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Christ of Every Crisis

We all have troubles. But every so often we come to a crisis—I mean an industrial-strength crisis—and we really don't know where to turn unless we turn to the Lord. Peter encountered such a crisis, which is recorded in Acts 12. Let me first give you the background.

Herod was a wicked ruler who tortured Christians. He put James to death, the brother of John. And when Herod saw that this pleased the multitude, he sought to stage another public spectacle of a Christian put to death. So, he imprisoned Peter.

After Passover, Herod planned to present Peter before the crowds and then kill him, as well. If you were Peter, would you categorize this life event as a crisis? Indeed! And so, this is the type of crisis I want to address in this booklet—a crisis of extreme proportions.

Here is the crisis and its glorious outcome, as recorded in Acts 12:1-10:

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after [Passover] to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

Now, how would you have handled this crisis of being unjustly thrown in jail and awaiting death at the hands of a merciless king? Well, here are four reflections on this passage that I pray will help you handle the next crisis in your life.



Respect the Mystery of God's Providence

As you read Acts 12, there is one word that comes through: *providence*, which is the hidden hand of God. God is continually working in a mysterious, inexplicable way in our lives. God is in the shadows arranging things that we cannot see.

You may be in the middle of chaos right now, where nothing seems to be making sense. Everything you thought you had nailed down is coming loose and the devil is pulling the nails.

Now listen to me, just because it doesn't make sense to you doesn't mean that it does not make sense.

For instance, as we read Acts 12 we might think, *Why did God let a rascal like Herod be king? Isn't God in charge? If I were God, I'd turn him into a frog. Why should James be killed and Peter released? Does God have favorites? Is God capricious or has God lost control?*

Now friend, I want to tell you something. We do not live by explanations. Life is not a problem to be solved; it is a mystery to be lived. We have to back off sometimes and simply respect the hidden hand of God. God says:

**For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, saith the**

Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Have you ever watched an artist paint a picture? There is a man I have watched on television. In one hour, he can paint a beautiful painting. Maybe you have seen him. He splashes colors on the canvas, mixing this color and that. He says, "I think a little more yellow here. And maybe some blue over there." I look and think, *Oh, that looks incredible. How does he do that?*

Then all of a sudden this artist reaches down with his brush and swishes around some colors and he'll say, "Swoosh!" And I'll think, *Oh no! You ruined it! Mister, you really messed up. Let's see how you're going to get out of this.*

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He has painted a splashy thing across what I thought was a perfect painting. But what did I know? He wasn't finished yet. I patiently watched until the end and indeed he turned what I thought was a big mistake into a masterpiece.

Now, it didn't make sense to me when I watched that artist paint, but it made sense to him. And just

because things are not making sense to you, do not think that they don't make sense. And just because you cannot see God working doesn't mean God is not working.

Sometimes we watch what God does as He paints His colors on the canvas of our lives, and we say, "Lord, You're really doing good." Then something happens that we didn't plan (or want) and we think God has really made a mistake. Have you ever thought, *God, how did You let this happen?*

In Acts 12, we see Herod's ungodly power, the unfair death of James, and then all of a sudden—Peter is released! All of these things worked together to showcase the sovereignty and providence of God. Romans 8:28 says, "**And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.**"

Most of us have the idea that life is all good and then life gets bad, then it gets good again. Generally it's not that way. Life is not forty miles of good road, then ten miles of bad road, then sixty miles of good road.

Instead, life is more like a railroad track—one rail good and one rail bad. The good and the bad run parallel. Many of us don't understand that and we get frustrated in the present moment as we wait for the time when no more bad things will happen. We say things like: "I'll be so glad when all of this is over so I can do what I want to do."

If you're in school, you'll be glad when school is over, and then you can start doing what you want to do. If you're a parent and your children are little, you'll be glad when the children are grown so you can do what you want to do. When you're sick, you'll be glad when you get well so you can begin to serve God as you want.

