



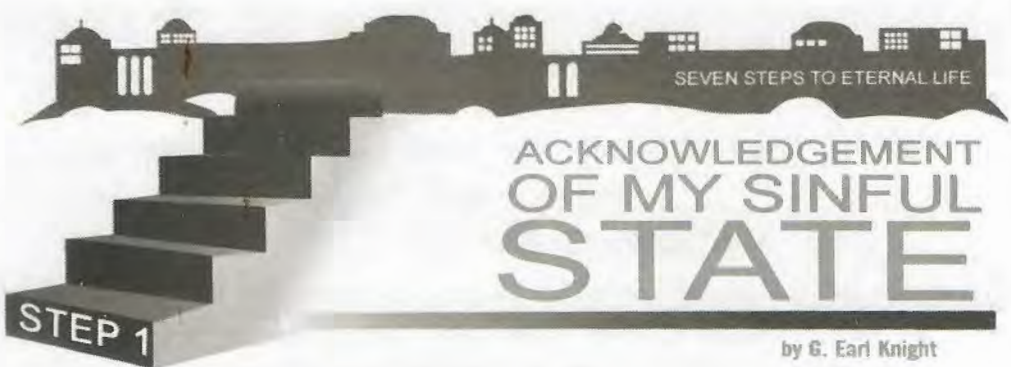
## Introduction

by G. Earl Knight

Just prior to His betrayal and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for Himself and His disciples that eternal life would be given to those whom God had given to Him. He said, "And this is life eternal, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent". John 17:3

Everyone who desires to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and enter into life eternal, must accept Him as Lord and Savior. This requires one to go through the process of transformation from the carnal nature to the Divine nature that only Christ can give.

Seven Steps to Eternal Life is attempting to provide a path that will lead the diligent Seeker through the process of entering into life eternal. The author is inviting you to join him on this journey of faith and experience the joy that salvation brings.



The first step one must take on the road to salvation is to acknowledge that "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23). Sin is common to humanity and is defined as "lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). David is a good example of how one comes to Christ.

1. David said, "For I \_\_\_\_\_ my transgressions, and my \_\_\_\_\_ is always before me" (Psalms 51:3).

2. How did David describe his birth?

"Behold, I was brought forth in \_\_\_\_\_, and in sin my mother conceived me" (Psalm 51:5).

3. What did David ask God to do for him?

"\_\_\_\_\_ me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalms 51:7

4. Another example of one coming to Christ is the Prodigal Son. When he was lost in a far country, away from his father, he said, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have \_\_\_\_\_ against heaven and before you, and I am no longer \_\_\_\_\_ to be called your son. Make me like one of your \_\_\_\_\_ servants'" (Luke 15:18, 19).

5. What was the father's response?

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had \_\_\_\_\_, and ran and fell on his neck and \_\_\_\_\_ him" (Luke 15:20).

6. When Israel drifted from God, the prophet Jeremiah extended to them a call to repentance. What needed to precede repentance?

"Only \_\_\_\_\_ your iniquity, that you have \_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord your God..." (Jeremiah 3:13).

7. Before we can truly come to Jesus Christ, we must recognize that we are lost in sin. It is the Holy Spirit that raises our consciousness of sin and He will lead us to the second step of repentance.

### **MY COMMITMENT**

I acknowledge that I am a sinner, in need of the Savior.

I cannot gain salvation of my own effort, so I am asking Jesus Christ that, through His grace, He may come into my heart and lead me to salvation. Amen.

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The second step on the road to salvation is Repentance.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, being filled with the Holy Spirit, preached with power concerning Jesus Christ. The multitude heard him and being pricked in their hearts, they asked, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) Peter answered emphatically, "Repent!" (Acts 2:38).

What is repentance? Repentance is a genuine sorrow for sin and a turning away from it.

1. It is not enough to only be sorry for our sins. Judas Iscariot was sorry for his sin in the betrayal of Jesus Christ. "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4). For repentance to be complete one must seek to have a change of direction. Peter's instruction to the sinners at Pentecost was:

"Repent therefore and be \_\_\_\_\_, that  
your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

2. Genuine repentance will result in a radical change in one's attitude towards God and sin. What is the result of genuine repentance?

"He who \_\_\_\_\_ his sins will not prosper, but whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

3. God is calling everyone to repent.

"Truly, these times of \_\_\_\_\_ God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 17:30).

4. How are we led to repentance?

"The goodness of \_\_\_\_\_ leads you to repentance" (Romans 2:4).

