

Salvation is of the Heart

**Be sure you Know You are Saved,
According to the Scripture!**

“That if thou shalt 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**.”
– Romans 10:9-10

First: Salvation is of the Heart

Today there are many different religions and churches, but there is **only one Gospel**. Salvation is only of the Lord. If you died today, would you go to Heaven? **Why?** What is your answer? What do you depend upon to take you to Heaven? Many **think** and **hope** they will go to Heaven. “There is a way which **seemeth right** unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). Some depend upon good works or religions to save them. Good works cannot save you, and bad works cannot unsave you. What do you **depend** upon to save you? You can **know** you are saved and **have** eternal life. You **know** because you believe what God promises. If you want to know about arithmetic, go to a math book; if you want to know about George Washington, go to a **history** book; if you want money, you go to the bank, but if you want to **know about God**, you must **go to the Bible**. What does the Bible teach about salvation? Many do not understand the Gospel, because they do not understand the Bible. Do you know **why** you are saved? There are many different religions, and many different churches, but there is **only one Gospel**. There are many roads to Washington, D. C., but there is only **one way** to Heaven and **it** is through Jesus Christ. You cannot save yourself. You need a Saviour! “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). **No man** means **no one**. No one is saved **without** Christ!

Naturally, if you are not saved, then you will never have assurance. There is no assurance in religions, churches or good works. There is no assurance **without** the Gospel, the Word of God, and Jesus Christ. If you are not saved, you will never have assurance because you do not have Christ. The Bible promises you can know you are saved and you can know you have eternal life **according to the Scriptures**. **Do you know you are saved?**

Only One Way to Heaven - Many think that all religions have the one same God. This is not true according to the Bible. You can trust the Word of God as it is the **only** absolute, assurance of authority of God. There is no salvation other than Jesus Christ. When you have Christ, you have eternal life. “Neither is there salvation **in any other**: for there is **none** other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12). Christianity is not a religion, but it is a relationship with Christ Jesus. **Salvation is only in Jesus Christ!**

What is Salvation? **Saved** or **salvation** means **to be rescued from something**. You are saved from the curse of sin, hell and judgment. First you need to understand that **you cannot save yourself**. You need a Saviour. When you are saved, what does God save? God saves your eternal **soul**, but not your temporary body. Your **vile body** remains the **same** until the Lord returns. “...The Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall **change** our **vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body” (Philippians 3:20-21).

What is Sin? All people sin because all people are sinners. All people inherit the **original curse of sin** from Adam their first earthly father. You do not become a sinner, but you are born a sinner. “*Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned***” (Romans 5:12). The word “**sin**” (singular) refers to your **soul having the original inherited sin**. The word “**sins**” (plural) refers to the **deeds and actions** of your **body**. **Christ removes the curse of sin when you are saved**.

No one is saved without Christ - No one! (John 14:6; Romans 4:12; John 3:16). Jesus Christ became our **sacrifice for sin**, our **substitute** for death, and our **Saviour** in the resurrection. “Therefore as by the offence of one (Adam) **judgment came upon all men...** even so by the righteousness of one (Jesus) the free gift came upon all men unto **justification of life** (removes the penalty)” (Romans 5:18). Jesus Christ is God’s **gift to remove the curse** of Adam’s original sin and gives you eternal life. “For by **grace** are ye **saved** through faith; and that not of **yourselves**: it is the **gift of God**” (Ephesians 2:8).

Salvation is only in Jesus Christ. Again, no one is saved without Christ - No one! “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). **No man** means **no one - This includes you!** There are only those “**In Christ**” and those “**without**” **Christ!**

How To Know You Are Saved - Salvation **begins** with the Gospel. No one is saved without the Gospel - No one! As you hear the Gospel you realize that you are a sinner and you cannot save yourself (Romans 5:12). You **know** you need a Saviour to take your place for your sin. The Gospel gives you faith to believe that Christ **died** on the cross in **your place as your sacrifice for sin**. **He died on the cross. He was buried as your substitute for sin**. He rose from the grave as your risen Saviour to forgive your sin. He is alive and continues to save those who believe and receive Him as Saviour (Acts 16:31). You need to simply **believe** and **receive** Christ as your Saviour. “But as many as (1) **received Him** (Jesus), to them gave he power to **become the sons of God**, even to them that (2) **believe** on his name” (John 1:12). As you believe you **turn** to Christ to receive Him as the free gift for your salvation. You are then saved according to the Scriptures. God cannot lie! Trust Him! **There is no other plan!** This is how you can know that you are saved. You can know you are saved because you are saved according to the Scriptures, not your works or feelings.