Let me illustrate it this way. There is a girl who wants to marry a boy and her parents say, “Don’t marry him. Sweetheart, the boy doesn’t have the character to make a good husband.” But she says she loves him and she’s going to marry him. The parents try to make the best they can out of the situation, since they want to love their prospective son-in-law.

The couple gets married and a little baby comes along. After a while the husband turns out to be a philanderer—just what the parents feared—and he leaves his wife. Now, in this situation I would ask the girl’s parents, “If you could, would you turn the clock back? Be careful how you answer, because if you say yes, you’re going to have to give up that grandbaby that you’ve come to love so much.”

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Isn't life mysterious? God, in His wisdom, mixes these things together for His glory and all things work together for good. We cannot live by explanations, because we will never ever explain God. Instead, we live by promises.

Have you ever wondered why God put the vitamins in spinach and not in ice cream? Or why the sun is yellow instead of green? Let God be God and respect the mystery of His providence. If you're in a crisis, don't demand to understand. Trust instead that God knows what He is doing

and He knows what is best for you and everyone involved. Proverbs 3:5-6 says:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Let me encourage you to dig deeper into discovering the wonderful, hidden hand of God and His providence by reading the following passages: Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Chronicles 29:14; Psalm 23; 34:7-10; 68:6; 107; 136; Proverbs 16:33; Isaiah 45:9; 46:4; 55:10; Ezekiel 36:28-38; Amos 4:7-12; Luke 10:21; Acts 3:17-18; Romans 9:20-21; James 4:14.



Request the Ministry of God's People

Acts 12:6b says, **“Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.”** Peter was under maximum security and had a death sentence.

Friend, that crisis shut every door but one. That was the door no human could shut. It was the door of prayer. When there is no hope on the horizontal level, there's always hope on the vertical level. When God's people are shut up in every way, there is still the ministry of prayer.

THE FREQUENCY OF PRAYER

Acts 12:5 says, **“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.”** The church was praying around the clock for what seemed to be a hopeless situation for Peter! I even wonder if they questioned whether God was going to answer their prayers.

I think God was trying to teach them (and us) a lesson about prayer—we are to persist in prayer. Luke 18:1 says, **“And He [Jesus] spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”**

After Jesus taught us to pray, He gave a parable about frequent prayer:

And He said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. (Luke 11:5-8)

This man didn't give up after just one try. He keeps on trying. Jesus explained about this kind of praying, when He said:

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Luke 11:9-10)

Literally this means that we are to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking. We need to learn that God's delays are not denials. First Thessalonians 5:17 says, "**Pray without ceasing.**"

THE FERVENCY OF PRAYER

Acts 12:5 tells us the church prayed “**without ceasing.**” This may be translated “intensely.” Today, I think the reason we don’t pray with intensity like the early church is because we think we can do everything without prayer. Perhaps the worst thing about us is not our prayerlessness but our pride.

We have our programs, plans, methods, pastors, choirs, Bible fellowship classes, and buildings. We have this and that, so we think we know how to do it all. We don’t need God’s help. And you know what the devil does?

The devil stands in the corner, smirks and says, “You can have your buildings, choirs, fellowships, and preacher. You can have all that stuff. You can even have your Bible studies, as long as you leave out the fervent prayer filled with the power of God that will not take no for an answer. The devil mocks at our schemes, laughs at our organizations, ridicules our talents—but he fears our prayers.

What about your prayer life? Do you only pray intensely in the midst of the crisis? Or do you pray intensely every time you pray? I love what God said as recorded in Jeremiah 29:13, “**And ye shall seek**

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Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart” (emphasis mine).

I am trying to cure myself of casual prayer—those prayers that cost little. I want the kind of prayer that the Bible calls *prayer wrestling*. Paul asked for this kind of prayer on his behalf:

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me. (Romans 15:30, emphasis mine)

Have you ever thought of prayer as wrestling? Does prayer come easily to you, or do you genuinely agonize in prayer as you intercede for others? If you really get into intercession, you’re going to discover that the devil will oppose you. Prayer is work. I’d rather preach for an hour than to pray for a half an hour, so far as the labor that it takes for genuine prayer.

