

God's Immortality Program

Inviting You to Reign with Jesus in the Kingdom and Live Forever

The biblical program of salvation begins with repentance (a complete change of mind orientating ourselves to God's immortality plan for us and the world) — repentance before God and faith (belief) in Christ Jesus (Acts 20:21). Repentance means responding not only to the death and resurrection of Jesus, but to Jesus' own missionary and evangelistic Gospel *about the Kingdom* (Mark 1:14-15; Acts 8:12, etc.). We prove our repentance by our obedience (Acts 26:20) and by grasping the Kingdom of God Gospel (Matt. 13:11, 19; Luke 8:12, etc.) and living from it.

Repentance means committing ourselves to obedience to Jesus and his teachings/words (Heb. 5:9; 1 Tim. 6:3), what Paul called "the obedience of faith" (Rom. 1:5; 16:26). The Lord Jesus taught that the road to life is "narrow" and demanding and only a "few" will find it (Matt. 7:13-14). Some believe they are "saved," but afterwards fall away (Luke 8:13; John 6:66; 1 Tim. 1:19 etc.), and are thus not saved! In other words, after initial commitment to the Kingdom Gospel as Jesus preached it (Mark 1:14-15), we must endure to the "end" to enter the Kingdom of God, when it comes at Jesus' return (Matt. 10:22; Heb. 3:14). We escape the lake of fire (Rev. 2:10-11). Eternal life ("life in the age to come") comes through the spirit as a "downpayment" to those who believe Jesus' Gospel of the Kingdom (Mark 1:14-15). This happens when believers accept the Gospel of the Kingdom as Jesus preached it, *including* of course Jesus' death and resurrection, for salvation (Mark 1:14-15; John 3:16; 6:47; 1 John 5:12-13; Acts 8:12). A much fuller gift of the spirit will be granted to the saved at the resurrection when immortality is finally bestowed on the faithful of all the ages. This will happen at Jesus' return (1 Cor. 15: 22, 23).

It is important to emphasize one aspect of salvation since many seem unaware of it. This is because of the very misleading teaching about "eternal security" ("once saved always saved"). According to apostolic teaching, eternal life is also a hope (Titus 3:7), yet to be realized (Gal. 6:8-9) in the age to come of the Kingdom (Mark 10:30; Rom. 13:11). Life forever is only for the ones who persist in doing good (Rom. 2:7) and do not grow weary and give up (Gal. 6:9; Luke 8:13).

If a "saved" person sows to gratify his sinful nature he will reap death (Rom. 8:13; Gal. 6:8-9). The prodigal son is a clear example of this (Luke 15:24, 32). The end result of sin is death in the lake of fire, so *do not be deceived!* (James 1:14-16). Hebrews chapters 6 and 10 are warnings describing the fate of those who do not persist to the end. God has promised never to forsake us as we remain faithful to Him until the Son returns. ✧