will not perish (John 3:16)

Then if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation (Romans 10:9-10)

You have to truly believe in what Jesus has done for you though. Jesus said "These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." (Matthew 15:8).

You have to truly believe that He died for YOU...for the forgiveness of YOUR SINS. Salvation comes through TRUE BELIEF and UNDERSTANDING. God is offering you salvation as a gift. All you have to do is accept it.

Jesus is the only way of salvation (John 14:6/10:9; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5)

That being said, we must repent of our sins. While repentance is not a work that earns salvation, repentance unto salvation does result in works. It is impossible to truly and fully change your mind (repent) without that causing a change in action. In the Bible, repentance results in a change in behavior. Repentance, properly defined, (Greek word metanoia means "a change of mind") is necessary for salvation.

Biblical repentance is changing your mind about Jesus, about salvation, about sin, and turning to God in faith for salvation. (Acts 3:19).

When a repentant person changes their mind about sin, that change of mind naturally leads to a turning from sin. Sin is no longer desirable or fun because that person knows that it brings condemnation. The Lord does not like sin. The Bible repeatedly shows this in many places. True understanding and acceptance and belief in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice leads a person to want to please Him. The Lord has done so much for us already, we should be able to give up some things for Him to show Him that we are grateful and thankful for all He has done.

Jesus Himself said to His disciples, "Those who want to come with me must say no to the things they want, pick up their cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24).

Repentance is an ongoing continual process. The repentant sinner begins to abhor his past misdeeds and begins to seek ways to change his behavior to be more pleasing to the Lord. So ultimately, the result of the change of mind about sin results in good deeds. The sinner turns away from embracing sin to rejecting sin and from rejection of Christ towards faith in the Savior, and that faith is shown in action. We will never be sinless, as we are human, sin is in our nature, in our flesh. Turning from sin is a process that we will never complete because of our human nature. But out of love for God, and what He has done for us, we should at least try to live as He commanded us. He knows our heart. He sees when we are trying to please Him.

Turning from sin is not the definition of repentance, but it is one of the results of genuine, faith-based repentance towards the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is what James meant when he said "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17).

HELPFUL QUICK BIBLE PASSAGES:

- -Bible is Necessary for survival (Matthew 4:4; Jeremiah 17:7; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- -Blessed are those who keep the Word of the Lord (Luke 11:28; Psalm 119:2)
- -Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- -Keep the Commandments (Matthew 5:17-19/19:17-19; John 14:15 & 21; 1 Corinthians 7:19; 1 Timothy 6:14; 1 John 2:3-6/5:3-5; James 1:22; Romans 2:12-16 & 25-29/3:31; Luke 16:17; 1 Peter 2:21-23)
 - *****NOTE: We are all human, and as such we will all remain sinners while we are in our fleshly bodies. When we accept Jesus and believe in His blood atonement for the forgiveness of our sins, we will still sin...because we are human. HOWEVER, the indwelling Holy Spirit works within us...helping us to try to live a more holy life...helping us to try to live according to the Commandments. We will fall short...as there was only one sinless person in the history of the world...Jesus. We do not try to live sinless lives in order to gain salvation...that is impossible. Salvation only comes through Jesus and His blood atonement..."It is finished!!" is what He said on the cross...and He meant it. We try to live sinless lives because we want to make Him happy...living by His example.

