

which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:3–4).

If you will ask Him to forgive you of your sins and be your Savior (for you cannot save yourself), He will save you. *“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 with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. . . . For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:9–10, 13).* Christ’s invitation of salvation is open to all. It is God’s will that you be saved. To whom will your soul be SOLD—to God or Satan? Why not accept His Son as your Savior today and go to Heaven and not Hell. **God loves you—He really does! To whom will you sell your soul—to God or Satan?**

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SOLD

to the Highest Bidder



Have you ever been to an auction and seen something being put on the block to be sold? People bid on it, and the bidders go nuts, even giving more money than the item is worth.

Have you ever thought of your soul as being bid on by God and Satan, the god of this world? Satan is offering sex. He proposes to give you fame and popularity. He tells you he will make you think you are number one and others will pat you on the back. He also promises that he will give you money and wealth, if that's what it takes to buy you. He shows you drugs, intoxicating beverages, new cars, houses, lands, and laughter. Satan tests you with all the pleasures that will delight your soul. Satan bids for your soul, "Go now, I'll give you pleasure and happiness!"

King Solomon, the wisest man of the ancient world, summed up Satan's biddings with one brief sentence, "*Vanity of vanities; all is vanity*" (Ecclesiasties 1:2). Satan's bids are worthless and empty like soap bubbles!

As you started growing up, the old devil Satan began bidding for your soul in many different ways. You are the one who sells your own soul and determines where you will spend eternity. God, the Father, has put up only one bid for your soul, and Satan has bid many times for it. Here is God's only bid as recorded in the Holy Bible. "*For God so loved the world [you], that He gave His only begotten Son [Jesus]; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world [you]; but that the world [you] through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:16-18).

When you die and leave this world, the auction for your soul is over. **You have SOLD your soul to either God or Satan.** You will be in either Heaven (a place of eternal peace) or Hell (a place of eternal torment). "*The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power*" (II Thessalonians 1:7b-9).

What did Jesus do at the cross? He took your place on the cross. "*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed*" (Isaiah 53:5). All have sinned and are spiritually dead in sin. Jesus took all your sins upon Himself that you, through His death, might be given eternal life. "*Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed*" (I Peter 2:24). Death, Hell, and the grave couldn't hold Him. On the third day Jesus rose from the grave. "*For I delivered unto you first of all that*