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What I Must Do To Be Saved!

The simple answer is to "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." That is what the Apostle Paul told the Philippian's jailer in Acts 16:31. Many people, however, these days believe there are many roads to salvation and everyone can choose his own way. Others believe that in the end men will be judged according to their works and the good deeds will be compared to the bad deeds, yielding a verdict according to weight.

Our Eternal Destiny is too important to leave the matter to one's own private opinion. We must consult the Gospel to discover the answer to life's most important question, "What must I do to be saved?"

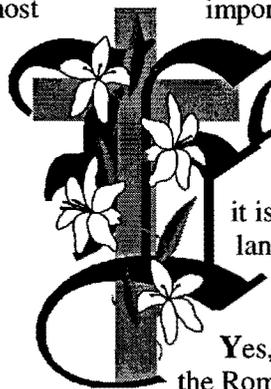
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Easter "And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your house." Acts 13:31. Belief is a spiritual experience, it is something that happens in an instant, it is a spiritual miracle that cannot be explained in human language. We may not know how to fully explain it, but it is never the less real.

Yes, salvation is a prayer away. Stated eloquently in Paul's letter to the Roman's. "That if you shall confess with your mouth, the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart, man believes into righteousness and with the mouth confession is made into salvation." Romans: 10: 9-10. Being a Christian is a gift from God, who bestows Eternal Life upon us according to his Grace.

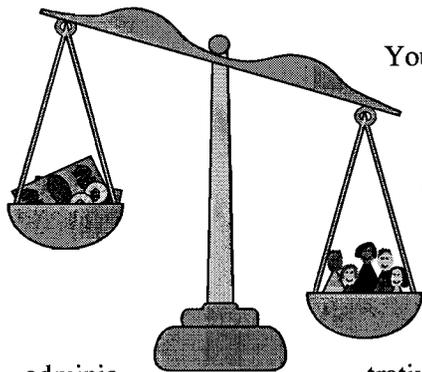
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Join Us For Our Upcoming Fundraiser

5th Annual UPIC Spring Picnic - May 4, 2003 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The picnic will be held at Barnett Park, Pavilion 3, 4801 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32808, phone (407) 836 - 6248. We will be featuring Khalil Maalouf and the Arabic music band of Joe Ghannoum, Kamil Antoury and Ayed Nshewat. There will also be Middle Eastern food, entertainment and activities. Donations are tax deductible and all proceeds will benefit needy Christians in the Middle East. Bring your family and join us for a fun afternoon. See enclosed map. Please display our picnic flyer.

What Have We Done With Your Money?



Your donations for 2002 totaled **\$16,291.55**.

Experts say the way to tell whether a charity is a good one is to look at the amount of contributions that go to administrative expenses (10% is considered exceptionally low) and the commitment of the Board of Directors.

Just **\$380.45** of your donations last year went to administrative expenses, that's **only 2.3%** of the total funds received. The Board of Directors and Advisory Board members contributed an additional **\$4,000.00** for other

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trative expenses and fees.

The distribution of funds in 2002 were as follows:

Syria:

- \$1,000.00 The *St. Vincent de Paul* in Damascus, to be distributed to the poor and needy.
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- \$1,000.00 To complete buying a minivan to transport handicapped children back and forth to school.
- \$3,000.00**

Lebanon:

- \$3,000.00 Catholic charity of Lebanon who take care of the poor, homeless and ill.
- 250.00 The Society to Eradicate Leprosy in Beirut, Lebanon.
- \$3,250.00**

Palestine:

- \$2,000.00 Needy Christians of Betjala, Bethlehem and Betsahour in the West Bank.
- 500.00 Repair the roof and windows of the Baptist Church in Gaza which was hit by an Israeli missile.
- \$2,500.00**

Egypt:

- \$250.00** To the Coptic Orphans Organization.