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-Praying (Psalm 145:18; Matthew 6:6-8/26:41; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Colossians 4:2; James 5:16)
-Lords Prayer (Matthew 9-13; Luke 11:2-4)
-THE GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
-Jesus is the only way to be saved (John 3:16-18/3:36/10:7-10/14:6; Acts 4:12/10:43; 2 Corinthians 5:21;
     Hebrews 9:22; Ephesians 1:7/2:8-9; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 1:7)
-Eternal life through Christ Jesus (1 John 5:11; Romans 6:23; John 3:16-18 & 35-36/14:6; Acts 16:30-31)
-We are all sinners in need of a savior (Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9)
-Jesus and God are ONE (John 10:28-30; Hebrews 1:8; John 10:38)
-Jesus, God, Holy Spirit- Three in One- Trinity (1 John 6-8)
-This world belongs to/under sway of the devil (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13; John 16:11; Ephesians 2:1-3;
     1 Peter 5:8-10; 1 John 5:19)
-False Prophets (Matthew 7:15-20/24:24; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Jeremiah 23:16; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-6)
-Have no other gods, worship only the Lord (Exodus 20:3-6; Deuteronomy 5:7; Isaiah 44:6; Matthew 4:10)
-Keep the Sabbath (Saturday!!) (Exodus 20:8-11/31:13-16; Isaiah 58:13-14; Ezekiel 20:12; Hebrews 4:1-10)
-Murder (Exodus 20:13; Leviticus 24:17; Matthew 5:21-22; 1 John 3:15)
-Adultery (Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-28; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)
-Judging (Matthew 7:1-2; Luke 6:37; Romans 2:1-3; James 4:11-12)
-Swearing (Matthew 5:33-37/12:36-37; Ephes. 4:29/5:4; James 1:26/3:6-10/5:12; Colossians 3:8; Exodus 20:7)
-Lying/False Witness (Exodus 20:16/23:1; Proverbs 6:16-19/10:18/19:9; Psalm 101:7; Colossians 3:8-10)
-Stealing (Exodus 20:15; Proverbs 11:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
-Be sober (Proverbs 20:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8; Titus 2:11-13; 1 Peter 4:7/5:8)
-Worrying (Psalm 23/55:22; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7)
-Forgive People (Matthew 6:14-15/18:21-22; Mark 11:25; Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:32; Jeremiah 31:34)
-Vengeance is the Lords to do (Deuteronomy 32:35; Nahum 1:2; Ezekiel 25:17; Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30)
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- -How we should NOT act (Mark 7:20-23; Proverbs 6:16-19; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:8-9; Ephesians 4:25-32/5:3-7; Titus 3:9-10; Revelation 21:8)
- -How we SHOULD act (Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thess. 4:11-12/5:14-17; Galatians 5:22-26; Romans 12; Ephesians 4:1-3/4:25-31; 2 Timothy 2:21-26; Titus 3:2-7)
- -Help Others (Matthew 5:42; Luke 6:38; Galatians 6:2; 1 Timothy 6:18-19)
- -Love one another (John 13:34-35/15:12; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:7-11)
- -Be at Peace (Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; Romans 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)
- -Love your enemies, pray for them, help them (Matthew 5:44-45; Luke 6:27-28; Romans 12:14-21)
- -Stay away from people who oppose God/Jesus words (Romans 16:17-18; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; Ephesians 5:3-11; 1 Corinthians 15:33)
- -Ask and it will be given, seek and ye shall find...(Matthew 7:7; Mark 11:24; Luke 11:9-10; John 14:13; 1 John 5:14-15)
- -By Grace you are saved through faith not works (Ephesians 2:4-10/4:7-15; Galatians 2:16; 2 Timothy 1:9; Romans 11:6;)
- -Once saved, do not sin but do good works, obey the commandments (Romans 6; Titus 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:34; Hebrews 3:12-14/10:16-31; John 15; Philippians 2:12-15; 1 John 2:1-6/5:18; 1 Peter 4; 2 Peter 2:20-22; Ephesians 4:17-5:21)
- -Do not love the world or the things in the world (James 4:1-17; 1 John 2:15-17)
- -The love of money is the root of all evil (Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:10)
- -Rapture verses (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:10/2:19/4:13-18/5:19; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Rev. 3:10-11)
- -Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)
- -Mark of the Beast "666" (Revelations 13:1-18/14:9-11/16:2/19:20/20:4)
- -Second Coming of Jesus (Daniel 2:44-45/7:9-14/12:1-3; Zechariah 12:10/14:1-15; Matthew 13:41/24:15-31/26:64; Mark 13:14-27/14:62; Luke 21:25-28; Acts 1:9-11/3:19-21; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Revelation 1:7/19:11-20:6/22:7,12,20)

The Importance of BELIEVING in Jesus Christ

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST:

<u>1 Corinthians 15:1-4</u> Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, and that **He was buried**, and that **He rose again the third day** according to the Scriptures.

<u>John 14:6</u> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. <u>No one</u> comes to the Father except through Me."

<u>John 3:16-18</u> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **BELIEVES** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. He who **BELIEVES** in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God

<u>John 3:35-36</u> The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who **BELIEVES** in the Son has everlasting life and he who <u>does not believe</u> in the Son shall not see life, but the <u>wrath of God</u> abides on him.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So how do I get saved? It's as simple as ABC...

A) ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) A sinner needs to acknowledge that they have sinned.

B) <u>BELIEVE</u> THAT JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS, ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND THAT YOU TRUST IN HIM <u>ALONE</u> FOR YOUR SALVATION, COMMITTING YOUR LIFE TO HIS SERVICE.

"BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31) All Jesus asks us to do to receive salvation is to BELIEVE in Him.

C) CONFESS YOUR SINS.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins." (1 John 1:9)

We only need to tell Jesus that we have sinned and ask for forgiveness. Then He will forgive us, no matter what sins we have committed.

Follow these steps -

1. You need to be saved.

"There is no one righteous, not even one" (Romans 3:10 quoting Ecclesiastes 7:20)

2. You can not save yourself.

"For by grace you have been saved, by faith, and that faith is not of yourselves; it is a gift of God; not of works, lest anyone should boast." (**Ephesians 2:8-9**)

3. God loves us enough to provide salvation.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

4. By faith, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

"And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

If you would like to invite Jesus into your life, repeat this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I understand that I am a sinner and I ask You for forgiveness. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins so that I could receive Your forgiveness and have eternal life. I ask You to come into my life right now and become my personal Savior. From this day forward, Lord, I give you control of my life. Make me a new person and help me to live for You

I need to be very clear...just saying that prayer is not going to save you...you need to BELIEVE it. BELIEVE that Jesus loves you so much that He shed His blood for you. He died for you. He paid the sin penalty for you so you wouldn't have to spend eternity paying for your sins. He wants you to live in Heaven with Him after this life. He is calling to you right now, this very moment. It's time to make a choice...

I pray for God's blessings to be upon you, and that His hand of healing is upon you. I pray that your eyes, ears, heart and mind are opened to the way, the truth, and the life and that the Lord allows you to see the truth in these words. I pray for your salvation through the belief in Jesus Christ, that He shed His blood for YOU upon the cross. In the Holy name of Jesus I pray, Amen