

In the book of Romans; God has given us a small map to help us find our way to Him. In this map we are given sign posts to help us know where we are. In this short journey, we can make it to our destination. **"To be in the dear family of our Saviour Jesus Christ."**

Sign post #1:

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We all have sin in our hearts. We were all born with sin.

We were born under the power of sin's control.

<u>First turn:</u> Admit that you are a sinner.

Sign post #2:

Romans 6:23a "...The wages of sin is death..."

Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and is permanent. The Bible teaches that there is a place called the "Lake of Fire" where lost people will be in totally consumed in the fires. It is the place where people who are spiritually dead will go.

Second turn: Understand that you deserve death for your sin.

Sign post #3:

Romans 10:13 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved!" Third Turn: Call out to God in the name of Jesus!

Sign post #4:

Romans 6:23b "...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Salvation is a free gift from God to you! You can't earn this gift, but you must reach out and receive it.

Fourth Turn: Ask God to forgive you and save you.

Sign post #5:

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"

When Jesus died on the cross, He paid sin's penalty. He paid the price for all sin, and when He took all the sins of the world on Himself on the cross, He bought us out of slavery to sin and death! The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us, understanding that we are now joined with Him, and that He is our life. He did all this because He loved us and gave Himself for us!

<u>Fifth Turn:</u> Give your life to God.

His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you - not religion or church membership. You are saved because of the love of God.

Sign post #6:

Romans 10:9,10 "...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Jesus said, In Revelation 3:20a "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..."

Sixth Turn: If you know that God is knocking on your heart's door, ask Him to come into your heart. Just say: "Dear heavenly Father; I know I am a sinner and that I deserve to die. But I also know that Jesus died in my place so I don't have to. So please forgive me of my sins, God, and save me with your mercy. I accept the sacrifice of Jesus your son, and ask you to come dwell in my heart and be with me forever. Amen"

In doing this you become the temple of God. This means God will live in your heart forever and you will never be alone. 1 Corinthians 3:16

On the Door Step

Jesus Says, Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; Knock (on Jesus' door) and it will be open to you."

Finale Step:

Now that God dwells in you, you too should dwell in him. In the example of Jesus dying on the cross, we too die to ourselves by being baptized. **Romans 6:3-11** Baptism is symbol of our sins being washed away, and the new birth in God as he has made you a new creation in Christ. Anyone who is a Christian can baptize another Christian. Would you like to be baptized?

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