



**PENTECOSTALS  
OF JORDAN  
LEVEL 1  
Seven Steps of  
Salvation**

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## INTRODUCTION

### The Means of Grace

Suppose a man who cannot swim falls overboard. Suppose his friend in the boat throws him a lifeline and pulls him to safety. Who or what saved the drowning man? His friend? The lifeline? The life Preserver? The boat? Or did the man save himself? The answer, of course, is that his friend saved him, the lifeline, and the life preserver, and the boat saved him, He also saved himself.



This simple parable helps us understand that it is as foolish to say that we are saved by grace alone, as it would be for the drowning man to claim that any one of the above means saved him without other intervention. The Bible certainly does teach that we are saved by grace. But it also teaches that God used means. These means are called by theologians, the “means of grace”. This paper lists seven of God’s chosen

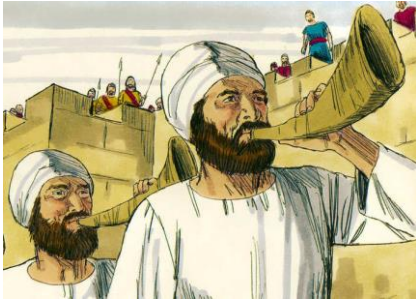
“means of grace”, and is intended to be a quick reference and teaching tool.

On these pages I have compiled pertinent portions of the pure Word of God to show how God saves us by his grace. When the truth of salvation by grace is better understood, the doctrine of easy believism loses its siren appeal.

## FOREWORD

### The Significance of Seven

The number was sacred for the ancient Jews and played a prominent role in their religious life. The children of Israel



obeyed God's command to march around the city of Jericho once each day for six days and the seventh day they walked around Jericho seven times.

At the sound of the trumpet, when they shouted a great shout, the city walls crumbled.

(Joshua 6:4) Elisha sent his messenger/servant to Naaman the leper, captain of the Syrian army, to tell him to wash seven times in the Jordan River, He obeyed and he was healed (II Kings 5:10).



The Word of God declares, And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the

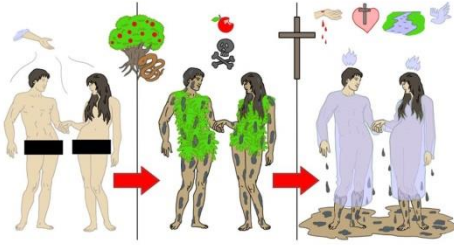
seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. (Genesis 2:2-3)

The number seven indicated perfection and symbolizes completeness or wholeness. In this Bible study we show the necessity of these basic seven progressive steps of salvation. Without all of the seven steps there is no salvation.



## STEP 1

### Saved by Grace Definition of Grace

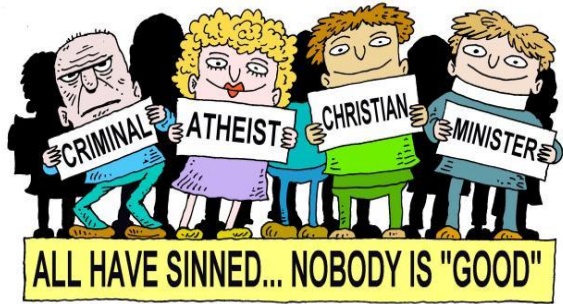


1. The unmerited love and favor of God;
  2. A state of reconciliation with God.
- Someone said that “grace” stands for Great

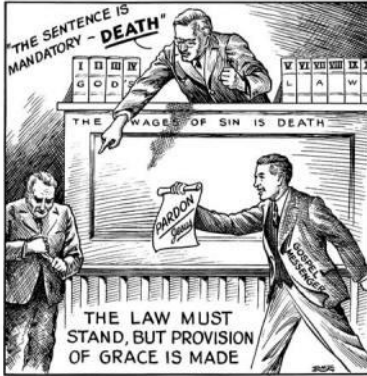
Redemption At Christ’s Expense (G.R.A.C.E.).