5. What is the attitude of heaven toward a repentant sinner?

"I say to you that likewise there will be more \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine \_\_\_\_\_ who need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

6. Read the experience of David in Psalms 51:1-14. It clearly describes the state of mind of a person who has genuinely repented.

### **MY COMMITMENT**

Having acknowledged my sinful state, I now repent of my sins and by the grace of a loving Savior, seek to live according to His Word. Amen.

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The third step one must take on the road to salvation is Confession. Confession is the verbal acknowledgment of the guilt of sin and a willingness to do that which is right. Solomon who truly understood what confession was all about said, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

1. As a prerequisite to the forgiveness of sin, what has God called on us to do?

"If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, He is \_\_\_\_\_ and just to forgive us our sins and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

2. While God requires us to confess our sins to Him, who else should we confess to? "Confess your trespasses to one \_\_\_\_\_, and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

True healing of the soul will only take place when we are at peace with God and our fellowmen.



3. The Psalmist David instructed us on how to receive forgiveness.

"I \_\_\_\_\_ my sin to You, and my \_\_\_\_\_ I have not hidden. I said, 'I will \_\_\_\_\_ my transgressions to the Lord,' and You \_\_\_\_\_ the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:5).

4. How did many people from Jerusalem, Judea, and the region around Jordan respond to John's preaching?

"And were \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the Jordan, \_\_\_\_\_ their sins" (Matthew 3:6).

5. Before John baptize the believers in the wilderness, what did they have to do?


"Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were \_\_\_\_\_ by him in the Jordan \_\_\_\_\_ their sins." (Matthew 3:5, 6)

6. Confession is like opening the door of your heart to God, unveiling your deepest secret to Him. Only the Lord of heaven and earth can forgive sin, therefore to Him only we must go with our faults.

### **MY COMMITMENT**

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge my transgressions before You and I have repented of my sins. I now confess them all to You and ask that You will cleanse me of all my sins. Amen.

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## STEP 4

# CONVERSION

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The fourth step on the road to salvation is Conversion.

Conversion is a change of lifestyle, a deep commitment to a transformation of character into the divine nature. David said, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." (Psalm 51:5) This experience came as a result of the fall of man. (See Genesis chapters 2 and 3.) To please God, mankind must experience a change of nature. There must be a change from the carnal nature to the spiritual nature (Romans 7:13-25).

### 1. What is the true condition of the heart of mankind?

"The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things, and \_\_\_\_\_ wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

### 2. The Prophet Ezekiel spoke of the transformation that will take place in the converted heart.

"I will give you a new \_\_\_\_\_ and put a new spirit within you... I will take the heart of \_\_\_\_\_ out of your flesh and give you a \_\_\_\_\_ of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).



3. The experience of Nicodemus is very illustrative of the process of conversion.

"Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit'" (John 3:5, 6)

4. What else did Jesus say we have to do?

"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are \_\_\_\_\_ and become as little children, you will by no means \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

5. What are the requirements for the blotting out of sins?

"\_\_\_\_\_ therefore and be \_\_\_\_\_, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

6. What is the result of being in Christ?

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a \_\_\_\_\_ creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

## MY COMMITMENT

Having acknowledged my sinfulness and having repented and confessed all my sins, I now ask God to give me a clean heart and a new spirit so that I may receive power to do His will. Amen.

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## ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S SALVATION JUSTIFICATION

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The fifth step on the road to salvation is Justification.

Very often when one comes to Jesus Christ with the burdens of sin, one fails to accept the promises that God has made for the repentant sinner. To accept salvation means that one must take Christ at His word. The Philippian Jailor experienced salvation by his belief. The Bible states, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

1. Read Luke 18:9-14 and state the names of the two persons Jesus used to illustrate justification:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What should be one's attitude toward God's gift of salvation?

"For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in Him should not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_ life" (John 3:16).

3. What is the result of receiving Jesus as Savior?

"But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ Him, to them He gave the \_\_\_\_\_ to become \_\_\_\_\_ of God, to those who \_\_\_\_\_ in His name".  
(John 1:12).

4. In Zechariah's vision of Joshua, what did God say to rebuke Satan and his accusation?

"The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?... See I have removed your \_\_\_\_\_ from you and I will clothe you with rich robes." (Zechariah 3:2-4)

5. What is the only way that we can become right before God?

"For He made Him who \_\_\_\_\_ no sin to be \_\_\_\_\_ for us, that we might become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

6. How did Paul describe the only way we should live?

"The \_\_\_\_\_ shall live by \_\_\_\_\_".  
(Romans 1:17).

