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Chinese words are comprised of different words, called “characters” formed together to make one word, or character. The word for “to hear” is comprised of the individual words for Ear, King, the Cross, Blood, One and Heart. Let’s discover what the Bible says concerning these different words. Concerning the Bible, Proverbs 1:5 says, ‘**A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.**’ A wise man will listen, and follow, the Bible.

**Ear** 「耳」

One day God spoke audibly from heaven and He said concerning His Son the Lord Jesus, **“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”** Matthew 17:5. We need to listen to God’s Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus.

Concerning eternal life the Lord Jesus said, **“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”** John 3:35 & 36 The Lord Jesus spoke the truth about God, heaven, hell and eternal life. When we believe on the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour, we can have everlasting life. Those who reject the Lord Jesus will experience the wrath of God in Hell.

Also, after a person decides to be saved, the Lord Jesus begins to help the Christian in his life. The Lord Jesus gives the Christian this wonderful promise, **“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”** John 16:33 The Lord Jesus gives the Christian peace, joy, hope, and security in this evil world. The Christian has victory in his life.

**King** 「王」

Concerning the Lord Jesus, the Bible says in Revelation 19:16, **“And He [Jesus] hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”** When Jesus comes again the second time on this earth, He is coming as **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. The kingdoms

of this earth are temporary. A Chinese Classic called, “The Romance of the Three Kingdoms” says, “Empires wax and wane; states cleave asunder and coalesce.” One day God will replace the kingdoms of this world with the Kingdom of God with His Beloved Son as King. The Lord Jesus will reign forever, “**Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.**” Psalms 145:13. Therefore, we need to obey God’s Beloved Son, Jesus, as Lord and King, A common Chinese saying is, “The king’s words are to be taken seriously.”

## **Ten or the Cross 「十」**

「十」 is Chinese word for ten and the first word, or character, in the word cross 「十字架」 and It is also the universal symbol for the cross on which Jesus died. The Lord Jesus was crucified on the cross for us, was buried, and on the third day rose from the dead. He bore our sins on the cross and died in our place so we could obtain eternal salvation. Concerning the Lord Jesus, the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:21, ‘**For he [God] hath made him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**’ The Lord Jesus is sinless and while on the cross, the Lord Jesus became sin for us that we might be made righteous in the sight of God. True righteousness comes from the Lord Jesus. The gospel is the death, the burial and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation our souls.

## **Blood 「血」**

The Bible says in 1 Peter 1:18 & 19, “**Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot** “

When the Lord Jesus died on the cross, He shed His blood for our sins. The Lord Jesus became our blood sacrifice for the salvation of our souls. The Lord Jesus was sinless and like a lamb shed His precious blood on the cross for our salvation. The blood of animals, a person’s good works, traditions, philosophy, idolatry, or burning incense cannot save the soul.

## **One 「一」**

Concerning how many ways to get to heaven the Bible says, “**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [Jesus] under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**” Acts 4:12. “**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**” John 14:6

The only way a person can escape the penalty of hell is through trusting the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

## Heart 「心」

The Bible says, ‘That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved’. Romans 10:9-13 A wise person will listen, obey the scripture, and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus for salvation.

Friend, if you have decided to be saved, then you could say this prayer, “Loving heavenly Father, thank you for the Lord Jesus dying on the cross for my sin. I now believe on Jesus as my Saviour. I am a sinner; please forgive me of my sin. I now receive Jesus into my heart to save my soul. In the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen.” The Bible says, “For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon thee.” Psalms 86:5. When a person gets saved, God blesses him abundantly. God gives that person everlasting life in heaven and peace and comfort in their heart. God takes care of all our needs.

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