



**Spiritual Warfare Again
What Growing in Christ Really Does!
Acts 19:13-20**

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When we were last with Paul in Ephesus, we discovered there was a group of Jewish exorcists in town trying to make use of the name of Jesus while engaging in spiritual warfare. The big problem though, this was being done without knowing Him personally.

They were playing with fire and had no idea what that could do to them. Many today are doing the same. Here, the story became very public and had impacts beyond what the enemy expected.



We also discover something interesting about those who decide to play around with intelligent evil in the unseen realm. When the fallen ones are brought out into the light and it become impossible to deny their existence. Unbelievers today either ignore it or make horror films from it. Spiritual warfare is serious business, and you ignore its existence at your own peril.

For the serious follower of Jesus, we know we are already on the victorious side. We engage everyday from the position of victory and wear God's own armor which He has provided us.

Spiritual warfare, when it is exposed, also takes those who are new or carnal believers, and many decide to quit playing games. What we see happening in Ephesus is a spiritual power encounter between Satan's forces and the Lord. Everyone has suddenly learned that the name of Jesus, has authority; and this is not something to be playing games with. That idea today, scares many in the church to death. The reason?

The believing church is bending under the weight of its own rationalism, a modern worldview that would be foreign to the biblical writers. Traditional Christian teaching has for centuries kept the unseen world at arm's length. We believe in the Godhead because there's no point to Christianity without it. The rest of the unseen world is handled with a whisper or a chuckle. (Heiser 2025, 13)

The church of the 21st century is a church of games. Folks today want to say they have their fire insurance yet still cling to the trappings of their old life and make excuses for why. This is a 2000 year old problem. "The temptation is still present to syncretize a newfound faith with pre-Christian ways of using "power" to cope with life. Whether it be worship and manipulation of the new power levers of secularization—money, education, science, technology—or the traditional practices of occult magic in their time-honored or New Age form, those who live under Jesus' lordship must sooner or later come to terms with any compromise in these matters and follow the Ephesian Christians' example of making a clean break with their "power" past." (Larkin Jr. 1995, Ac 19:11-20)

When demons beat up folks who are misusing the name of Jesus Christ, the news flash hits hard. The question to be answered, where are you on the scale of serious follower of Jesus on one end to just playing around with Jesus on the other. Events like what took place with the so-called exorcists wakes people up. The unseen realm is real and that bothers most of us.

For those of us who are serious followers of Jesus, it reminds of how short the time truly is and we double down on our efforts involving the Great Commission.

For those in the middle, it means time for a decision. As followers of Christ, it is always time for a decision as we grow and become more like Him. That process is called sanctification, and it means time to grow some more. Perhaps off-loading preconceived notions of what we thought was real versus what is truly real.

Then there are those who are shocked that their faith, whether new or old, is real. The wake-up call has hit home.

We have had several of those wake-up calls in the past few years. First there was 9/11 and suddenly, the churches filled up and everyone had questions. But after a few weeks, with the encouragement of the enemy, that all went away.

Then there is the increasing amount of persecution being dumped onto followers of Jesus Christ in some jurisdictions in this nation. Followed closely by the entire covid fiasco. And there has been other wake up calls as well. Most ignored in the west.



Globally, the persecution of Christians is at an all-time high.

The latest wake-up call has been the realization that as a follower of Jesus Christ, martyrdom is now a serious consideration in this nation thanks to the martyrdom of Charlie Kirk. And once again, there are some who are looking to get serious about their faith.

The discovery of groups intentionally targeting ministry, will do that.

This wake-up call has also shown us just how seriously polarized our culture has become. Revival is needed desperately. What revival means is that those who name the name of Jesus, must get serious about who it is they are following and start living for Him. Or in just a few years' time, be prepared to move underground and join much of the church around the world as a hunted and hated entity.

You see, there is indeed a growing religion in this nation as well as in the world who has, genocide, as one of its core beliefs. Something we see them actively doing in Nigeria, Syria, Sudan, and there is now a growing threat in Uganda as well as in Europe.

How many more wake up calls will there be? Is the next one the rapture of the church? If you haven't been serious for Jesus before then, suddenly seeing all of us who are serious about living for Him being gone, would be a serious wake up call.

Here is the question, and we will see it answered here in the text. Whenever we see the powers of darkness confronted by the Lord, how do we react? How should we live in the light of the reality of the unseen realm and spiritual forces out there that want you and me dead? Let's back up a couple of verses and pick up in our text in Acts 19.

