THE NEXT STEP

THE STEP INTO ETERNAL LIFE

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What is necessary to take the all-important step of salvation?

1. You must understand who Jesus is.

And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone." Mark 10:18

A. Jesus is God in the flesh.

For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form. Colossians 2:9

Jesus answered, "You belong to this world here below, but I come from above. You are from this world, but I am not from this world. That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. And you will die in your sins if you do not believe that "I Am Who I Am"." John 8:23-24 GNB

B. Jesus is God's only Son and man's only Savior.

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

2. You must understand who you are.

"You know the commandments, 'DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER." And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up." Mark 10:19-20

- A. All of us are no-good sinners.
- B. All of us are <u>in desperate need of grace</u>.

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24

3. You must do business with the Lord at the core level.

And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mark 10:21

A. True salvation requires a full surrender to the Lord.

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:2-3

B. True salvation comes <u>His way</u>, not <u>your way</u>.

But at these words his face fell, and he went away grieved, for he was one who owned much property. Mark 10:22

Search your heart: have you taken the step into eternal life?