

You can be saved!

If you have never repented of your sins and been saved and feel the desire to do so now please say this prayer. This is how I was powerfully saved 20 years ago!

Say, "My Lord and my God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe Jesus the Christ died on the cross and shed His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins. I believe Jesus raised from the dead and ascended into heaven and is now on the right-hand side of God listening to this prayer. I open up the door of my heart and I invite You in, Lord Jesus. And I Thank You LORD, for saving my soul and I vow to serve you with all my heart which is the first and greatest commandment. Amen."

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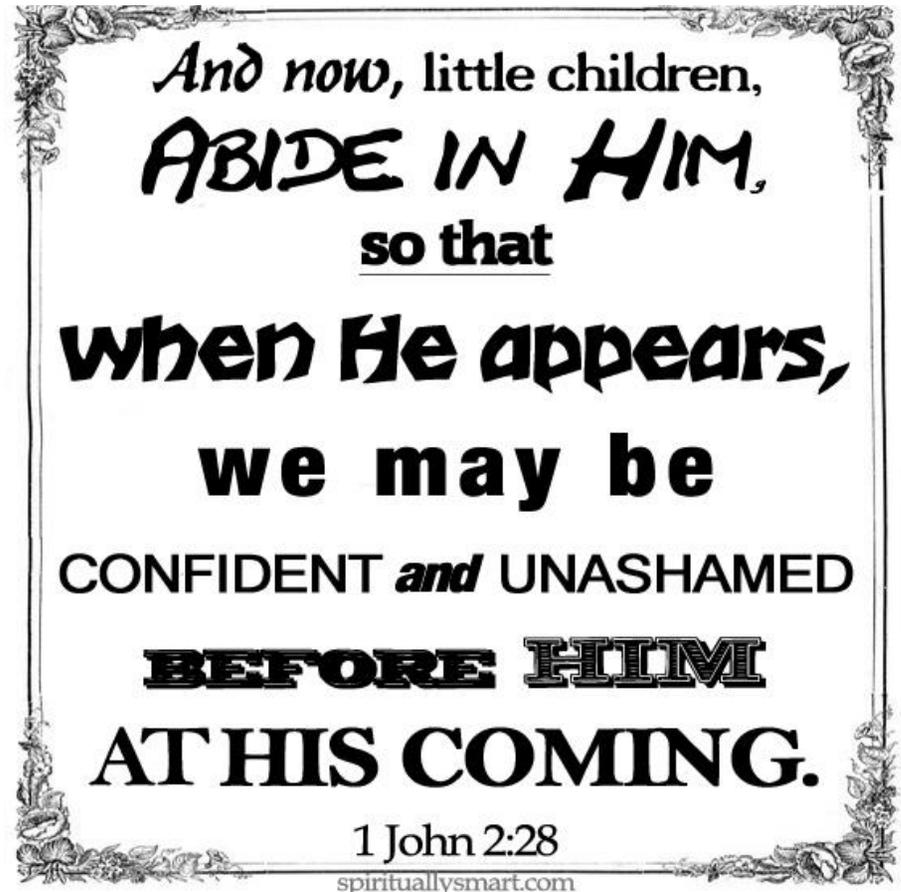
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“ABIDING” is an ACTION!!

**So, if we want to end up in heaven
(and avoid hell), there are conditions
that need to be met, BY US!**

Please continue reading:

As we can see by reading John's words in 1 John 2:28, having confidence when Christ returns is **clearly conditional**. The condition that needs to be met is that we must "ABIDE in Him."

But what does that mean? "Abide" is the English translation of the Greek word "Μένω" (Meno). Meno is a VERB. In other words, "abiding" is an ACTION. Because The word of God is alive and ACTIVE (full-of-energy - Hebrews 4:12). And if we are joined to and abiding in JESUS the CHRISTOS, there will be action and WORKS in our lives. The word ménō can be defined as "enduring a hostile attack" (Donnegan's Lexicon). How much more is that than simply "abide" as we know it in the English?

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother **abides in death**." 1 John 3:14

Do you know how to "love your brother"? You love your brother by loving God with all your heart. It's only natural if you have truly been a recipient of God's love. Anyone who does not love God with all their heart abides in death. They have most likely never been born from

Striving against what the flesh wants us to do. The works are the Lord's works when He is living inside us. But we must go along and "walk after the Spirit." That is work my friends. John says, "if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and [**then**] the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) "Walk" is the translation of the word 4043. peripateó. Which means "conduct your lives". All these words in the New Testament need to be studied so we understand them clearly. Paul said he *forced* himself to do what God wanted him to do. Because Paul said if he didn't practice what he preached, he would be *disqualified* (96. adokimos) (1 Corinthians 9:25-27).

Jesus says; "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."
Revelation 3:20

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
Revelation 22:17

It's time to receive the true doctrine of the Lord and respond appropriately to it. May God the Father bless all who strive to love Him with all their heart. in Jesus' Name Amen, Thomas Richards (spirituallysmart.com)

"For if we go on sinning **willfully** after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins," Hebrews 10:26 (According to Thayer's Lexicon, "willfully" here is an antonym of the word "ignorance").

John uses the word "fellowship" 4 times within 1 John 1:3 - 1 John 1:7. This is a very important word. "Fellowship" actually means "partnership" (2842. koinónia). John says that through this fellowship "our joy may be full." He tells us here that everything is conditional and that true believers are required to **do** what we are instructed to do through God's written word!

"Covenant" also means "an agreement between two parties." So entering the New Covenant is something we agree to. And it means a life of denying one's self. If we truly are yoked up with Jesus in koinónia, If we are abiding in Him, there will be works. And we are all going to be judged by our works. The Bible says this many times (2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 20:12; Psalm 62:12; Proverbs 24:12; Colossians 3:25; 1 Corinthians 3:8; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14). Jesus says those who endure to the end will be saved (Matthew 24:13). Endure what? Striving (75. agónizomai) against sin.

above ("born again") or they "have **forgotten** that they have been cleansed from their past sins." (2 Peter 1:9)

"Whosoever abides in Him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen Him, neither known Him." 1 John 3:6

Or whosoever loves God with all his heart sins not.

"He that says he abides in Him ought (**is obligated**) himself also so to walk, even as He walked." 1 John 2:6

Jesus loved God the Father with all His heart and teaches us to do the same. And if we truly abide in Christ and Christ in us, we will love God with all our hearts too. Jesus fulfilled the law (John 19:30, Matthew 27:50-54, Luke 23:44-46 Colossians 2:13, 14 Revelation 5). And love is the fulfilling of the law.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
~Galatians 5:14

If you "love yourself", it will be because you are loving God with all your heart.

If you love another or your neighbor it is only through loving God with all your heart. God **is** love ([1 John 4:8](#)). God alone **owns** that word.

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the law."

Romans 13:8

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who [walk](#) not after the flesh, but [[walk](#)] after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

In other words; There is no condemnation to those who abide in Christ and love the Father

with all their heart. And walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. IF you do that with all your heart, you will NOT sin (presumptuous sins). If you do sin unknowingly, it will be forgiven. John says this sin of ignorance WILL happen. 1 John 1:8-10

The apostle John made the distinction between "sins unto death" and "sins not unto death." (1 John Chapter 5)

The Old Covenant distinguishes between these two different kinds of sins. And the New Covenant distinguishes between these two kinds of sin as well. See here:

"You shall have one law for him that sins through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourns among them." Numbers 15:29

*"And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering." Numbers 15:27 **and** "but into the second, only the high priest [enters] once a year, not without [taking] blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people **committed in ignorance.**" Hebrews 9:7*