Paul has been doing miracles, lots of miracles. Power from the Holy Spirit is on full display. Satan has also been doing his thing as well as seen with an increase, apparently in demonization in town.

Acts 19:13–20

"But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had the evil spirits, saying, 'I order you in the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches!' Now there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, doing this. But the evil spirit responded and said to them, 'I recognize Jesus, and I know of Paul, but who are you?' **And the man in whom was the evil spirit, pounced on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known to all who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. Also many of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they added up the prices of the books and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord was growing and prevailing mightily." (NASB 2020)**

There were three results that came from the power encounters being seen in Ephesus. First off, we see the name of Jesus Christ is glorified. The actions of the enemy backfired and many came to Christ.

The second thing we see here in the text is those who are followers of Jesus but had not fully rejected the former lifestyle they enjoyed, they were operating like many casual Christians do today. They now know they have been playing fast and loose with the things of the world and the occult; and seeing the impact of what they are messing with, revival strikes the church in Ephesus. Once again, the tactics of the enemy, backfire. The third thing, revival and rejection of the old life.



Acts 19:18

“Also many of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.”
(NASB 2020)

Revival looks like those who name the name of Jesus Christ, dumping the games and getting serious about God. They realize that checking out your horoscope each morning is not harmless fun, but is Satanic occultism, literally a gateway to the enemies' world. We need to see the reality of the unseen realm and stop believing the lies of the enemy. Wow, Ken, that is so intolerant of you.

Yes, it is, and I will not apologize for it. Let me warn you, I have just gotten started.

Revival is a realization, an understanding that many of us, just as in Ephesus, are still learning how to follow Jesus. We are still involved in pulling away from a non-Biblical world view, which is why we are gathering together to study the Bible in order to develop a Biblical Worldview. Revival accelerates that process.

This is one of those sections of scripture which show us what Jesus does in the life of the believer when we finally get it. All of us, before coming to Christ, have a distorted world view. That distorted worldview is accepting of many things that are not exactly found in the Bible, but we have been lied to enough in our culture by phony bologna so called Christians as well as by the culture that we accept them as being ok. Most have a worldview that has a little Jesus in it, a little Hinduism, a little Buddhism and a lot of self-centered self-actualization as well. Call it a Syncretic Worldview.

Case in point, “God helps those who help themselves.” “That is not in the Bible, it originated from Algernon Sydney in 1698 in an article titled Discourses Concerning Government. Whatever the original source of this saying, the Bible teaches the opposite.” (Got Questions Ministries 2002-2013)

Romans 5:6

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” (NET 2nd ed.)

George Barna reports the following.

“Parents, pastors, teachers, and other spiritual influencers sometimes resist believing that just **one out of 10 theologically-identified born-again Christians possess a biblical worldview**, and that the incidence is even smaller among other, more common segments of the Christian community and of church congregations,” he commented. “This research may help us to understand that someone simply saying they are Christian or believe in God may not mean the same thing to each party in that conversation. As disappointing as it may be, there really is a need to clarify terms and to return to basics to ensure that there is great clarity and mutuality in the beliefs among those who are thought of as the Church,” he said. (Barna 2025)

Why spend time talking about this? Because we are living in Ephesus. Many of us are growing in the Lord and learning what it means to really have a Biblical worldview. But there are issues in the church at large, maybe there are some things we need to get straight with Him as well.

Among regular churchgoers, three in five (61%) rightfully contend that God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect, loving, and just Creator of the universe who continues to rule it today. That figure is down from 68 percent in 2023.

New Age/Mysticism (17%, up from 12% in 2023): These respondents believe that “god” refers to the total realization of personal, human potential or a state of higher consciousness that a person may reach.



Agnosticism (11%): These respondents believe that a higher power may exist, but nobody really knows for certain.

General Uncertainty (5%): These respondents do not know enough about God to describe Him.

Polytheism (4%): These respondents believe there are many gods, each with different purposes and authority.

Pantheism (3%): These respondents believe that everyone is god. (G. Barna 2025, 8)

Acts 19:18

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(NASB 2020)

This has been going on for almost 2000 years. As we grow in Christ, as we realize who He is and what we have been engaged in and thought was, okay; we discover it may not be as okay as we thought.

Intolerance to false teaching and false theology as well as false gods used to be rather clear cut, but even the people in Ephesus had difficulty shedding their old worldview in favor of the new one in Christ.

