

Salvation verses from God's Word plus a message from By Billy Graham

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,
⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (MSG)

⁸ Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish!

⁹ We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing!

Romans 6:23 (AMP)

²³ For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (MSG)

²³ Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is *real life*, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

Hebrews 2:3 (NKJV)

³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

Hebrews 2:3 (MSG)

³ do you think we can risk neglecting this latest message, this magnificent salvation? First of all, it was delivered in person by the Master, then accurately passed on to us by those who heard it from him.

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 (MSG)

⁹ Say the welcoming word to God—"Jesus is my Master"—embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation.

¹⁰ With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!"

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

² For He says: *"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you."* Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (MSG)

² God reminds us, I heard your call in the nick of time; The day you needed me, I was there to help. Well, now is the right time to listen, the day to be helped.

"One of the Bible's greatest truths is that God offers us our salvation as a free gift. It isn't something we can buy, nor is it something we can earn by our own good works. The Bible puts it this way: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"But the Bible also tells us two important truths about God's gift of salvation. First, it tells us that it is a costly gift. Think of it this way. Suppose you wanted to express your love for someone by giving them a very fine gift. What would you have to do? Well, you'd first have to go to the store and buy it—and the finer the gift, the more it would cost you. To your friend, it's a free gift, but it wasn't free on your part.

The same is true with God's gift of salvation. To us it's free, but it cost God the life of His Son. The reason is because on the cross Jesus Christ became the final sacrifice for our sins. He paid for our salvation with His blood.

But the Bible also tells us a second truth: Like any other gift, God's gift of salvation doesn't become ours until we accept it. Just as we can refuse the gift someone offers us, so we can refuse God's gift of salvation. But why would we? Don't let this happen to you, but by faith reach out and accept Christ into your life today."

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