Sudan:

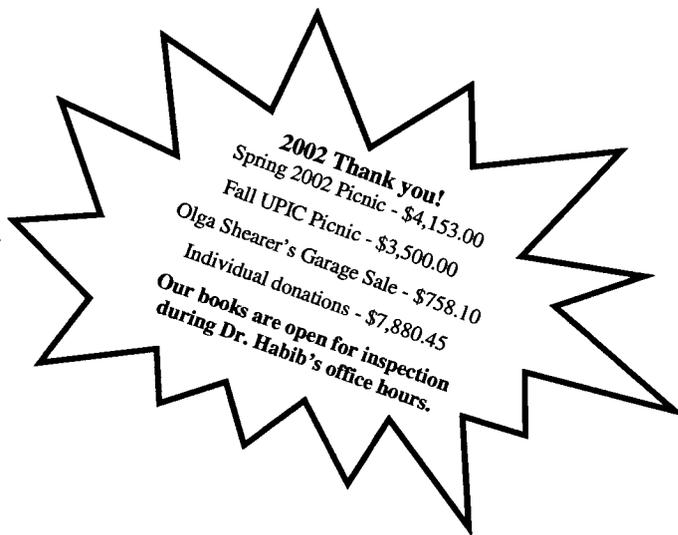
- \$500.00** To the Christians via The Voice of the Martyrs.

Total distributions in 2002: \$9,500.00

PLEASE HELP UPIC THIS EASTER!

As you can see, UPIC puts money where it counts — in the hands of our needy Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East...

This Easter we need YOUR help! Please use the enclosed envelope and send your tax-deductible donation, not to help us, but to help THEM! Or go to our website at <http://upic.faithweb.com> and use our NEW! PayPal icon to make a secure donation using a major credit card or bank transfer. What better way to celebrate the real meaning of Easter than to help a needy Christian that you don't even know?



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We do not receive it because of some work on our part, nor can we lose this gift of Eternal Life, otherwise it would not be Eternal, and having been born into a family of God by a spiritual rebirth, God now is our Heavenly Father through the death of Christ.

The Apostle Paul wrote again to express this wonderful gift of Eternal Life "For by Grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not for works, least any man should boast." Ephesians 2: 8-9. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ Our Lord." Romans 6:23. We can take comfort and assurance from God's word that we now have Eternal Life and that it is a free gift, given by grace and by grace alone through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Christ is risen, indeed he is Risen! Wishing all of you a very Happy Easter this year.**

Yours in Christ, Amid Habib, M.D.

God's Great Love

By Samar Qubain

A friend of mine once told me a joke. He said that there was a teacher who gave each of his students a piece of chalk and a ladder. He asked them to make a mark on the wall for each sin that they had committed, to show them God's great love in forgiving them their sins. Pretty soon the students had climbed so high up the ladder marking sin after sin that they couldn't be seen. The teacher then observed one of his students going down the ladder. He asked him, "Did you finish marking all of your sins?" The student replied with a shrug, "No, I ran out of chalk."

My friend and I both chuckled. I felt a great joy knowing that despite my sins, that only I and the Lord can count, the Lord's great love and sacrifice cleansed it all. Easter is a reminder to us of God's great love in choosing to pay for our sins by Christ's crucifixion, so that we can be reconciled to Him.

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

May the great love of God touch your hearts and bless your families in this season and always.

UPIC T-shirts

Great t-shirts with the UPIC logo are available for only \$10.00!

To order, please call Dr. Habib's office at (407) 862 - 0107. Sizes M, L or XL.

All proceeds go to UPIC.



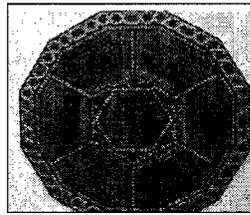
UPIC Spring 2003 Garage Sale!

UPIC Spring 2003 Garage Sale - May 24 and 25, 2003
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our garage sale this year is being run by Lama Marcos and Samar Qubain. The event (see enclosed map) will be held at Lama's residence at 4755 Chalfont Drive, Orlando, FL 32837, phone (407) 888-3229.

Again, all items donated to the Garage Sale are tax deductible and the proceeds will go to UPIC. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Dr. Habib's office at (407) 862-0107 or Lama Marcos at (407) 888-3229.

We hope to see you there!



The Seven Secrets of Life Mosaic
Hand made in Damascus, these beautiful pieces of art are still available for \$40.00 each.

To order, please call Dr. Habib's office at (407) 862 - 0107.

All of the proceeds from this sale go to UPIC.