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# The Seven Steps of Salvation

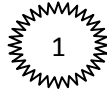
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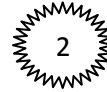
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## INTRODUCTION The Means of Grace

Suppose a man who cannot swim falls overboard. Suppose his friend in the boat throws him a lifeline and pulls him to safety. Who or what saved the drowning man? His friend? The lifeline? The life Preserver? The boat? Or did the man save himself? The answer, of course, is that his friend saved him, the lifeline, and the life preserver, and the boat saved him, He also saved himself. This simple parable helps us understand that it is as foolish to say that we are saved by grace alone, as it would be for the drowning man to claim that any one of the above means saved him without other intervention. The Bible certainly does teach that we are saved by grace. But it also teaches that God used *means*. These means are called by theologians, the “means of grace”. This paper lists seven of God’s chosen “means of grace”, and is intended to be a quick reference and teaching tool. On these pages I have compiled pertinent portions of the pure Word of God to show how God saves us by his grace. When the truth of salvation by grace is better understood, the doctrine of easy believism loses its siren appeal.

**FOREWORD**  
**The Significance of Seven**



The number was sacred for the ancient Jews and played a prominent role in their religious life. The children of Israel obeyed God's command to march around the city of Jericho once each day for six days and the seventh day they walked around Jericho seven times. At the sound of the trumpet, when they shouted a great shout, the city walls crumbled. (Joshua 6:4) Elisha sent his messenger/servant to Naaman the leper, captain of the Syrian army, to tell him to wash seven times in the Jordan River, He obeyed and he was healed (II Kings 5:10) The Word of God declares,

*And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. (Genesis 2:2-3)*

The number seven indicated perfection and symbolizes completeness or wholeness. In this Bible study we show the necessity of these basic seven progressive steps of salvation. Without all of the seven steps there is no salvation.



**Step 1: Saved by Grace**

**Definition of Grace:** 1. The unmerited love and favor of God; 2. A state of reconciliation with God.

Someone said that “grace” stands for **Great Redemption At Christ's Expense (G.R.A.C.E.)**.

**Romans 3;23,24** —” .. *all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His **grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. . . “*

**Titus 2:11** —” . . *the **grace** of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men.. “*

**Ephesians 2:5** —”... *even when we were dead in sins, hath He; quickened us together with Christ; for by **grace** ye are saved. “*

We can not be saved without the grace of God. The unmerited favor of God gives us the privilege of being saved, but we are not saved by grace alone and apart from God's chosen means.

**Ephesians 2:8** —”*For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. “*



When someone says, “I believe,” it doesn’t necessarily mean that they are saved, because devils also believe. Devils are definitely not saved. There is more to salvation than saying, “I believe in God.”

*Romans 10:10—*“ . . . with the heart man **believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth \_\_\_\_\_ is made unto salvation. “



**Faith**  
is not hoping  
**God** can  
it is knowing  
He **Will**



### Step 3: Saved by Confession

**Definition of Confession:** 1. To disclose sins or faults to God; 2. To unburden the conscience; 3. To acknowledge guilt, wrong-doing or sinfulness; 4. To admit to unbecoming deeds.

**Remember Romans 10:10—**“ . . . with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation. “

Someone once said, “Confession is good for the soul.”

Make a list of some things in your life that you know displease God.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**I John 1:9 —**“If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. “

**James 5:16 —**“**Confess** your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. “

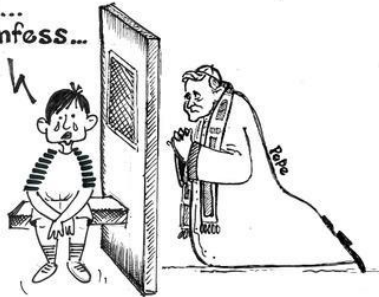
Confession involves transparency and honesty. Confession will lead us to the salvation of our souls.

We should not only confess our sins...

**Proverbs 28:13** — *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever **confesses** and \_\_\_\_\_ them shall have mercy.”*



G'mon...  
say...  
I confess...



## Step 4: Saved by Repentance

**Definition of Repentance:** 1. To change one's mind; 2. To turn around; 3. To forsake sin; 4. To make an about face.

**Remember Proverbs 28:13** — *“ .. whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall have mercy. “*

It's not enough to merely confess our sins. We must turn from sin to be saved.

