

"We...know that a man is not justified (i.e. saved) by observing the law (i.e. being good), but by faith in Jesus Christ...By observing the law no one will be justified." (Galatians 2:15-16)

The following is a hypothetical conversation you could have with a person explaining this. In our answers to their questions, we need only quote from the Bible. (The following verses are in the NIV).

Why not?

*"For all have _____ and fall short of the glory of God."
(Romans 3:23)*



So what?

"But your iniquities have _____ you from your God; your sins have _____ his face from you." (Isaiah 59:2)

Why would this be so?

"Your eyes, God, are too _____ to look on evil; you cannot tolerate _____." (Habakkuk 1:13)



All because of a little sin?

"The heart is _____ above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

So no one is good enough to be saved on their own?

*"There is _____ who does good, not even one."
(Romans 3:12)*



Just how good would I have to be to get to heaven on my own?

"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is _____ of breaking all of it." (James 2:10)



I guess I'm in trouble then!

"For the wages of sin is _____." (Romans 6:23)

How can anyone be saved in that case?

"Christ came into the world to save sinners...(He) gave himself as a _____ for all men." (1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6)



"God made Him who had no _____ to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

So what must I do to be saved?



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever _____ in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"To all who _____ him, to those who _____ in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

"If you _____s with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and _____ in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

How do I "receive" Jesus? It's as easy as A,B,C (and D!)

A _____ your need for Christ – that you are a sinner in need of forgiveness, that you are broken and in need of wholeness, that you are lost and need to be found.

"Apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)

B _____ that Jesus died to pay the price for your sins, that he rose again, and is alive today to help you live a new life.

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

C _____ on Jesus through prayer to forgive you and save you. Give him your life. Accept his offer of forgiveness and salvation. Confess your longing that Jesus be the Savior and Lord (i.e. leader) of your life from here on out.

"God, have mercy on me a sinner!" (Luke 18:13)

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

D_____ to become his disciple and follower.

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." (John 14:15)

"Faith without deeds is dead." (James 2:26)

Your new life in Christ can begin by saying a simple prayer of commitment like this:

"Dear God, I know I have sinned in your sight. I have broken your laws and broken your heart by the way I have lived my life. I repent and turn from my sins. I believe Jesus died for my sins, rose from the grave, and is alive forever. I open the door of my heart and life, receiving Jesus Christ as my Savior. I want to follow him as the Lord and Leader of my life. Fill me Holy Spirit of God. Wash away my sins and make me new. Thank you for saving me. Amen."