



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"We are saved by our simple faith alone and not by our or others' works or words."

It is not the Sinner's Prayer that Saves.

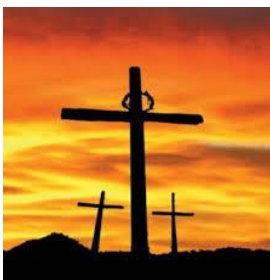
About 30 years ago, I was a part of a Thursday church visiting team. At the end of the night each of the teams would meet back at the church office and discuss what happened that evening. (By the way that is how I meet my wife. Her family visited our church. My team visited her home and the rest was history.) Anyway, that night one of the teams was rejoicing that someone they visited accepted the Lord. "We explained the plan of salvation and he repeated the Sinner's Prayer." I was rejoicing also expressly when I heard it was someone I knew. It was my boss at work.

The next day while working, I asked my boss if anything happened that night. He replied "Nothing really." I asked if he had any visitors from a church. He replied "No." I said "I heard two men from the Baptist church were at your door talking about Jesus." He said, "Oh them. I repeated some prayer just to get rid of them." My boss was not saved that night. I and others tried to witness to him and his family for years after that. He said the Sinner's Prayer that night but to my knowledge he never became a believer nor is going to heaven.

There is no [Sinner's Prayer](#), creed, [Confiteor](#) or magic words found in the Bible to be repeated for one to be saved or converted. There are no rituals, good works, process, classes, brownie points, processions or giving plans for salvation. Going or being involved in a church will not earn you passage to eternal life. [Baptism](#) will not even get you into heaven. The Sinner's Prayer was not used before the 1700's. The push to get someone to repeat a prayer and then give them assurance that they are Born Again may prevent them from being truly converted.

Salvation is first understanding that we are sinners, hopeless lost and going to hell. Jesus, God's only Son, paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. He arose the third day so that we can have that blessed victory and assurance of joining Him in heaven. But this head knowledge is not enough. The Bible states that salvation is by putting your faith and trust in these truths, nothing less and nothing more. This believing will bring true confession, repentance, surrendering, and results in becoming a child of God. (A prayer may follow this, but a Sinner's prayer or saying the right words is not required.) You will then have a relationship with God and not a religion to God.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16



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"..What must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.." Acts 16:30,31



What are you basing your salvation on?

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