

When you put that question to your Pastor, he/she may say, "Well yeah, but..." But? But what? There is no "but" in what God said! If "The Sinner's Prayer" is true, why did Peter say, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..." (Acts 2:38). Why did he not just say, "Just reach out your hand toward Jesus and pray this prayer with me..."? It is a dangerous salvation that ignores what God has said and replaces it with what some man thinks! Are you willing to gamble with your soul?

In Matthew 4:4, Jesus said: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." If your Pastor doesn't speak according to the Word of God, then perhaps you need to read #9 in the second list, above, again.

Now, Don't Miss the Point

...or let some silver-tongued Pastor tell you we are saying that you can save yourself by your own goodness and effort. However, before we look at that point, consider this: Your fast-talking, Slick Willie of a Pastor, is telling you that **HIS** prayer, concocted in **HIS** brain, and which he has convinced you and others into believing and repeating with **HIM** will save you! Who can believe it? It *must* be your Pastor's concoction, because he could not find it in the Bible to save his own life. Quite frankly, we prefer what God said.

Let's be clear: Baptism is not some work concocted by men to save themselves. It is the command of the Lord (and your Pastor will admit it, if you press him or her to be honest). Why on Earth would you confess "Jesus Christ is Lord," but not do what He tells you to do (Luke 6:46)? Jesus said something else, too: "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter" (Matthew 7:21).

If baptism saves, it is ONLY because it is connected by faith to the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:21, cf. Romans 6:4). Furthermore, it saves no more than any of the other 23 things listed on the inside of this brochure. The work that "works" in baptism is the working of God, as Colossians 2:12 plainly tells you. It is faith in the working of God, not faith in man's own works done in righteousness (Titus 3:5).

An Earnest Plea from Some Folks Who Love You Enough to Tell You the Truth

Have you ever considered what you would do if God came to Earth and talked to you about your choices in life and in spiritual service? What if God said you were wrong? Would you change? What if God said your Pastor was a liar and false teacher? Would you abandon your Pastor to his own destruction, or even better, teach him out of his error? What if God said that what you have always believed is not correct? Would you care enough to discover what is correct, and then just follow God?

If you are serious about becoming a Christian, why not join with us as we worship and serve Him? You are never a stranger when you assemble with us.

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What Is Your Condition, If "The Sinner's Prayer" Is A Lie?

WOULD YOU JUST GET MAD AND THROW AWAY THIS BROCHURE? Some would do just that—that is why copies may lie trampled on the street at your feet—but what about YOU? Would you consider what the Bible says about those who believe a lie? Would you consider what is your situation if, in fact, "The Sinner's Prayer" Is A Lie?

"...and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth..." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 NASB)

Let's be stone-cold brutal for a moment, not to be mean, but to gain your attention: Just because you *say* you love the truth, does not mean that you *do* love the truth. What if something you have believed every day of your life is shown to be a lie. Will you then believe the truth?

We are not asking you to believe us. We are asking you to believe God.

So, What Does the Bible Say?

Some people point to Luke 18:13 to show a sinner who prayed and of whom Jesus said, "...this man went to his house justified" (vr. 14). That sounds like a good example, but what if you discovered in your study that *both* the Pharisee and the publican of Luke 18 were Jews and worshippers in the temple and as such, are not at all comparable to those of our day who are "strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and (are) without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12)? Would you accept the truth?

In Acts 2 of the New Testament, when the audience of Peter (the apostle of Jesus Christ) heard of their terrible sin of demanding the death of Jesus Christ, they cried out, "Brethren, what shall we do?", Peter's answer was very specific:

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

Does that sound like the sinner's prayer to you? When somebody asks your Pastor, "What shall I do?", why does he/she not just answer what Peter did?

Some argue that "believe only" is the answer to the same question in Acts 16:31, but Acts 22:16 shows what "call on the Lord" means: "Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name." If "faith only" is the correct answer, what do we do with James 2:24-26. Works!?! Mind you, James is not speaking of MY works or YOUR works, but the *obedience to God* that proceeds from faith (Romans 1:5, 16:26).

