

Qualified by GOD

Text: Colossians 1:12 (AMP)

Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.

[Hebrews 9:22](#) says, "Without shedding of blood there is no remission." [I John 1:7](#) tells us that "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin." God, in choosing the cleansing agent for our sins, **chose the very best that He had, the blood of His own Son.** It is by the precious blood of our Lord, that we are cleansed from all of our sins. [Revelation 1:5](#) says, "To Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Yes, it is only by the blood of our Lord, that we get our sins washed away. [John 19:34](#) says, "But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out." Jesus shed His blood for us, in His death, when He died on the cruel cross of Calvary.

How do we come into contact with that cleansing blood, which our Lord shed **in his death**, in order to have our sins washed away? [Romans 6:3](#) tells us how. "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death?**" Since Christ shed His blood in His death, when a person is **baptized into our Lord's death**, it is there that he comes into contact with the blood of Christ and his sins are then washed away. Baptism is the only means of reaching His death where His blood was shed, so we can have forgiveness of our sins. So, when Ananias told Paul in [Acts 22:16](#), "And now why are you waiting? **Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins,**" it was the blood of Christ that washed away Paul's sins when he was baptized.

There are many differing humanly devised plans of salvation with their flowery theological phrases. One of these says all you have to do is "accept Jesus as your personal saviour" and then "say the sinner's prayer" to be saved. Others say you must be sprinkled, or touch the radio, or speak in an unknown tongue in order to be saved. There is not a verse in the Bible that teaches any of this. All of these are false and become a mockery of God and what He says in the Bible. But as we are told in [Galatians 1:7](#), "But there are some who trouble you and want to **pervert the gospel of Christ.**" These perverted humanly invented plans of salvation will result in many good people being lost. If people would only study the Bible for themselves to see what God requires to be saved so they can go to Heaven.

Salvation does not originate with men but with God. The Lord's salvation is offered on His terms, not ours. To refuse the Lord's terms of salvation and pardon is to forfeit eternal life in Heaven.

Have you been baptized to have your sins washed away by the blood of Christ? If you haven't, then you still have every sin that you have ever committed. Your sins have separated you from God. With your sins you can't go to Heaven to be with God when you die, but you will have to go to the eternal punishment of Hell where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth forever and ever. You may have been baptized into a denominational church, but not for remission of your sins so you can be saved. If you have not been baptized for the remission of your sins, so that you can be saved, then the blood of Christ will be of no benefit to you, and Christ's death for you was in vain. But please take advantage of Christ having died for you. Only you can do this for yourself.

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Qualified:

- Made ready for heaven
- Sanctified by obeying Jesus words
- Saved

Two Points:

1. Only God Can Qualify a Soul To Go To Heaven
2. No Man Can Qualify Man To Enter Heaven

Point #1: Only God Can Qualify a Soul To Go To Heaven

- Matthew 7:21 (KJV)
- Hebrews 5:8-9 (KJV)

Matthew 7:21 (KJV)

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Hebrews 5:8-9 (KJV)

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Point #2: No Man Can Qualify Man To Enter Heaven

- Matthew 15:8-9 (KJV)
- Colossians 2:8 (KJV)
- II Corinthians 11:12-15 (LNT)

Matthew 15:8-9 (KJV)

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.
9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

Colossians 2:8 (KJV)

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

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II Corinthians 11:12-15 (LNT)

[12](#) And what I do I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do.

[13](#) For such men are false prophets, deceitful work-men, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

[14](#) And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

[15](#) So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

INVITATION

1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.