**Rom 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Rom 3:24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:



**Tit 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,



**Eph 2:5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (*by grace ye are saved;*)

We can not be saved without the grace of God. The unmerited favor of God gives us the privilege of being saved, but we are not saved by grace alone and apart from God's chosen means.

Ephesians 2:8 —"For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

## STEP 2 Saved by Faith

### *Definition of Faith:*

1. Confidence or trust;
2. Spiritual acceptance of truth;
3. Belief in God.

### *Definition of Believe:*

1. To be fully persuaded;
2. To put all confidence in.

**Eph 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**1Pe 1:9** Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
- ROMANS 5:2 KJV

*To be saved we must have faith in God.*

**Heb 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**Mar 16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;  
but he *that believeth not shall be damned.*



**Jas 2:19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

**Jas 2:20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

When someone says, “I believe,” it doesn’t necessarily mean that they are saved, because devils also believe. Devils are definitely not saved. There is more to salvation than saying, “I believe in God.”

Romans 10:10—”. . . with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth \_\_\_\_\_ is made unto salvation. “

## STEP 3

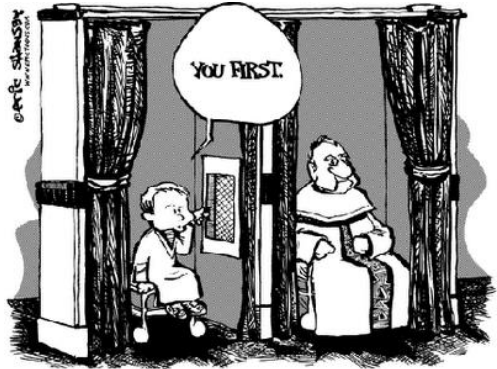
### Saved by Confession

#### *Definition of Confession:*

1. To disclose sins or faults to God;
2. To unburden the conscience;
3. To acknowledge guilt, wrong-doing or sinfulness;
4. To admit to unbecoming deeds.

Remember Romans 10:10

**Rom 10:10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and *with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*



Someone once said, “*Confession is good for the soul.*”

Make a list of some things in your life that you know displease God.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Jas 5:16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Confession involves transparency and honesty. Confession will lead us to the salvation of our souls. We should not only confess our sins...

**Proverbs 28:13** —”He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever confesses and \_\_\_\_\_ them shall have mercy.”

## STEP 4

### Saved by Repentance

**Definition of Repentance:** 1. To change one's mind; 2. To turn around; 3. To forsake sin; 4. To make an about face.



Remember: **Pro 28:13** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

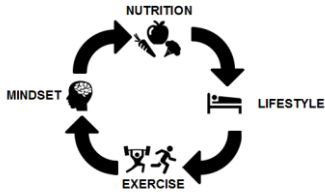
It's not enough to merely confess our sins. We must turn from sin to be saved.

**2Co 7:10** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

**Luk 13:3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

**2Pe 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Repentance is more than being sorry for one's sins.

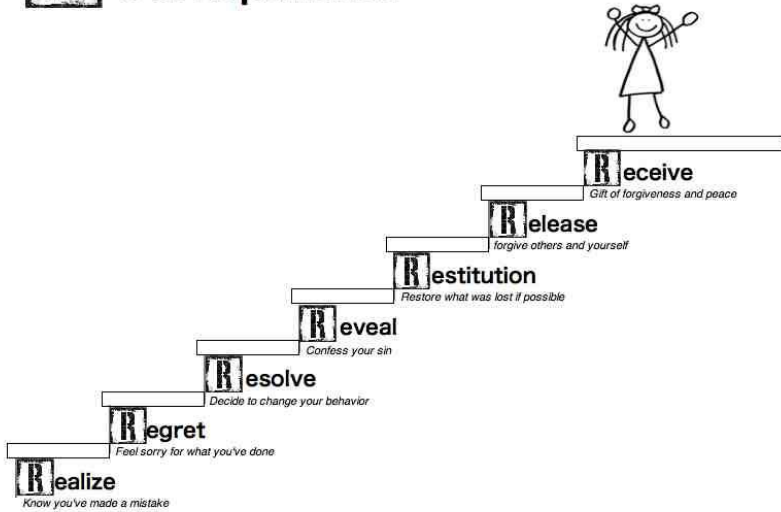


Repentance involves a lifestyle-mindset, attitude adjustment. It is exciting to turn away from the old life of sin and condemnation!

