

## About Salvation...

Remember when you learned your ABC's? What a great accomplishment that was! Now you were ready for the "big time." Because you had interest in the ABC's, you were now ready to read a book, write a paper, take on the world.

You've since learned that not everything in life is as simple as ABC. Life can deal us some pretty hard blows — things we weren't prepared for in kindergarten. Failure. Loss. Disappointment. Heartache. Loneliness. Despair. Complexity.

Sometimes it's best to go back to the basics. That's what you're about to read — a very simple, basic approach to the real meaning of life. Using the familiar ABC approach, you'll quickly see a plan for your life develop. It's a plan that's out of this world because that's where it will take you — if you take the time to learn your spiritual ABC's.

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## Salvation is as easy as the ABC's

**A**lmost everyone has an opinion about God, but not everyone

**B**elieves that Jesus

**C**hrist is God's Son. You've probably heard the most famous verse in the Bible, *John 3:16*. It says, "**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**" This everlasting life isn't something you

**D**eserve or even can

**E**arn. It is a

**F**ree gift. God graciously

**G**ives it to us. *Ephesians 2:8* says, "**It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not of works, so that no one can boast.**"

**H**eaven is God's gift to those who choose to become His children. To make it easier for us to love Him, God decided to reveal Himself to us by coming to earth in the form of a human called Jesus. Jesus' other name was

**I**mmanuel, which means "**God with us.**" In other words,

**J**esus was God "**in the flesh.**" After identifying Jesus as the Word of God, *John 1:14* tells us, "**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**" Jesus' life shows us how

**K**ind and

**L**oving God is. Although He is just, He's also

**M**erciful and doesn't want to punish us for our sins.

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**R**elationship offers to forgive our sins like Jesus does. The Bible teaches there is only one

**S**avior and Lord — only one person who can take away the guilt of our sins and teach us how to live life right (*John 14:6*). Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**" *Romans 3:23* teaches us that all have sinned, but *1 Peter 2:24* says that Jesus "**carried our sins in His body on the cross so we could stop living for sin and start living for what is right.**" So how can you choose to make Jesus your Savior? First, you must

**T**rust Him. Going to church won't get your sins forgiven, and giving to a church won't get you into heaven. Remember — everlasting life isn't something that can be earned. In other words, it's like saying, "If Jesus can't get me into heaven, I guess I just won't get in." The Bible calls this **FAITH**. Also, you must make a

**U**-turn in your life. Instead of living for what is wrong, or doing your own thing, you now choose to live as Jesus lived. The Bible calls this

**V**ery important change of heart "**REPENTANCE.**" You also must become a public follower of Jesus.

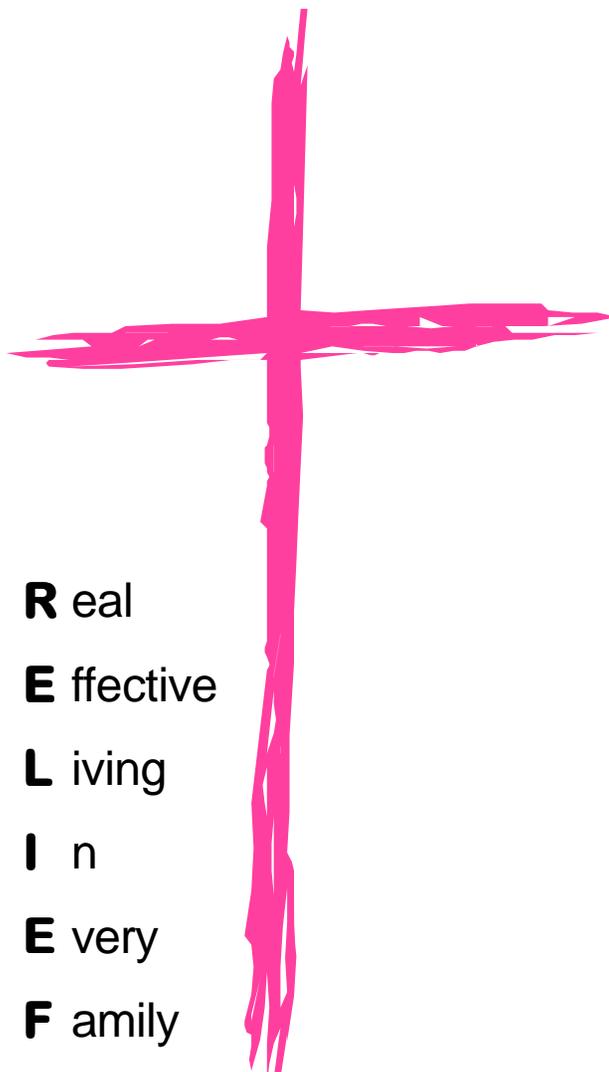
**W**hile teaching one day, Jesus said, "**Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven**" (*Matthew 10:32*). The Bible calls this "**CONFESSING**" your faith. Jesus asks you to symbolically re-enact His death, burial, and resurrection by being

**BAPTIZED** in water — resulting in the baptized believer having their sins remitted and also receiving another gift — the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts. 2:38**). The Bible clearly

- X** Explains, ***“We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4)***. Right now would be a good time to say
- Y** “Yes” to God’s plan for your life. Here’s His promise to you, ***“To those who received Him.... He gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12)***. Now you’ve heard the “good news” of Jesus from A to
- Z.** God has done all He can. The next move is yours. Why not choose Jesus now?  
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Please call and/or e-mail the church or person who gave you this brochure as you see your need for additional teaching from the scriptures about:

- ◆ Becoming a Christian.
- ◆ Needing someone to immerse you into Jesus Christ (**Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4**).
- ◆ Small groups for new Christians.
- ◆ Finding a Bible teaching church.

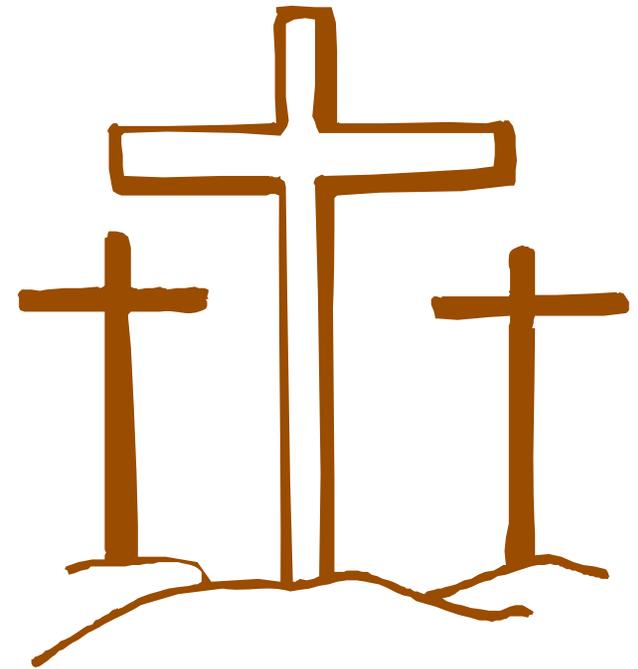


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