

# Salvation

Salvation is made possible by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, a person is separated from God and His unconditional love, grace and mercy for all eternity. Without Jesus, you will live in a place called hell for eternity. However, God loved you so much that He made a way for your sins to be paid for and forgiven, and for you to be saved.

***John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.***

The word used here is ***pisteuo***, meaning "***to believe/trust.***" It carries a dual meaning. Many people believe in the existence of Jesus--they believe He was a real person, a historical figure. Jesus was a smart guy--He knew His language and could have chosen other words, but He chose a word with a dual meaning. Jesus was saying simply this "you must BELIEVE I am who I say I am, and TRUST Me to do what I say I'll do."

Everyone, except Jesus, has sinned. Paul, who wrote the book of Romans, said in Romans 3:23, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." You cannot be good enough on your own to save yourself, even if you think you are a good person. In Romans 6:23, Paul states, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus turn from sin and our old way of thinking (which is called repentance), and turn to God for forgiveness. Acts 3:19 says, "Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

The reason God has placed us on earth is to come to know Jesus Christ and live a life devoted to Him. Jesus is God and the only way to have true freedom in life. If you recognized that you don't have a relationship with Christ, He wants to save you.

***If you would like to speak with someone regarding this issue, we would love to help. You can contact the church office at (260) 347-3923 or email [care@gcckendallville.com](mailto:care@gcckendallville.com)***