**II Corinthians 7:10** — *“ .. Godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation.”*

**Luke 13:3** — *“ .. except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish ”*

**II Peter 3:9** — *“ .. the Lord is not. . . willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance. “*

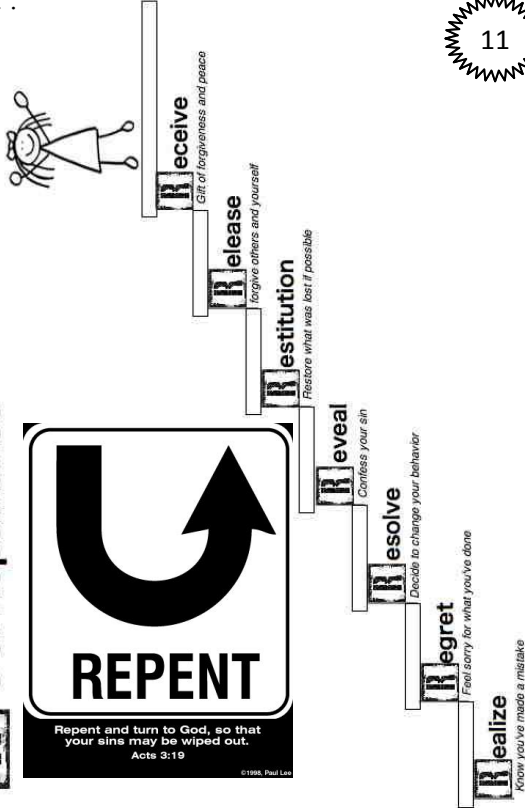
Repentance is more than being sorry for one's sins. Repentance involves a lifestyle-mindset-attitude adjustment. It is exciting to turn away from the old life of sin and condemnation!

We must not stop here.

**Acts 2:38** — "Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be \_\_\_\_\_ everyone of you. . "



# Steps of Repentance



## Step 5: Saved by Baptism

**Definition of Baptism:** 1. To dip, plunge, or submerge; 2. A religious ceremony signifying spiritual purification by immersion in water.

**I Peter 3:21** — "... *baptism* doth also now save us...

**Mark 16:16** — "He that believeth and is *baptized* shall be saved.. . "

What is the scriptural formula for water baptism?

**Acts 8:16** — "... they were baptized in the *name of the Lord Jesus*. "

**Acts 10:48** — "...he commanded them to be baptized in the *name of the Lord*. "

**Acts 22:16** — "... why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the *name of the Lord*. "

**Acts 10:43** — "... through *His name*...shall receive remission of sins. "

**Luke 24:47** — "... remission of sins should be preached in *His name*... "

Why is the name of Jesus so important in water baptism? (Read Acts 4:12 and Colossians 3:17.)

Acts 2:38—“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.”

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“I baptized you in name of **JESUS CHRIST** for the remission of your sins!”



**Correct**

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## Water Baptism According to the Bible

There is one Lord, one faith and **one baptism** (Ephesians4:5). There is only one **Bible way** to be baptized. Have you been baptized right?

**WATER:** “Can any man forbid **water** that these should not be baptized?” Acts 10:47

**MUCH WATER:** “John also was baptizing at Aenon... because there was **much water** there.” John 3:23

**INTO THE WATER:** “And they went both down **into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.” Acts 8:38

**OUT OF THE WATER:** “...they were come up out of the water...” Acts 8:39

**BURIED IN WATER:** “...we are **buried** with Him by **baptism** into death...” Romans 6:4

**PLANTED IN WATER:** “... we have **planted** together in the likeness of His death...” Romans 6:5

Jesus said, “He that believeth and is **baptized** shall be **saved**.” (Mark 16:16) Peter said there were 8 saved by water in Noah’s time—the like figure even “**baptism** doth also now **save us**.” (1 Peter 3:20,21)



Peter, having the keys to the kingdom , said, “*Repent, and **be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.***” (Acts 2:38) Since **baptism** is important to salvation, and **that immersion and not sprinkling** is the **Bible method**, don’t you think you should be baptized right before it is too late?



## Water Baptism According to the Church Leaders

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*“The word ‘baptize’ signifies immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the primitive church.”* **John Calvin**, Presbyterian

*“Baptism is a Greek word, and may be translated ‘immerse.’ I would have those who are to be baptized to be altogether dipped.”* **Martin Luther**, Lutheran.

