



Membership

Belonging to Christ's family mean you first belong to Jesus Christ. The following summarizes the good news of salvation in Christ alone.

Our Salvation

Step One - Recognizing Our Need

At Highlands we believe every man is separated from God. What separates us? Our sin. Manifestations of our sin include sinful attitudes, actions and words, and our sin nature. Everyone stands guilty before God and there's nothing we can personally do to take away our own guilt.

As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one... (Romans 10:3 NIV)

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23a NIV)

Step Two - Results of Sin

Sin produces in disastrous consequences of eternal separation from God. In Adam's sin all mankind fell, inherited a sin nature and the consequent alienation from God and came under the judicial sentence of death. At Highlands, we believe in a literal Hell. This motivates us to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

For the wages of sin is death... (Romans 6:23a NIV)

Step Three - Remedy for Sin

Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. Though He was truly God and God's sinless Son, he became a human, took our place, and paid the penalty of our sin, bridging the gap between God and us.

...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23b NIV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16 NIV)

Step Four - Rebirth by God

When Christ comes into our lives, the Bible says we are "born again." Two things happen! First, our sins are forgiven; past, present and future. Secondly, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us and give us eternal life.

In reply Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.' (John 3:3 NIV)

...for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13 NIV)

Final Phase - REMOVING All Doubt

We have life in Christ!

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13 NIV)

We have forgiveness in Jesus Christ!

An by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never

take away his sins. But when this priest has offered for all time once sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. (Hebrews 10:10-12)

But each person must make a choice.

Have you received Jesus Christ and trusted Him alone for forgiveness and eternal life?

We encourage you to do the following:

1. Admit your need - you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
2. Be willing to turn from trusting in anything else for eternal life and trust only in the Lord Jesus Christ, the author and giver of eternal life.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross, came back to life from the grave, and is your only way to heaven.
4. Accept Jesus' offer to forgive your sins and come into your life as your personal Lord and Savior.

You may want to tell Him in words like these:

"Dear Jesus,
Thank you for making it possible for me to find peace with God! I believe that when you died you were paying the penalty for my sins. I now receive you into my life as my God and Savior, so I can have forgiveness and never-ending life from God! Thank you for the gift of eternal life!"