

When Jesus saves you from your sins, He also wants you to keep His commandments in order to enter heaven: He says: **“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates in to the city.”**

**(Read Revelation 22: 14.)**

Remember that Jesus Christ wants to save you and all the other children in the world. Accept His love now and receive eternal life today. In Romans 6: 23 it tells you that **“...the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** Therefore, when you pray, ask God to remove your sinful heart and give you a clean heart or mind to love Him now and forever because he first loved you.

Amen.



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# JESUS LOVES CHILDREN



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Do you know that Jesus loves children? Yes He does! In John 3: 16 He says that “...whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Jesus gives you everlasting life when you repent of your sins and believe in him. He makes you **sinfree or free from sin.**

**Everlasting life or life eternal** is when you **know God** and keep his commandments. **(Read John 17: 3 and John 14: 15.)**

Jesus loves you so much that he also said to his disciples: “...Suffer the little children to come unto me...” “And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them”. **(Read Mark 10: 14, 16.)** Do you know why Jesus wants you to come to him? He wants to cleanse you from all your idols which cause you to sin. He wants to grant you everlasting life. This means that Jesus wants little children to know about his love.

What do you have to do to get everlasting life? Ask God to create a clean heart in you. In Psalm 51: 10 David says: “**Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**” Here are some more texts in the Bible that show you how to get eternal life: **Mark 1: 15, Ezekiel 36: 25-27, Psalm 119: 9.**

For God to create a clean heart in you, you must ask Him to remove the carnal mind and give you the **spiritual mind**. The carnal mind is the sinful mind, which causes you to think evil thoughts, speak evil words and do other sinful actions. Have you ever read **Romans 8: 6-7?** This is what it says: **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**

Enmity against God means “hatred” of God if you disobey His commandments. Therefore, if you sin, you do not show that you love God. Your sin means that you hate God, **until you repent**. Remember that Jesus Christ says in John 14: 15: **If ye love me, keep my commandments.** So if you break His commandments, it means that you do not love Jesus. One of his commandments says : **Thou shalt not steal.** If you steal your friend’s sandwich, is that love for God or enmity against God? It is enmity against God.

**Jesus** wants you to repent of your sins and give you the **spiritual**

**mind**, which is the **opposite** of the carnal mind: The spiritual mind is “**life and peace**”, which enables you to love Jesus.

When Jesus Christ gives you the spiritual mind, He creates a **clean heart** in you and makes you **sinfree**. It means that “...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” **(Read II Corinthians 5: 17.)** This means that your heart is **changed**: You have stopped obeying the devil for example by lying, cursing, stealing, fighting, disobeying your parents when they instruct you to do the right thing, and you are now obeying the truths of Jesus Christ. This also means that the Holy Spirit is now dwelling in your heart by faith. The Holy Spirit guides you into all truth or helps you to understand when you study the Bible. **(Read John 16: 13.)**

When you have the spiritual mind, you are able to follow Jesus Christ who is the perfect example because he never committed any sin. This is shown in 1 Peter 2: 21 and 22 which says: “**For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:**”

When you have the spiritual mind as a child, **God makes you wise and gives you understanding** which is to keep you from sin: II Timothy 3: 15 says: “**And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**”

As you continue to serve God from childhood into youth, God who is your Creator helps you to reject anything that is sinful. Think about what the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 12: 1 “**Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;**”

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