

# What is salvation? From what, to what? By whom, and how?

1 Tim 1:15 ...**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...**

What is the primary sin that makes me a sinner and which Jesus came to save me from?

2 Cor 5:15 **Christ died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.**  
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Rom 8:5 **Those (whose will or soul) is controlled by their human natures (and not controlled by God) live only to please themselves...** TLB/TEV

Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to our own way; And the LORD has laid on (Jesus) this sin of us all.**

Christianity is being saved by Jesus from doing my own will to doing God's will. It is being saved from my own evil human nature controlling my will to God's love nature controlling my will. It is being saved from being my own god, to the God of all heaven being my God. It is being saved from Satan, the ruler of the world, who influences me when I'm self-willed.

Eph 2:2-3 **We all used to live like the rest of the world, full of sin, following the passions and desires of our evil nature, obeying Satan...the spirit at work in...those who refuse to obey God. We were born with an evil nature...** NLT

There is one savior from self. Self cannot save itself. Jesus alone saves me from myself

Matt 1:21 **You will call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.**

How does Jesus save? What is the mystery of salvation? He saves by His word and Spirit:

Salvation is by the words of God which my heart believes, from the sin of a self-willed life.

John 8:31-32 (Jesus) ...**If you continue in My word...you will know the truth (God's word is truth) and the truth (God's word) will make you free (from self will).**

Jam 1:21 **...Receive with meekness (a believing heart or spirit) the implanted word, which has the power to save your souls (your will from the control of self).**

The word that has power to free my will from self, is not the written dead letter of scripture but the living word, spoken, made known and loving me and put in me by God's Holy Spirit.

John 16:13-14 (Jesus) ...**The Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth (all scripture) He will glorify Me (reveal Me to you), for He will take of what is Mine (My word) and speak it to you (impart understanding and write it on your heart).**

Jesus is God's living word. God's word saves my will from self as I believe it and obey it:

Rom 6:17-18 **Though at one time you were slaves to sin, you have obeyed with all your heart the truths found in the teaching (of the gospel) you received.**  
TEV

[1 Pe 1:12 ...(From those) **Who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit...**]

18 **You were made free from sin and became the slaves of righteousness.**

God's words, made living by His Spirit and believed in my heart are His nature, changing me.

2 Pet 1:4 **There have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, (His living words) that by these you may be partakers of the divine nature;**

Salvation is by the Holy Spirit as owner entering my heart, from the sin of a self-willed life:

1 Cor 6:19-20 **Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...and you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's** (as Owner).

To believe God has forgiven my past sins, because Jesus bore them on the cross, is only the beginning of my salvation. My will or soul is not yet saved or freed from the control of my human nature. I must keep believing more of the truth of God's words for my salvation to be completed. Jesus as God's word has begun to be my savior but He isn't yet my Lord. The word Lord means owner. Jesus only becomes my owner, displacing me as owner, when I believe God's promise to give me the Holy Spirit, and so come under God's control.

2 Cor 3:17 **The Lord (owner) is the Holy Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, (in my heart ruling me) there is liberty (freedom, salvation from self rule).**

Rom 8:9 **You do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to — if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to** (not owned by) Him.

Luke 6:46 **Why do you call Me Lord (owner) and not do the things which I say?**

In the days of His flesh on earth Jesus lived completely, in all His decisions and choices, under the control of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was the mind by which He operated. The Holy Spirit is the mind of Christ. God says I need this same mind to cease from sin. God is Spirit, so the Holy Spirit is God, therefore I need God Himself to overcome myself.

1 Pet 4:1-2 **Christ suffered human nature (and overcame it) arm yourselves also with the same mind (God's Spirit ruling you) for those who suffer human nature (defeating it and Satan's thoughts, by the Spirit) have ceased from sin (self).**

**So that they no longer should live the rest of their time on earth for their own will and the will of others, but for the will of God** (that's my salvation).

Living in Christ, the Holy Spirit, God, with Him manifesting His nature of love, joy and peace.

My Salvation by Jesus Christ from self-will to God's will opens heaven and eternity to me:

Matt 7:21 (Jesus) **Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

Rom 6:22 **Now having been made free from sin (self), and having become slaves of God, you have your reward in holiness, and it's end, eternal life.** AMP