Sometimes we don’t feel like praying. Friend, if there was ever a time that you needed to pray, it’s when you don’t feel like it. We need to pray until we feel like it.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Acts 12:5 says, **“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him”** (emphasis mine). God is pleased when His children pray, but God is more pleased when His children pray in fellowship. If you’ve ever had a prayer partner, you know how your hearts become linked together. Jesus said:

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:19-20)

If the early church gathered in prayer like this, then our churches need to be gathering in prayer like this for our Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith today. Maybe you can start an intercessory prayer ministry in your church. Find names of Christians who are being persecuted, put together a list, then ask your church to join together to pray for them.

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Your Sunday School class needs to be an enclave of prayer. Your deacon group needs to pray. Your fellowship groups ought to open and close with prayer. And I don't mean just say, "Lord, bless us," I mean *pray!* Everything we do ought to be saturated with prayer. Your church and mine ought to run on the engine of prayer.

THE FAITH OF PRAYER

The church prayed “unto God.” They were not praying a memorized, repetitive prayer. They weren’t praying to impress one another like so many today.

I heard about a young lawyer who was sitting in his new office. He didn’t have any clients or even a secretary, but he had his shingle hanging out front. He heard footsteps in the hallway and thought his first client was coming.

He picked up the phone to look like he was busy and said, “Hello. Yes this is he. No, I’m sorry I can’t meet with you today, perhaps next Thursday. I have a heavy corporate case going to trial next week. That sounds fine. We’ll talk then.”

As the visitor entered the office, he hung up the phone and said, “Yes sir, what may I do for you?” The visitor responded, “I’m from the telephone company and I’m here to hook up your telephone.”

Many times our prayers are simply to impress somebody else, but there’s no one on the line. These devoted brothers and sisters weren’t trying to impress anybody. They didn’t have a petition to bring to the government to get Peter released. They didn’t have money to bribe Herod to get him out of prison. They didn’t have political influence, but they had the faith of prayer.

The world may laugh, but friend, the devil doesn’t laugh. Someone has wisely said the devil trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.

THE FOCUS OF PRAYER

Again, Acts 12:5 says, **“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing**

of the church unto God for him" (emphasis mine). The church was praying for Peter. It was a prayer, not only with intensity, but also with specificity.

What did you pray for this morning? Tragically, many of our prayers are so vague. If God were to answer them we wouldn't even know it. We stumble out of bed and mumble, "Lord, save the lost this morning." Well, if somebody gets saved, you can say, "Well, I prayed for somebody to be saved and a lost person got saved."

How do you know that was your prayer? How do you know that wasn't my prayer or somebody else's prayer? At least when these believers were praying for Peter and the answer came, they knew it was an answer to prayer. It was made for him.

Here in the South, it's not uncommon to hear people say, "Y'all come see us sometime." They don't mean that. But, I might take them seriously if they said, "Hey, man, I've got some of the finest steaks you've ever seen in the freezer. Could y'all come by next Saturday at five and we'll have a cookout?" Now, that's specificity.

What are you asking of God? If God were to answer your prayer, would you even know it? Prayer needs to be focused. It was for Peter and God answered.



Rest in the Mastery of God's Peace

Acts 12:6 says:

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. (emphasis mine)

I don't know whether the guards were asleep, but Peter was sleeping! The next morning he was to be executed and he was able to sleep. And he was sleeping so soundly that the angel had to punch him in the ribs to wake him up! Acts 12:7 says:

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. (emphasis mine)

As I read this, I thought, *How could Peter sleep in such a crisis?* And God taught me three things.