Salvation is a One-Time act of God - Some do not understand that salvation is a **one-time permanent act of God** given to all who are “**in Christ**.” When you receive the **free gift of Christ** you also receive **eternal life**. Your **salvation and eternal life** cannot be taken away, returned, removed, changed, lost, repeated, or altered. You do not have the power or choice to change them, return them, or lose them. You have all these things, and they are yours whether you want them or not. Your eternal life **begins** when you are saved. “For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**” (Romans 6:23) “Whosoever **believeth in him** should not perish, but have **eternal life**” (John 3:15). “And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall never perish” (John 10:28).

Salvation is in the Son - Without Christ there is no salvation. No one is saved without the Son, Jesus Christ. “He that **hath** the Son **hath** life; and he that **hath not** the Son of God **hath not life**” (1 John 5:12). There are two groups of people, those that “hath” or those that “hath not” the Son. Only those who “**hath the Son**” hath eternal life. Do you “**hath**” the Son? It does not say **will hath**, but **hath it now**. When you **hath** the Son, you also **hath** eternal life (present tense). **Eternal life** does not begin **after** you die but **when** you are saved. “*He that believeth on the son **hath everlasting life***” (John 3:36). Do you “**hath**” the Son? **Then you “hath” eternal life!**

Assurance is of the Head

The next question is, "Do you **know why** you are saved?" Did you do what the Bible teaches? Was there a time when you **received** and **believed** in Jesus Christ as your Saviour?" If you **have received and believed in Jesus Christ**, then according to the Scriptures **you are now** saved and in the family of God (John 1:12). **After** you have **received** Christ, you need to simply **depend** upon the **truth** of the Word of God, not your feelings. God cannot lie! **Salvation** is **only from the Son**, and **assurance** is **only from the Scriptures**. You can only have **assurance** through **knowledge (head)** of the **Scriptures**. The Scriptures explain what happens to you when you are saved. Have faith in the Word of God, not your feelings.

Everyone May Have Doubts - Some may doubt because they **lack** Bible knowledge. They may trust self and not Scriptures. Some doubt because of sin. They will think, "If I am a Christian, why do I do these things? I must not be saved." Remember, the difference in **sin** and **sins**. The **original sin curse** of Adam was removed by Christ when you received Christ as your Saviour. When you trust in yourself and your works, you will have doubts. You need to stop trusting in yourself and learn to trust God!

What Happens When a Christian Sins?

When you are saved, your **position** is changed from a **sinner** to a **son**. When you are saved, you are born into the family of God (John 1:12; 3:7). Once a baby is born, it **cannot become unborn**. The relationship of a father and child **cannot** be ended. A child can only be born **once**. No matter what happens, a child will **always remain a child** of the parents (John 1:12). A child can break his **fellowship**, but he cannot break **his sonship**. When you have **sins**, God will **correct** or **chasten** so you will **stop your sins** and go the **right way**. God deals with you now as a **son**, not a **sinner**. "**My son (not sinner)**..For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth (corrects)...**every son** (not sinner) whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:5-6). When you sin, your Heavenly Father will correct you so you will go in the way you should go. When you do sin, you do not need to be saved again, but as a son, you can go to your Heavenly Father for forgiveness of your sins. "If we confess our **sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Your sins will break your fellowship with God, but not your sonship. **If you confess, He will cleanse - If you continue, He will chasten. The choice is yours!**

How Can You Know For Sure? - Assurance means to have **full confidence** and to **fully rely upon a promise**. You can have full assurance in the promises of God because God cannot lie. **Know** that you **are saved according to the Scriptures!**

For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in **much assurance**; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."
- **1Thessalonians 1:5**

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the **full assurance of hope** unto the end."
- **Hebrews 6:11**

"Let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance** of faith."
- **Hebrews 10:22**

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. **These things have I written unto you** (Scriptures) that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know** that ye have eternal life."
1 John 5:12-13

Scriptures are written that you can know you have eternal life. You must simply rely on the promises of God. Do not trust your emotions or works, but trust God who cannot lie. **After** you are saved, you **become a son** of God and you will **always remain** a son. As a son/daughter, you can break your fellowship with God, but not your sonship. There will be times you may sin, but you are still a son. You will always remain a son. The Bible says that you can **know** you are saved. "And this is the **record (Scriptures)**, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life **is in his Son**. He that **hath** the Son **hath** life; and he that **hath not** the Son of God **hath not** life. **These things have I written** (Scriptures) unto you that **believe** on the name of the Son of God; that ye **may know** that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:11-13). You either "**hath**" the Son or you "**hath not**" the Son. When you know "**these things**" (Scriptures), you will **know** you have **eternal life** according to the Scriptures, not your feelings or your works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:9).

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