Today, there are voices that “demand” we tolerate their lifestyles, teachings, and their insistence on imposing those ideas on everyone else.

Nobody has a moral obligation from God to respect, honor, or tolerate an idea in someone else’s mind. I will tolerate you as you consent to this idea, but I will not respect or condone the idea you consent to. **False concepts deserve to be exposed for the well-being of human persons, especially in matters of human salvation in which life and death hinges upon the words of Jesus.** (Bancarz and Peck 2018, 262-263)

Paul would later write back to the folks in Ephesus on this idea of playing around with the wrong spirits.

Ephesians 5:11–17

“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” **Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”** (ESV)

As followers of Jesus, we are to not play with the things that are of Satan, the occult, spiritism, new age, and on and on.

The Bible does not teach religious pluralism but teaches there is only one way to heaven and that is Jesus Christ.

John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (ESV)

There is no such thing as reincarnation. There is no such thing as everyone gets to heaven, hell is a real place, and many are on their way there. We are not to play around with or get sucked into the deceptions of the world and the enemy.



My job as a pastor is to warn when I see avenues of deception that are being offered in the world.

And yes, horoscopes are one of those avenues. Other things we play around with other than astrology includes Ouija boards, tarot cards, and the desire to obtain spiritual power.

There are even “churches” today that use new age and occult practices to mislead. For example, we are told that the Holy Spirit is the one who distributes spiritual gifts. No where are we told in the Bible that there is a need to activate those gifts. That would be the old man, the flesh, trying to obtain something that is only in the purview of the Holy Spirit to give. Chuck Smith calls it charisma.

“Charisma is a beautiful, natural anointing of God's Spirit upon a person's life, enabling him or her to do the work of God. It is that special dynamic of God's Spirit by which a person seems to radiate God's glory and love.

Charismania is an endeavor in the flesh to simulate charisma. It is any effort to do the work of the Spirit in the energies or abilities of the flesh—the old, selfish nature of a person. It is a spiritual hype that substitutes perspiration for inspiration. It is the use of the genius, energy and gimmicks of man as a substitute for the wisdom and ability of God. It can be demonstrated in such widely divergent forms as planning and strategy sessions, devising programs for church growth, raising funds for the church budget, or wild and disorderly outbursts in tongues that disrupt the Sunday morning message. Whatever lacks a sound biblical basis and demonstrates a lack of trust in the Holy Spirit to accomplish His purposes in the church apart from the devices and abilities of man is the work of the flesh.” (Smith 2000, Kindle Location 56)

1 Corinthians 12:7–11

“But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. **But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.**” (NASB 2020)

God's will, His call, as He wills. Not as I will. Activation not required.

It is the Holy Spirit who manifests these gifts in us as needed and He is also the one who provides those gifts.

In the world of the occult, they too are seeking spiritual power, just not the Holy Spirit, just like many in Ephesus used to. “Occult practices are openly and enthusiastically promoted today. Books and websites abound offering to teach people how to “unlock,” “awaken,” and “activate” latent psychic powers within themselves.” (Pivec and Geivett 2022, 39)

And yes, there are books out there to explain how to activate those spirits. But many of these ideas and practices have now come into the church under the guise of the New Apostolic Reformation. Which is not new nor apostolic or has anything to do with the reformation.

NAR teaching on the activation of a gift has more in common with New Age teachings than with biblical Christianity. New Agers believe that everyone is born with supernatural powers they can “activate” or “awaken” or “unlock” by engaging in various New Age practices. This concept of activating the gifts is foreign to the New Testament. (Geivett and Pivec 2014, 137-138)



Satan is into deception and part of the deception taking place currently is turning Ouija Boards into Angel Boards, Tarot Cards into Psalm Cards or Destiny Cards. There are reasons why John tells us to test just who it is who is talking to us.

1 John 4:1–6

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” (ESV)

And the worst gateway drug of Satan, and the deception is hot and heavy on this one, into the occult is something called yoga. Yoga is Hinduism.

We have to first understand that yoga is not a physical practice with a spiritual component. It is a spiritual and religious practice with a physical component. To say yoga is just a matter of posture, breathing, and stretching is like saying that taking communion at Church is just a matter of eating a snack or that getting baptized is simply a matter of rinsing off. (Bancarz and Peck 2018, 354-355)

A professor at the Hindu University of America takes apart the so called “innocence of yoga” or even the Christianization of it.