### **MY COMMITMENT**

Having acknowledged my sins and repented of all my wrongdoings, I not only confess my faults but accept the promise of salvation that Christ has offered. I desire His blood to cleanse me and make me whole. Amen.

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On the road to salvation, Baptism is the sixth step. Baptism is a public demonstration, by immersion in water, of a new relationship with Jesus Christ. The command to baptize was given by Christ Himself when He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

1. What is one of the prerequisites for baptism?

"Teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

2. After Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, what was the result?

"Then those who \_\_\_\_\_ his  
word were \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 2:41).

3. How many modes of baptism are there?

"One Lord, one faith, one \_\_\_\_\_".  
(Ephesians 4:5).

#### 4. Will the believer attain perfection instantly?

"But the path of the just is like the \_\_\_\_\_, that shines ever brighter unto the \_\_\_\_\_ day" (Proverbs 4:18). Sanctification is a lifelong process that will only be completed when Jesus return (1 John 3:2).

#### 5. As we journey on this road to eternal life, what should be our attitude towards the commandments of Jesus Christ?

"If you \_\_\_\_\_ Me, \_\_\_\_\_ My commandments" (John 14:15).

"Here is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints; here are those who \_\_\_\_\_ the commandments of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

#### 6. How can we live a holy life?

"I have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by \_\_\_\_\_ in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

#### 7. Who alone can keep us on this journey of faith?

"Now to Him who is \_\_\_\_\_ to keep you from \_\_\_\_\_, and to present you faultless before the \_\_\_\_\_ of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

### MY COMMITMENT

By the grace of God, I promise to diligently study the Word of God and follow its teachings. I also desire to open my heart and let Jesus abide in me as I abide in Him, so that my life may be fruitful in maintaining a life of faith, and also to lead others to Christ my Savior. Amen.

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# GROWING IN JESUS CHRIST SANCTIFICATION

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The seventh step on the road to eternal life is growing in Jesus Christ, or Sanctification. True repentance and justification will result in a steady growth in Jesus Christ (Sanctification). This process means living a life of holiness, dependence, and obedience to Jesus Christ. Peter encourages us that we must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

1. In fulfilling God's will for us, on whom must we depend?

"I can do all things through \_\_\_\_\_ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

2. How can we live a fruitful life?

"I am the \_\_\_\_\_, you are the \_\_\_\_\_. He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in him, bears much \_\_\_\_\_; for without Me you can do \_\_\_\_\_" (John 15:5).

3. As we grow in the Lord Jesus Christ on the road to salvation, what should guide our path?

"Your \_\_\_\_\_ is a lamp to my feet, and a \_\_\_\_\_ to my path" (Psalm 119:105).



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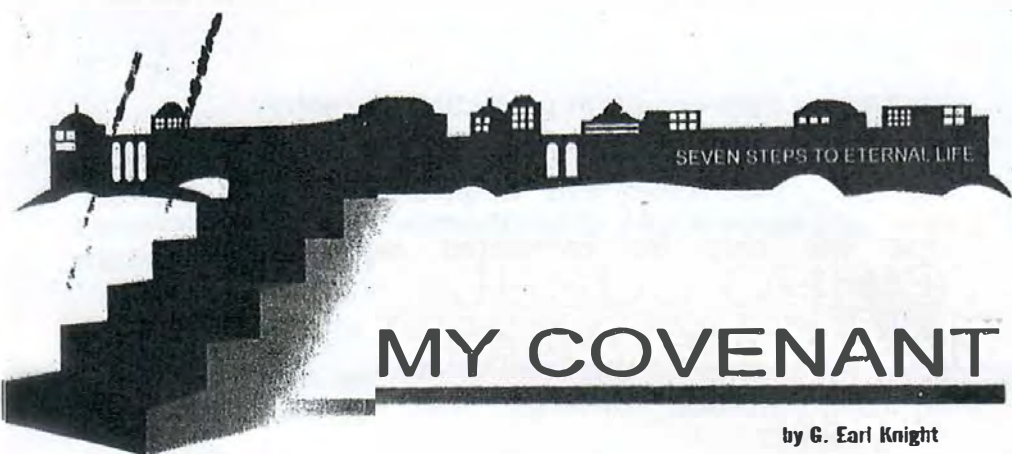
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Having gone through these seven steps I am delighted to make a covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ. By the grace of God I promise to totally commit my life to Jesus Christ, fully knowing that this is only possible as I put my trust in God and depend on Him for strength to do His will.

I will pray for the Holy Spirit's power, to totally surrender my life to Jesus Christ and to be baptized. Because I love the Lord, I will by His grace, follow His commands as outlined in His Word and be a dedicated disciple for Him.

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