Don't you think it is time for you to stop listening to liars and start to studying what God says about the matter? We intend no offense, but you need to be thinking for yourself as you let God tell you how to be saved! You do not need to be praying a lie, convincing yourself the lie can save you! We just hope you will take the time to learn what God has said. We are not your judges; you stand before God.

23 Things That Save From Sin Which Ones Are Left Out By Your Pastor?

GOD SPECIFIED 14 THINGS THAT HAVE SOME PART IN SALVATION FROM SIN

Here's the list, with scripture citations and page numbers from our **Free Bible**. (OT#)=Old Testament | (NT#)=New Testament (after OT678).

1. The Father
Isaiah 12:2; Titus 3:4-5; Romans 6:23; 8:33;
1 Timothy 4:10; Ephesians 3:8-19
2. The Son (Jesus Christ)
Matthew 1:21; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 5:8-9; Luke 19:10
3. The Holy Spirit of God
1 Corinthians 6:11; John 14:26; 16:7-13; Ephesians 6:17
4. God's Grace
Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11-12
5. God's Love
John 3:16; 1 John 4:7
6. God's Mercy
Titus 3:5
7. Hope
Romans 8:24; Titus 1:2
8. Life of Christ
Romans 5:10
9. The Cross (Christ's sacrifice)
1 Corinthians 1:18; Galatians 6:14
10. The Blood of Christ (shed on the cross)
Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7, 13-14; Hebrews 9:22;
1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7;
11. The Name of Christ (His authority and dominion)
John 20:30-31; Acts 4:10-12; 10:43
12. The Gospel (contained in the New Testament of the Bible)
Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; James 1:21; 1 Peter 1:23
13. Preachers/Messengers of the gospel of Christ
Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 1:21; 2 Thessalonians 2:14
14. Truth
John 8:31-32; 2 Thessalonians 2:10

THE BIBLE SHOWS 9 WAYS WE RESPOND, EACH ONE SPECIFIED AS EFFECTUAL IN SALVATION

Here's the list, numbered and with scripture citations

1. Hear (the words of the gospel, telling of Jesus, the Christ)
Romans 10:14-17; Proverbs 28:9; Isaiah 55:3; Acts 11:14
2. Faith in Christ (belief that He is the Son of God)
John 3:16; 8:24; Romans 5:1-2; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:6
3. Repentance of sin
Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18; 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10;
4. Confession of faith in Christ
Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 9:26; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:36-37
5. Baptism in water
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 1 Peter 3:21
6. Works that are specified by faith's action in obedience—see #7, below
John 6:28-29; James 2:20-26; 1 John 3:24
7. Obedience (of faith)—see #6, above
Romans 1:5, 16:25-26; Hebrews 5:8-9
8. Endurance (faithfulness to the Lord's will)
Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10
9. Save ourselves (nobody can do it for you)—if not you, then who?
Acts 2:40-41; 2 Corinthians 5:20; James 4:8-10

While you can never be the sole effectual cause of your salvation, YOU must act FOR YOURSELF, based upon Bible teaching.

Which Of These 23 Things Would You Leave Out?

You should be thinking for yourself, letting God's Word guide you. After all, it is the Word that will judge you (John 12:48). Stop letting others think for you (including us)! That's why we've given you this sheet—and we'll even give you a *Free Bible* if you need one—with references to read so that YOU can know for yourself the will of God on this matter.

You have been told: "*Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior by praying the Sinner's Prayer,*" but where do you read that in the Bible? Do you see anything in the above lists of Bible citations that is anywhere close to the lying instruction you are hearing from your Pastor?

We plead with you to think for yourself...learn the truth, and do it!

Ask yourself:

Why will your Pastor NOT just say what Peter said to the sinners at Pentecost who cried out, "*What shall we do?*"?