In an article in Hinduism Today entitled Yoga Renamed is Still Hindu by Subhas Tiwari, we see this.

“In the past few months I have received several calls from journalists around the country seeking my views on the question of whether the newly minted “Christian Yoga ” is really yoga.

My response is, “The simple, immutable fact is that yoga originated from the Vedic or Hindu culture. Its techniques were not adopted by Hinduism, but originated from it.” These facts need to be unequivocally stated in light of some of the things being written to the contrary by yoga teachers. The effort to separate yoga from Hinduism must be challenged because it runs counter to the fundamental principles upon which yoga itself is premised, the yamas (restraints) and niyamas (observances). These ethical tenets and religious practices are the first two limbs of the eight-limbed ashtanga yoga system which also includes asana (postures), pranayama (breath control), pratyahara (sense withdrawal), dharana (concentration), dhyana (meditation) and samadhi (contemplation/Self Realization). Efforts to separate yoga from its spiritual center reveal ignorance of the goal of yoga.” (Tiwari 2006)

Yoga is and always has been a form of Hinduism. During Paul’s visit into Ephesus, no one coming to Christ thought much about their use of familiars and spirits until they learned those demons behind it, had nothing in common with the God of the universe. Ultimately, Jesus Christ will indeed judge them all.

Yes, I do indeed understand that many will excuse yoga by saying it is stretching or exercise. That is part of the deception to get you and I to accept something that otherwise we would never accept.

I remember a business meeting where we had someone come in to help us relax, and it seemed ok, until they started talking about the need to align our chakras. That is Hinduism.



All false religion is predicated on deception. It is almost but not quite truth and allows man, to approach God on our terms. Spoilers you are not approaching God, but a charlatan. What is the goal of yoga for example?

The goal of all types of yoga is moksha, a state of union with the spirit of Brahman, the Universal Supreme Self. According to this philosophy, the self is inseparable from God because God is the impersonal substance of reality (Pantheism). Therefore, when we self-realize, we enter paripurna-brahmanubhava, a union with Brahman. (Bancarz and Peck 2018, 355)

What? Again, from Hinduism Today.

Today, however, we are witnessing an initiative toward yoga from ordinary Christians whose positive physical, mental and spiritual health and well being experienced as a result of “engaging ” yoga cannot be denied or ignored. This 5,000-year-old system is perhaps the best known, most accessible and cost effective health and beauty program around. Yoga is also much more, as it was intended by the Vedic seers as an instrument which can lead one to apprehend the Absolute, Ultimate Reality, called the Brahman Reality, or God. (Tiwari 2006)

I get that there are many who are coming from backgrounds where we thought there was nothing wrong with some of the things we did pre-Christ. Once we discover facts about those, then we are in the same place as the believers in Ephesus.

The people in Ephesus were the same. As they learned about who Jesus Christ is, they also began to put together how they should live. Notice, there was book burning service.

Here is what the text tells us.

Acts 19:18–20

“Also many of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they added up the prices of the books and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord was growing and prevailing mightily.” (NASB 2020)

Christians are not fully converted or perfected in an instant, and pagan ways of thinking can persist alongside genuine Christian experience; the history of the church in Corinth shows that Christians took some time to be persuaded that sexual immorality and idol-worship were ultimately incompatible with Christian faith (1 Cor. 6:9–11). Sooner or later there must come a point when believers realize the need to confess the sinfulness of their practices; if it is possible to go further and remove the cause of the temptation, as in this case, so much the better. (Marshall 1980, 330)

This was not a once and done thing. The Greek grammar tells us that. “The tense of the verbs in Acts 19:18 indicates that the people “kept coming ... kept confessing ... kept showing.” These believers apparently had not made a clean break with sin and were still practicing their magic, but the Lord had dealt with them.” (Wiersbe 1996, 482)

Many of us have experienced the same. We first come to Jesus and He forgives and we begin to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We are in, but there are some things that must go.

As we grow and learn, we confess and forsake. Once the Holy Spirit shows us the need, then it is up to us to be obedient. For the folks in Ephesus, they were faithful and each time they learned of something else to forsake, they did.



Some of us have a lot to get rid of, others, not so much. But if we are truly following Him, then we will keep confessing as He shows us the need to do so. The deception is so embedded in our culture today; it may take time to figure out what the Holy Spirit is talking to you about is something you need to forsake and walk away from. Confess and go on. We are all growing together in Him.

