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God's Offer of Forgiveness of Sins and Eternal Life is Free and Simple:

A. You must admit to God that you are a sinner and cannot save yourself from sin, death, or hell.

Romans 3:10-23 says, "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God... there is none that doeth good, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

B. You must believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, arose from the dead, and is alive and able to save you.

Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

I Corinthians 15:1-4 says, "...I declare...THE GOSPEL...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and...rose again...."

Hebrews 7:25 says, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost...seeing he ever liveth to make intercession...."

C. You must call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to save your soul.

Romans 10:9-13 says, "...the Lord Jesus...is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Does The Bible Offend You?

With the offer of forgiveness of sins and eternal life on the table, why would anyone turn it down? Examine the Bible closely and you will see why!

Examine the Holy Scriptures closely and you will see that although God's offer of forgiveness of sins and eternal life is free and simple, it is also very offensive to mankind. God's offer is offensive to man's pride, intellect, will, morality, self-esteem, self-righteousness, self-image, and religion. Men of philosophy, theology, science, business, psychology, psychiatry, religion, government, and education find the offer offensive (Galatians 5:11; I Peter 2:6-8) for the following reasons:

- The Bible asserts that all men are morally ruined, and filthy (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10-12; Ecclesiastes 7:10; Psalm 53:3).
- The Bible asserts that all men are condemned sinners and need to be "saved"—forgiven and given eternal life (Romans 3:19, 5:18; John 3:16-21, 36).
- The Bible asserts that all men are completely incapable of meriting or earning mercy, forgiveness, or eternal life (John 10:27-29, 17:2; Romans 3:10-23, 10:1-4; I Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 7:25).
- The Bible asserts that unless Jesus "saves" men, their souls will be damned forever in a lake of fire (Revelation 20:15, 21:8; II Thessalonians 1:8,9).

These four assertions alone are enough to make proud rebellious sinners reject God's offer, but there is more:

- The Bible asserts that man's religion is corrupted and incapable of helping him (Matthew 23:9; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 10:11; Titus 3:5; Philippians 2:1-9; Romans 10:1-4). Historically, man's religion has been used for enslavement, manipulation, oppression, thievery, persecution, and the subversion of governments. It is laden with hypocrisy, murder, and war.
- The Bible asserts that every man is mentally fallen—his thoughts and thought processes are corrupted. The Bible says that man's mind is alienated from God and must repent and yield to the Holy Spirit of God (Colossians 1:21; II Timothy 3:7, 2:24-26; I Timothy 2:4; I Corinthians 2:11,14; John 15:26,27, 16:7,8).
- The Bible asserts that Jesus Christ must do for man what man cannot do for himself. Man is helpless and needs a Savior (Hebrews 10:10-12; I Peter 2:21, 3:18; I John 2:2, 4:8,9; Romans 5:6).
- The Bible asserts that man's salvation is completely dependent upon the work, authority, mercy, and pardon of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:11-12, 3:16-18, 8:24, 14:6).

- The Bible asserts that every person must repent—acknowledge his ruined condition, believe the Gospel (see above, B.), and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation—or perish (Romans 10:9-13).

For these and other reasons, God's offer is offensive to mankind. Modern man is unwilling to see himself as the Bible describes him—sinful, ruined, guilty, condemned, helpless, weak, incapable, needy, and completely dependent. Simply put, men reject the free offer of forgiveness of sins and eternal life because in order to accept God's offer and to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, a man must first acknowledge that he is a ruined, guilty,



condemned, hell-bound sinner, and that ONLY Jesus Christ is able to forgive him and give him eternal life—"save" him. The sinful, deceitful, and rebellious heart of man finds this too offensive and refuses God's offer. How about you?

Does the Bible offend you? Or would you like to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

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