*“The Bible term, buried with Him by baptism alludes to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion.”* **John Wesley**, Methodist

*“Immersion, was in all probability the way in which our blessed Savior, and for certain the way in which all early Christians were baptized.”* **Wall**, Episcopal

*“For the first thirteen hundred years, baptism was an immersion of the person under water.”* **Brenner**, Catholic

*“The word ‘baptize’ has only one meaning. It signifies to plunge. Baptism and immersion are*

identical. To say baptism by sprinkling would be to say immersion by sprinkling.” **Stoudza**, a native Greek



“The ancient did not sprinkle the candidate, but immersed him.” **Jeremiah**, A Greek patriot

“It is certain that the word buried in the text Romans 6:4 alludes to the matter of baptizing by immersion.” **Whitfield**, Methodist

### **Baptism in Jesus’ Name according to the Bible**

**JESUS TAUGHT:** “*That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name beginning at Jerusalem.*” Luke 24:27

**PETER OBEYED:** *Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.*” Acts 2:38-39

**SAMARITANS:** “*...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*” Acts 8:16

**GENTILES ARE COMMANDED:** “*He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*” (RV) Acts 10:45

**PAUL RE-BAPTIZED:** “*...when they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*” Acts 19:3-5



### **NO OTHER NAME FOR SALVATION:**

“*...there is none other name under heaven whereby we must be saved.*” Acts 4:10-12

### **EVERYTHING DONE IN JESUS’ NAME:**

“*Whatever you do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.*” Colossians 3:17

The above scriptures are not given to refute Matthew 28:19 where Jesus told the Apostles to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They merely show how the command was interpreted and obeyed by them.

The Apostles knew what most religious leaders of today fail to recognize. First, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the family name (Eph. 3:15). Second, that the fullness of the Godhead (diety or God) dwelleth bodily in Christ (Col.2:9).

They knew the name of the Son was Jesus (Matt.1:21). They knew that the Son came in the Father’s name (John 5:43). They also knew that the Holy Ghost was the Spirit of Christ and would come in Jesus’ name (John 14:26).

The name Jesus means Jehovah Salvation.  
(Fausets Bible Encyclopedia, page 359)

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### Baptism in Jesus' Name according to History

*"The baptismal formula was changed from the name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son & Holy Ghost by the Catholic Church in the second century."* **Britannica Encyclo.** 11<sup>th</sup> Edition Vol. 3 Pg. 365-366

*"Everywhere in the oldest sources it states that baptism took place in the name of Jesus Christ."* **Britannica Encyclo.** Vol. 3 Pg. 82

*"The early church always baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until the development of the Trinity doctrine in the second century."* **Canney Encyclo. Of Religion** Pg. 53

*"Here the Catholic acknowledged that baptism was changed by the Catholic Church."* **Catholic Encyclo.** Vol. 2 pg. 263

*"Christian baptism was administered using the words, "In the name of Jesus."* **Hastings Encyclo. Of Religion** Vol. 2 Pg. 377

*"The use of a Trinitarian formula of any sort was not suggested in early church history."*

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**Hastings EOR** Vol. 2 Pg. 378

*"Baptism was always in the name of the Lord Jesus until the time Justin Martyr when the Triune formula was used."* **Hastings EOR** Vol. 2 Pg. 389

*"Justin Martyr was one of the early fathers of the Roman Catholic Church."* **Catholic Encyclo.** Vol. 8

*"NAME was an ancient synonym for "person." Payment was always made in the name of some person referring to ownership. Therefore, one being baptized in Jesus' name because His personal property. 'Ye are Christ.'"* **Hastings EOR** Vol. 2, Pg. 377 Acts 2:38

*"The term Trinity was originated by Tertullian, a Roman Catholic Church father."* **New Intenational Encyclo.** Vol. 22, Pg. 477



## Step 7: Saved by Endurance

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**Definition of Endurance:** 1. The act, quality, or power of withstanding hardship. 2. The state or fact of persevering. 3. Continuing existence; duration.

The writer of Hebrews referred to the Christian life as a race.

**Hebrews 12:1** — “. . . *let us run with patience the race that is set before us. . .* “

To finish the Christian race we must keep running and enduring.

It is not enough to begin this race by having faith, confessing sins, forsaking sins, being baptized in Jesus’ name and receiving the Holy Spirit. We must continue on with the Lord.

**Matthew 10:22** — “*...he that endureth to the end shall be saved.* “

**Matthew 24:13**— “. . . *he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.* “

**II Timothy 2:3** — “. . . *endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.* “

**Hebrews 12:7** — “*If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons. . .* “

**James 1:12** — “*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.* “

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