Not only did the events with the attempted exorcism provide a wake-up call to many in the church and still does today as well. We also see them taking their magic books and burning them. They practice magic, this is not what you and I would think when we read this. We see the term today and think entertainment and harmless trickery or slight of hand. That is not what was taking place. There in Ephesus was the Temple to Artemis. And attached with that to that were various demonic entities as well as other fallen ones.

To get what they wanted, people would use magic, spells or potions in attempts to control the spirits. That really is a false hope.

Magic represented a method of manipulating good and evil spirits to lend help or bring harm. Magical formulas could be used for such things as attracting a lover or winning a chariot race. Black magic, or sorcery, involved summoning spirits to accomplish all kinds of evil deeds. Curses could be placed, competitors subdued, and enemies restrained.

These practices were widespread and reflect the common views, or "folk belief," of the age. Magic was not something separate from organized religion. It was an important part of the official religions, though in many cases, not a sanctioned part. For example, the cult of Artemis did not have an official magician attached to the cult. Nevertheless, this goddess was invoked in magical formulas, the ornamentation on her cultic statue was interpreted magically, and magical words were even inscribed on her image. Many of the people who worshiped Artemis also practiced magic. (Arnold 1992, 21)

People wanted to feel like they were in control, even in control of the gods. Magic helped them to think they could.

Magic was based on the belief in supernatural powers which could be harnessed and used by appropriating the correct technique. Magic can therefore be defined as a method of manipulating supernatural powers to accomplish certain tasks with guaranteed results. Magicians would not seek the will of the deity in a matter, but would invoke the deity to do precisely as they stated. (Arnold, Magic 1993, 580)

And yes, this has crept into the church, it actually has always been there as we can tell by the actions taking place in Ephesus. But when you hear someone tell you that there is a specific formula you must pray for the Lord to answer your prayer, that is an application of magic.

If someone you must pray out loud and never say anything negative or you will undo your prayer, that is magic.

In other words, much of what we see in the Prosperity Gospel can be appropriately classified as magic. Even God talk many times has magic connected with it.

In much of the "god talk" in popular culture it is evident that certain aspects of the Christian faith remain a part of the new religious dynamic, but now largely as the vapor trail of what was once the dominant religious shape of Western culture. The language, the imagery, the iconography of Christianity can still be employed, as they often are in movies and pop music, but they function mostly as a second-tier resource for funding new concepts and new ideas. This is also true for other more traditional forms of faith. What is developing is something other, a new of spirituality. (Taylor 2008, 677)



The deception or lie is not so much a spell book to control the spirits. Now it is a redefinition of who God is and the creation of stories which thanks to special effects and mass media, seem more real than the scriptures. When you are preaching a Jesus who is not like the one being fictionalized and controlled by media, then you also are impacting their potential profits. What is now happening there in Ephesus, is a move of the Holy Spirit, a display of power against not only the Temple of Artemis but the other 25 or so gods worshiped there as well.

This city had a whole month dedicated to Artemis each year.

As you look at that, you begin to see how the process of sanctification in that culture is much like ours today. As we grow, we learn what and what is not something the Lord would have us to do. And yes, many times, the culture does not understand it at all.

Acts 19:18–20

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The new and growing church in Ephesus was a church in a pagan culture. They had no Jewish or Christian background at all, just pagan and the confusion and the lies connected with that. Satan is a liar and an impersonator and much of what he advocates may look like and smell like it is ok, but as you begin to dig down, it is a lie. But the Lord prevailed in Ephesus.

Later, when Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, he warned them about this exact thing. For a people who came from a pagan background, they had to learn to be discerning, and that did indeed become a reputation for this church.

Ephesians 5:1–10

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. **Don’t participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.**” (NLT)

For us today, we too should live as people of light. We all come from a poisoned corrupted and dying culture and when we come to Christ, we too then begin to have our thinking changed. As the Lord reveals to you changes that are needed, take action.

1 John 1:8–10

“If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.” (NLT)

Don’t let Satan continue to rip you off as the Lord reveals course corrections to you.



If you don't know Jesus, yes, there is intelligent evil that wants you to stop listening to me right now. The reason, because becoming a follower of Jesus is not that complicated.

Romans 3:21–24

"But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins." (NLT)

Romans 10:9–13

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."" (NLT)

ABC's of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
- B. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
- C. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.

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