PETER WAS NO LONGER AFRAID OF DEATH

Peter wasn't afraid of death because he had seen the risen Christ. I've said it before and it bears repeating here: a man is not ready to live until he is no longer afraid to die. Death holds no real terrors for a man who has had a saving encounter with Jesus Christ.

If a man who is facing death because of his faith can see through that empty grave to being one with the Lord Jesus Christ, then that can give him peace to stand through any trial. The Lord Jesus came to deliver us from the bondage of the fear of death (see Hebrews 2:15).

The Apostle Paul, who overcame this fear and rested in God's peace, said:

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

There is a story about some soldiers who were on a voyage to conquer the world. They came to a little island off the coast of Britain and docked.

The people on the island saw what was happening and began to make plans to defend their island. Though they were not a war faring people, they gathered sticks, pitchforks, rakes, rocks—anything they could find—and they started down the hill to meet these soldiers.

They were ready for a fight to the death. But what happened next was nothing they could have planned. On their way to the shore, they witnessed the soldiers setting fire to their boat and shoving it out back into the ocean to burn and sink.

This was a clear sign to the villagers to surrender. Do you know why? They realized that this army had not come to retreat, they had come to conquer or die. They had overcome the fear of death.

PETER KNEW THAT GOD'S PEOPLE WERE PRAYING FOR HIM

Knowing someone is praying for me helps me in my ministry. What peace, strength, joy, and victory I sense when I know God's people are praying for me. Sometimes I feel like I'm just flying with a tailwind, and I know that it is because of the prayers of God's people.

Peter knew those folks were bombarding heaven for him and that's the reason he was asleep. He was also aware of God's presence because he knew that the Bible says, "**He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep**" (Psalm 121:3).

I heard about a man who was in a crisis and he thought about this verse of scripture. He said, "Well, Lord, there's no need for both of us to stay up all night. Good night. I'm going to sleep while You stay awake."

Isaiah 26:3-4 says:

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he
trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the LORD for
ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting
strength.**

Are you praying for others, not only for their deliverance from affliction and persecution, but also to have God's peace in the midst of the crisis? Paul challenged us to be **“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”** (Ephesians 6:18).

Are you in the midst of a crisis? Turn your problem over to God—just roll it on the Lord. I don't care how big it is. He has peace to give you in exchange. Paul said:

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7, emphasis mine)

The soldiers thought they were guarding Peter in prison. No. God's peace was guarding him. God's peace had garrisoned Peter about on every side.

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Rejoice in the Majesty of God's Power

Did God lose the reins of His control when James was killed? No. Did God relinquish His throne when Peter was put in prison? No. God has never left His throne.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him [Peter], and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. (Acts 12:7-10)

I remember the first time I saw an automatic door. My brother and I went downtown and walked up to a door and it opened. We walked back outside, walked up to that door and it opened again. It seemed the most amazing thing I had ever seen.

Well, guess what? Automatic doors aren't anything new! Acts 12:10 tells us that an iron gate "**opened to them of his own accord**" and Peter walks on out. What an incredible story of God's power.

But now I want you to notice that after Peter left the jail, verse 10 tells us, "**and forthwith the angel departed from him.**" The angel took him only so far and then said, "Peter, I want you to see how God's power is working here."

You might be thinking that God is weak and cannot do anything. Or that God is unconcerned and does not care. You may even say, "Where is God? Is He able? Doesn't God care?"

I believe it is important to this account that Peter's deliverance came at the last moment. God seems to be very leisurely resolving the crisis for Peter. As a matter of fact, this entire story is marked by leisure.

The angel came in, poked Peter in the ribs, and said, "Hey, Peter. Wake up." Caught in the middle of a sound sleep, no doubt Peter was a little groggy and perhaps wondered what time it was. The angel urged him on, "Come on, son, and get up." Maybe Peter responded, "What time is it?" And the angel said, "Never mind what time it is, we're making a jailbreak. Now, put on your sandals and coat." If you're making a jailbreak, do you get dressed as you're going out?

