

“Prayer Of Salvation” - (Fourteenth in the series)

John, in the focus scripture above, is emphasizing that the most important thing is for our souls to prosper. This verse is frequently used to show that Christians are supposed to prosper in finances. But the Hebrew and Greek translation of the word “prosper” here means, “to succeed in reaching your destination”. So, yes, finances are a part of successfully reaching our destination but the most important goal is to reach the destination of Heaven, which would be a prosperous soul.

The journey to Heaven must begin with the Prayer of Salvation. You don’t necessarily have to come to the front of a church to get saved but Jesus called people publically so that’s the pattern we use. The steps to salvation are usually the same: 1-Make the decision, 2-Come forward, 3-Pray, (Admit your sin, acknowledge that Jesus died for your sin, accept His sacrifice, receive Jesus by faith, and thank Him), 4-Believe you’ve received, 5-Act and talk like it. Salvation, however, is only the beginning; the place where you begin your “prosperous” journey to Heaven. If you have not started your trip to Heaven, please do it TODAY!

I would like to add another thought concerning this “salvation prayer pattern”. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sin so we wouldn’t have to but our sin is not the only thing Jesus died for. He also died for our health, (**by His stripes we were healed. 1 Peter 2:24**), for our deliverance from fear, (**2 Timothy 1:7**), to give us good things, (**Psalms 84:11**), and to meet all our needs, (**Philippians 4:19**), just to mention a few.

The pattern of prayer for all these other things is the same as that for salvation: Decide you want a change, step out in faith, PRAY, agree with God’s Word concerning your need (believe), then thank God and expect to receive. When you follow this pattern for salvation, it’s a done deal, right? It’s the same for everything else too! **“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33”**.