We must not stop here. **Acts 2:38**

—”Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be  
 \_\_\_\_\_ everyone of you. .”

## **R**'s of Repentance





## Step 5

### Saved by Baptism

**Definition of Baptism:** 1. To dip, plunge, or submerge; 2. A religious ceremony signifying spiritual purification by immersion in water.

**1Pe 3:21** The like figure whereunto *even baptism* doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**Mar 16:16** He that believeth and is *baptized* shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

What is the scriptural formula for water baptism?

**Act 8:16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the *name of the Lord Jesus.*)

**Act 10:48** And he commanded them to be *baptized in the name of the Lord.* Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**Act 22:16** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the *name of the Lord.*

**Act 10:43** To him give all the prophets witness, that through *his name* whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

**Luk 24:47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in *his name* among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Why is the name of Jesus so important in water baptism?  
(Read Acts 4:12 and Colossians 3:17.)

**Act 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Col 3:17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

*Acts 2:38—“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

### **Water Baptism According to the Bible**

There is one Lord, one faith and **one baptism (Ephesians4:5)**. There is only one **Bible way** to be baptized. Have you been baptized right?

**WATER:** “*Can any man forbid **water** that these should not be baptized?*” Acts 10:47

**MUCH WATER:** “*John also was baptizing at Aenon... because there was **much water** there.*” John 3:23

**INTO THE WATER:** “*And they went both down **into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*” Acts 8:38

**OUT OF THE WATER:** “...they were come up *out of the water...*” Acts 8: 39

**BURIED IN WATER:** “...we are *buried* with Him by *baptism into death...*” Romans 6:4

**PLANTED IN WATER:** “... we have *planted* together in the *likeness of His death...*” Romans 6:5



Jesus said, “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*” (Mark 16:16) Peter said there were 8 saved by water in Noah’s time—the like figure even “*baptism doth also now save us.*” (1 Peter 3:20,21)

Peter, having the keys to the kingdom , said, “*Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.*” (Acts 2:38) Since **baptism** is important to salvation, and **that immersion and not sprinkling** is the **Bible method**, don’t you think you should be baptized right before it is too late?

### **Water Baptism According to the Church Leaders**

“*The word „baptize” signifies immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the primitive church.*” **John Calvin**, Presbyterian

“*Baptism is a Greek word, and may be translated „immerse.” I would have those who are to be baptized to be altogether dipped.*” **Martin Luther**, Lutheran.

I baptized you in the  
name of the Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. Amen



*“The Bible term, buried with Him by baptism alludes to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion.”* **John Wesley**, Methodist

*“Immersion, was in all probability the way in which our blessed Savior, and for certain the way in which all early Christians were baptized.”* **Wall**, Episcopal

*“For the first thirteen hundred years, baptism was an immersion of the person under water.”* **Brenner**, Catholic

*“The word „baptize” has only one meaning. It signifies to plunge. Baptism and immersion are identical. To say baptism by sprinkling would be to say immersion by sprinkling.”*

**Stoudza**, a native Greek

*“The ancient did not sprinkle the candidate, but immersed him.”* **Jeremiah**, A Greek patriot

*“It is certain that the word buried in the text Romans 6:4 alludes to the matter of baptizing by immersion.”* **Whitfield**, Methodist

## **Baptism in Jesus' Name according to the Bible**

**JESUS TAUGHT:** *“That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name beginning at Jerusalem.”*

Luke 24:27

**PETER OBEYED:** *Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”* Acts

2:38-39

**SAMARITANS:** *“...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”* Acts 8:16

**GENTILES ARE COMMANDED:** *“He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”* (RV) Acts 10:45

**PAUL RE-BAPTIZED:** *“...when they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”* Acts 19:3-5

**NO OTHER NAME FOR SALVATION:** *“...there is none other name under heaven whereby we must be saved.”* Acts 4:10-12

**EVERYTHING DONE IN JESUS'NAME:** *“Whatever you do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

Colossians 3:17

The above scriptures are not given to refute Matthew 28:19 where Jesus told the Apostles to baptize in the name of the

Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They merely show how the command was interpreted and obeyed by them.