Then, there is no sense of racing to a corner, sneaking around a wall, then racing to another corner and tip-toeing past another armed guard. They simply walked out. Every soldier was either

asleep or in a trance. Every locked gate opened. And then the angel left him. It seemed to be just a leisurely evening stroll out of maximum security prison!

Here is what happened next in Acts 12:

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent His angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go show these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place. Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put

to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode.

I think it is amazing that it was easier for Peter to get out of prison than it was to get in that prayer meeting. If the Lord could open a prison gate, don't you think He could cause the gate to Mary's home to open? Here is a lesson on prayer: Prayer is never an excuse for laziness. We are to continually seek the Lord for what He would have us to do, then do it.

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We are to pray to God for daily bread, but we are also to go out and get the bread. The Bible says, **“that if any would not work, neither should he eat”** (2 Thessalonians 3:10b). Don't you love the balance of the Word of God? There was no way that Peter could open that prison gate, but there was a way that Peter could open the gate to Mary's home.

Maybe we cannot change water into wine, but we can fill earthen pots. Maybe we cannot raise Lazarus from the dead, but we can take his grave clothes off.

Now, in the last part of Acts 12, we read:

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a

shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Herod is stricken dead because of his arrogance and pride and is eaten by worms. It is a gruesome thing, but you see the hidden hand of God in all of it, because in the very next verse you read, **“But the word of God grew and multiplied”** (Acts 12:24).

REMEMBER THESE THINGS

If you are in a situation and God doesn't deliver you, remember He didn't deliver James, and it is not because He cannot. If God is working in a way that you cannot see, it does not mean that God is not working. If it looks like evil is succeeding, just remember that the success of evil is only temporary.

Woodrow Wilson once said, “I had rather temporarily fail with a cause that must ultimately succeed than to temporarily succeed with a cause that must ultimately fail.”

Here are four things to remember:

1. *Don't demand to understand. You will never figure it out.*
2. *Remember the resource of prayer.*
3. *Put your eyes upon God and rest in His love.*
4. *Expect God's power to move in His own time and in His own way.*

He is the Christ of every crisis.



A Closing Plea

My friend, have you given your life to the Lord? Do you have the assurance that if you were to die right now, you would go straight to heaven? If not, please let me tell you how you can be saved, on the authority of the Word of God.

■ ADMIT YOUR SIN

First, you must understand and admit that you are a sinner. The Bible says, “**There is none righteous, no, not one**” (Romans 3:10). “**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**” (Romans 3:23). Sin is an offense against God that carries a serious penalty. “**For the wages of sin is death** [eternal separation from the love and mercy of God] **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**” (Romans 6:23).

■ ABANDON YOUR EFFORTS

Second, you must abandon any efforts to save yourself. If we could save ourselves, Jesus’ death would have been unnecessary! Even “getting religion” cannot get you to heaven. The Bible says it is “**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His [God’s] mercy He saved us**” (Titus 3:5). Salvation is by God’s grace, “**...not of works, lest any man should boast**” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

■ ACKNOWLEDGE CHRIST'S PAYMENT

Third, you must believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins. **“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”** (Romans 5:8). That means He died in your place. Your sin debt has been paid by the blood of Jesus Christ, which **“cleanseth us from all sin”** (1 John 1:7).

■ ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR

Fourth, you must put your faith in Jesus Christ and Him alone for your salvation. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”** (Acts 16:31). Salvation is God's gift to you! **“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Romans 6:23). **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”** (Acts 4:12).

Pray this simple prayer from your heart:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I know that You love me and want to save me. I know I can't save myself. Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, who died on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe God raised You from the dead. I now turn from my sin and, by faith, receive You as my Lord and Savior. Forgive my sins and save me, Lord Jesus. In Your name I pray, Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer today, please contact us and let us know. Then go find and join a Christ-honoring, Bible-believing church near you!

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