

I'VE TRIED GOD BEFORE AND FAILED

IF THIS IS YOU, THEN YOU FALL INTO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE CATEGORIES:

1. YOU ARE UNSAVED - YOU TRIED GOD BUT DIDN'T RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR
2. YOU RECEIVED JESUS AS SAVIOUR BUT YOU MAY BE HAVING A HARD WALK AS A CHRISTIAN
3. YOU'RE SAVED AND YOU THINK YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SALVATION
4. YOU ATTEND A CHURCH THAT TEACHES FAITH PLUS WORKS TO GET SAVED eg Roman Catholic, SDA, JW, Mormon, Christadelphian etc
5. YOU USE THE ABOVE EXCUSE TO GET RID OF PEOPLE TALKING TO YOU ABOUT WHERE YOU WILL SPEND ETERNITY.

WHICHEVER CATEGORY YOU FOUND YOURSELF IN, YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT DURING OR AFTER READING THIS ARTICLE, IF YOU WANT ETERNAL LIFE AND DON'T WANT TO BURN IN HELL FOREVER, YOU CAN BE SAVED.

" FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED. "
([ROMANS 10:13](#))

1. YOU ARE UNSAVED. - YOU TRIED GOD BUT YOU'RE NOT SAVED

Many people think that turning to God is the answer and that is correct, but they want to cut Jesus Christ out of the picture.

If you go into most churches these days, they mainly talk about falling in love with God or the Holy Spirit and getting blessed and so on, but never about the work that Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross for sinners. People want God or the Holy Spirit but don't want to know about Jesus. Jesus Christ is the most important but seems to be downplayed.

The Bible says: *"He that believeth on the Son (that's Jesus Christ) hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."* ([John 3:36](#))

"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." ([John 5:23](#))

It clearly says that you can't have God without Jesus Christ.

So dear reader, unless you have trusted in the blood of Jesus Christ to save you, you may not be saved.

Right now, you can be saved without reading any further. Pray to God something like the following: **"Dear God, I'm a sinner and I deserve your everlasting wrath in hell. I believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and His shed blood was total payment. I can't save myself, only you can. Please save me. Thank you."**

2. YOU'RE SAVED BUT YOU MAY BE HAVING A HARD

WALK AS A CHRISTIAN

God is in the business of humbling the Christian - not because He gets pleasure out of it as such, but that we may depend totally on Him in all situations.

Now we've been brought up to "stand on our own two feet" and that's the problem. Too often our last resort is God when things get too tough or we never go to Him if we can get ourselves out of a "jam". Either way, God is ignored and we find that situations come up again and again that we never seem to trust God in.

Do you know that as a Christian one of the hardest verses in the Bible is:

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;.." ([Ephesians 5:20](#)).

Ever wondered why God allowed the Israelites to wander in the desert for 40 years? We find the answer in [1Corinthians 10:6-10](#).

1. They lusted after evil things.
2. They were idolators - eating, drinking and playing were enough to put these things ahead of God.
3. They were fornicators.
4. They tempted Christ.
5. They were murmurers. Ever wondered why you never seem to deepen your relationship with your heavenly Father? Study this passage in the light of [Ephesians 5:20](#) and lean not on your own understanding.

3. YOU'RE SAVED AND YOU THINK YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SALVATION

Be assured that once you are saved God will never let you go. Do you know that the maintenance of your salvation doesn't even depend on you? What a relief, yes? Let the Bible prove it to you.

God gives eternal life and promises that the believer will never perish.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall NEVER perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." ([John 10:28](#))

Well, what about that? Furthermore, let me ask you this question: "Are you a man or a woman?" If so you can't even pluck yourself out of God's hand if you are saved. Now, God may chastise you by ending your life here on earth, but He promises to take you to heaven if you are saved.

4. YOU ATTEND A CHURCH THAT TEACHES FAITH + WORKS TO GET SAVED eg Roman Catholic, SDA, JW, Mormon, Christadelphian etc

I've talked with many people who have been attending a Christian church (and Roman Catholic isn't Christian) and aren't sure why God would let them into heaven? In other words they're not sure whether they are saved or not.

Answers have included - obey the Ten Commandments, we can't be sure as that's up to God to decide, love God and love your neighbour. Even the pastors are confused today about how to get saved. There are close to one billion people today who attend the Roman Catholic Church who are headed for hell.

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Why?

Rome teaches faith + works to get saved i.e. "Jesus opened the door to heaven but it's up to you to get there!" NO MY FRIEND! Jesus paid the total price for everybody's sin and we can receive that gift by faith alone. You can't buy it or work for it! If you belong to a church that doesn't teach faith alone to get saved -

GET OUT TODAY - THEY'RE
GOING TO HELL LIKE A ROCKET!

and you don't want any part of it.

The Bible says: "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast*" ([Ephesian 2:8-9](#))

Also the Bible says: "*But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*"

([Romans 4:5](#))

5. YOU USE THE "I've tried before and failed" EXCUSE TO GET RID OF PEOPLE TALKING TO YOU ABOUT WHERE YOU WILL SPEND ETERNITY.

Well my friend if you're just stalling and trying to put off some Christian who is trying to get you saved, may God have mercy on your soul.

You see, at the moment you may have God in your hand and you may be doing with Him what you will, but have no illusions about what happens when you die, the Bible says:

*"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." ([Hebrews 9:27](#))
"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Jesus Christ) whom he hath ordained..." ([Acts 17:31](#)). "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](#))*

My friend you now stand without excuse on Judgement Day. On that day you will need the righteousness of Jesus Christ otherwise be cast into hell forever.

You can only receive Christ's righteousness while you are still alive.

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DON'T DIE TILL YOU GET SAVED!

DO ANYTHING YOU CAN NOT TO DIE, BEFORE YOU GET SAVED! The alternative is just too horrible

to even think about.

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