

Giving an Answer (I Peter 3:15)

Salvation (Part 3)

Answer the following **FALSE** statements:

The “Sinners Prayer”

1. “¹How to Pray: ²Dear Lord Jesus, I know that ³I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. ⁴I now invite You to come into ⁵my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

God's Assurance: ⁶His Word If you prayed this prayer, The Bible says ... "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." —Romans 10:13 (NIV) ⁷Did you sincerely ask Jesus Christ to come into your life? Where is He right now? What has He given you? "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." —Ephesians 2:8,9 (NIV) ⁸Receiving Christ, we are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who ⁹indwells every believer. This is called regeneration, or the new birth”
(http://www.billygraham.org/SH_StepsToPeace.asp).

2. “Holy God in Heaven; ¹I come to You according to Your Word and Promise in Romans 10:9-10,13. It says, "That if you confess with your mouth ' Jesus is Lord ' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be Saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are Saved" "for, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be Saved". I know I have not lived my Life for You. I'm sorry for my sins. ²I ask you NOW to forgive me and cleanse me. I ask that You wash away my sins with the Precious Blood Of Jesus. I desire to turn from my ways, and ³I ask, NOW, that You live Your Life in me. This Moment, I Yield myself to You and ⁴accept Jesus Christ as my Personal Savior and make You, Lord of my life. I give You my life and my heart and my soul. According to Your Word, by ⁵Faith I AM SAVED”
(<http://www.aservantofgod.com/SinnersPrayer.html>).

Billy Graham's Quote # 1 Answered:

1. No man was ever told to pray to be saved (**Matthew 19:16-22, Acts 2:37-38, Acts 16:30-34, etc.**).
2. We do not pray to Jesus (**Matthew 6:9, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 1:3, Colossians 3:17, and I Timothy 2:5**).
3. Prayer is a privilege reserved for the righteous, not the sinner (**Proverbs 15:8, Proverbs 15:29, Proverbs 28:9, Isaiah 59:1-2, John 9:31, and I Peter 3:12**).
4. The Lord invites us to Him, this “Sinner’s Prayer” has reversed that order (**Matthew 22:1-14 and II Thessalonians 2:14**).

5. One is not saved by inviting Jesus into their lives and hearts (**Matthew 7:21**).
6. If calling on the name of the Lord means saying a sinner's prayer, didn't the Apostles miss something (**Acts 2:21; 37-41** and **Acts 22:16**)?
7. If someone sincerely wanted the Lord in their lives they'd diligently do all that is required of them (**Romans 6:16** and **II Thessalonians 1:7-9**).
8. We are not born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit or by "receiving Christ" in a prayer (**Galatians 3:26-29** and **I Peter 1:22-23**).
9. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not a literal embodiment just as our indwelling God is not literal (**John 14:20; 15:4** and **I John 4:15-16**). All of deity indwells us figuratively (**John 14:23, John 17:20-21, Romans 8:9-10, II Corinthians 5:17; 6:16, Galatians 2:20, and Colossians 1:25-27**). Salvation is based on your response (Acts 2:40), not God's supernatural actions.

Quote # 2 Answered:

1. This perversion of **Romans 10:9-13** would also have the devils to be saved (**Matthew 8:28-29, Luke 4:40-41, Acts 19:13-17, and James 2:19**). Those who name the name of the Lord have more to do (**II Timothy 2:19**).
2. For an alien sinner to be cleansed and have his / her sins washed away, they must obey God's word and after learning of the Lord (**Romans 10:17; cf. I Corinthians 15:1-2**), having faith in Him (**Hebrews 11:6**), repenting of their sins (**Acts 3:19**), confessing His name (**Romans 10:10**), they then can be washed through baptism (**Acts 22:16; cf. Acts 2:37-41, Acts 8:4-13, Acts 8:26-39, Acts 9:1-20, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 16:13-15, Acts 16:25-34, Acts 18:8, and Acts 19:1-7**). All must be followed, we cannot just pick one verse of all that God says we must do to be saved.
3. God in us is not accomplished by invitation (**John 14:23**).
4. Where in the world does one get the idea that Jesus can be "accepted" as their personal savior? Jesus is the Savior to all who obey (**Hebrews 5:8-9; cf. II Timothy 1:10 and Titus 1:3**).
5. We are saved by faith, but not be faith only (**James 2:14-26**).