The Apostles knew what most religious leaders of today fail to recognize. First, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the family name (Eph. 3:15). Second, that the fullness of the Godhead (diety or God) dwelleth bodily in Christ (Col.2:9).

They knew the name of the Son was Jesus (Matt.1:21). They knew that the Son came in the Father's name (John 5:43). They also knew that the Holy Ghost was the Spirit of Christ and would come in Jesus' name (John 14:26).

The name Jesus means Jehovah Salvation. (Fausets Bible Encyclopedia, page 359)

### **Baptism in Jesus' Name according to History**

*"The baptismal formula was changed from the name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son & Holy Ghost by the Catholic Church in the second century."* **Britannica Encyclopedia**  
11th Edition Vol. 3 Pg. 365-366

*"Everywhere in the oldest sources it states that baptism took place in the name of Jesus Christ."* **Britannica Encyclopedia**  
Vol. 3 Pg. 82

*"The early church always baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until the development of the Trinity doctrine in the second century."* **Canney Encyclopedia Of Religion** Pg. 53

*“Here the Catholic acknowledged that baptism was changed by the Catholic Church.”* **Catholic Encyclopedia** Vol. 2 pg. 263

*“Christian baptism was administered using the words, “In the name of Jesus.”* **Hastings Encyclopedia Of Religion** Vol. 2 Pg. 377

*“The use of a Trinitarian formula of any sort was not suggested in early church history.”* **Hastings EOR** Vol. 2 Pg. 378

*“Baptism was always in the name of the Lord Jesus until the time Justin Martyr when the Triune formula was used.”* **Hastings EOR** Vol. 2 Pg. 389

*“Justin Martyr was one of the early fathers of the Roman Catholic Church.”* **Catholic Encyclopedia** Vol. 8

*“NAME was an ancient synonym for “person.” Payment was always made in the name of some person referring to ownership. Therefore, one being baptized in Jesus’ name because His personal property. „Ye are Christ.””* **Hastings EOR** Vol. 2, Pg. 377 Acts 2:38

*“The term Trinity was originated by Tertullian, a Roman Catholic Church father.* **New International Encyclopedia** Vol. 22, Pg. 477





## STEP 6

### Saved by the Holy Spirit

Jesus told Nicodemus, “. . . *except a man be **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God* “ (**John 3:5**).

Nicodemus asked Jesus, “*How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?*” (**John 3:6**).

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “*Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God*” (**John 3:5**).

**Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.



**Rom 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

How do I know if I have received the Spirit of God?  
What is the initial physical evidence?

Read about the new birth experience on the day of Pentecost. (**Acts 2:1-4**.)

**Act 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

**Act 2:2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

**Act 2:3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

**Act 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Acts 10:44-46** — *“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word. And they of the circumcision which helieved were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. . .”* **Read Acts 19:1-6**

**Act 19:1** And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

**Act 19:2** He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

**Act 19:3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

**Act 19:4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

**Act 19:5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Act 19:6** And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.



## STEP 7

### Saved by Endurance

#### Definition of Endurance:

1. The act, quality, or power of withstanding hardship.
2. The state or fact of persevering.
3. Continuing existence; duration.

The writer of Hebrews referred to the Christian life as a race.

**Heb 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



To finish the Christian race we must keep running and enduring.

It is not enough to begin this race by having faith, confessing sins, forsaking sins, being baptized in Jesus' name and receiving the Holy Spirit. We must continue on with the Lord.

**Matthew 10:22** And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

**Matthew 24:13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

**2Timothy 2:3** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

**Heb 12:7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

**Jas 1:12** Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.