

You can have God's free gift of eternal life right now by prayerfully agreeing with God that you are a sinner that deserves His judgment, and then asking Him to forgive you because of what Jesus did for you. The Lord Jesus Christ died to become your Saviour – let him save your soul right now! The Bible says, "***But as many as received him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name***" (John 1:12). "***That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved***" (Romans 10:9,13).

Here is a simple prayer you may pray to be saved: "Dear God. Be merciful to me a sinner. I know I don't deserve to go to heaven because of my sins, and I know I will never be good enough for heaven, but I do believe the Lord Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and rose again to prove He was God, and had power over both sin and death! I trust Him now as my perfect Saviour. And I thank You for saving my soul and coming into my life! Amen."

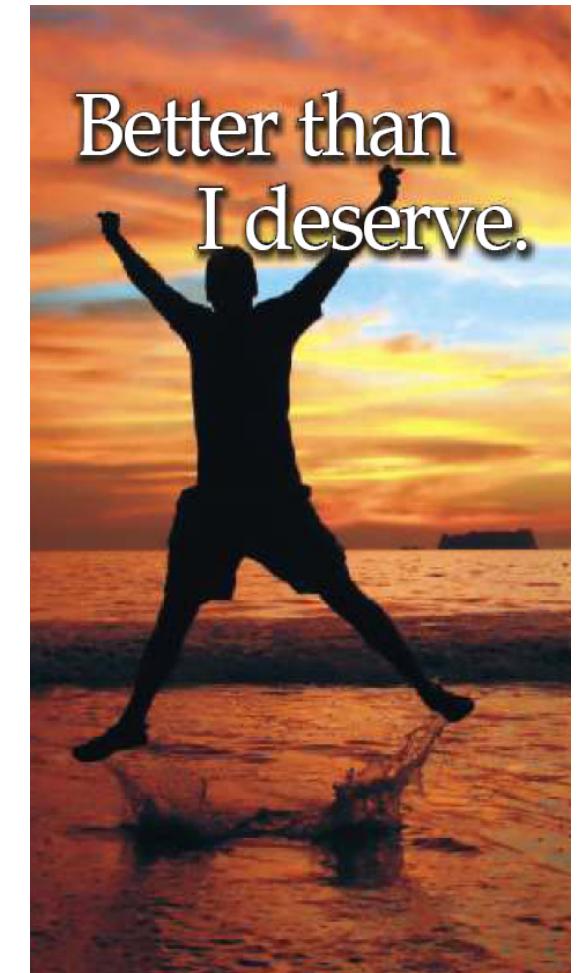
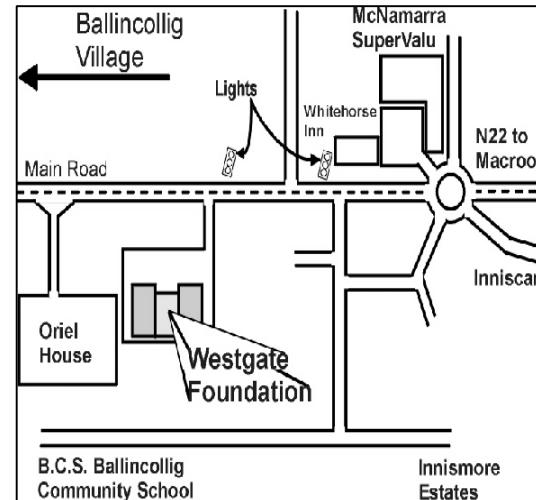
Let us know if you have just prayed that prayer so we can rejoice with you and help you start growing through the study of the Bible!



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"How are you doing?"

"I'm doing better than I deserve."

Yes, that's right! The truth is, I'd hate to think of what I'd get if I got what I deserved!

The word deserve means "to be worthy of." It is only found two times in the Bible:

- Job 11:6 ...*God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.*
- Ezra 9:13 ...*God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve...*

Each Scripture conveys the idea of someone deserving worse than what they were getting because of their sins.

I just know that if I got what I deserved for my sins, I would be burning in hell.

You may be thinking, "You must have committed some very serious sins!" It doesn't matter how bad a person's sins are, or how many sins they have committed - it only takes **one sin** to send a person to hell.

The fact is, we are all sinners, regardless of the number of sins we have committed, "**For there is NO DIFFERENCE: For ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**" (Romans 3:22-23).

For God to be righteous, every sin must be punished. And the penalty that God has placed on sin is ... "**The wages of sin is death**" (Romans 6:23).

According to the Bible, there are two kinds of deaths: 1) the physical death of the body; 2) and eternal damnation - the second death, "**And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is THE SECOND DEATH. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire**" (Revelation 20:14-15).

But, here is the GOOD NEWS – Yes, God is just and perfectly righteous, but God is also very MERCIFUL! "**It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed...**" (Lamentations 3:22). The only reason we are not in hell right now is because of the mercy and love of God toward us.

King David said it this way, "**He (God) hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities**" (Psalm 103:10). God has not dealt with us according to our sins because He has already punished Another Person for our sins - The Lord Jesus Christ – HE took the punishment for our sins on Himself, upon the cross!

The fact is, Jesus took the punishment you and I deserved! "**Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...**" (1 Peter 3:18).



Anyone who goes to heaven, goes because of God's grace, not because of their best efforts. Grace is the "unmerited, undeserved favour of God."

What are any of us worthy of? Jacob in the Bible admitted, "**I am not worthy of the least of all [Gods'] mercies..**" (Genesis 32:10). Any blessing, or restraint of judgment is because of the grace and mercy of a loving God!

The Bible says, "**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast**" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Eternal life is "**the GIFT of God**" that comes only through Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23).

Dear friend, as long as you think you deserve God's favour and blessings, you will never see heaven. God in His mercy hasn't yet given you what you deserve (hell); and in His grace, He has given you something you don't deserve - an opportunity to be saved from hell from this moment on if you'll only believe it!

So, you have a choice: Do you want what you rightfully deserve (judgment for your sins in hell), or would you rather receive what you don't deserve (complete forgiveness because of Jesus Christ)? God has given you this opportunity to accept His free offer of salvation through His Son. Will you receive it?