

***Personal Tune-up for 2007***  
Tuning Up Spiritually ~ *March 4, 2007*

What does God say about my spiritual condition?

1. We've all messed up (sinned) - ***Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*** *Romans chapter 3 verse 23 (859)*

- God's glorious standard is perfection, being sinless
- ***Jesus said, "You are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."***  
*Matthew chapter 5 verse 48 (737)*

2. My sin has a very high price! - ***The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*** *Romans chapter 6 verse 23 (861)*

- wages of sin - what I earn for committing my sin is death, separation from God in this life and the next
- free gift of God - life with God here on earth & in heaven. It's not something I can earn, it's a gift, God's gift to me

3. Jesus paid my debt! - ***God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*** *Romans chapter 5 verse 8 (860)*

- God's standard is sinless perfection & I can't live to that standard
- God knew that, so he sent Jesus to be my sacrifice, to pay my debt
- Jesus died to make me acceptable to God

4. Believe & Confess: The two things God asks of me – ***If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.*** *Romans chapter 10 verses 9 & 10 (864)*

- We desperately want to believe that we need to "do" something
- God just asks two things of us...
- First, that I believe (trust) what he says about me and my sin, to the best of my ability
- Second, that I confess (acknowledge to be true) this with my mouth

5. Faith puts me at peace with God – ***Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.***

*Romans chapter 5 verse 1 (860)*

- faith = believing God & what he says about me
- this faith puts me at peace (rest!) with God

God, please forgive me for all my sin & come into my life. I believe, with all I understand, that Jesus is the son of God & God himself. I believe, with all I understand, that when Jesus died on the cross, he paid for my sin. And with all I understand, I believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Right now, I'm asking Jesus to forgive my sin and to give me eternal life. Thank you for the fresh start you are giving me. Amen.

Maturing in my spiritual life - I need to own the responsibility for my spiritual growth

***Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.***

*Philippians chapter 2 verses 12 & 13 (900)*

- I need to own the responsibility of my spiritual growth
- I need to “work hard” (*keep working at it!*) at living out the results of my salvation
- To do this, I obey God (*with my choices NOT my feelings!*) out of reverence & fear
- As I obey God, he works more & more in me & gives me the desire & power to please him

***By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him.... The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

*2 Peter chapter 1 verses 3 & 8 (938)*

- God’s power gives me everything I need to live a godly life!
- The purpose of spiritual growth is to make me & my life productive (*bringing about satisfactory results*) & useful (*serving a purpose*)
  - How productive & useful is my life to me?
  - How productive & useful is my life to others?

Owning my spiritual growth...

Make Bible reading & prayer a daily practice in my life - Start with 10 minutes a day, 5 minutes of Bible reading & 5 minutes praying / listening to God

- Adoration - what I learned / love about God from what I read
- Confession - confess my sins to God from the previous 24 hours
- Thanks - tell God what your thankful for from the previous 24 hours
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