

New Believer Lesson Series

Congratulations you are now saved, and bound for Heaven, so what comes next?

Many questions may come to mind as we walk this road with our Lord and Savior!!

You might ask: Now that you have become a "Born Again Christian" what proof does God's word show me that I actually have been SAVED?

In the beginning of our walk and relationship with God it's important that we seek out God's eternal Word about questions that come to our minds about our Salvation!!

We must have three elements present as we walk with God.

We must have:

- a. Faith for action for we now live by faith
- b. Focus our minds and thoughts on mediating on his word, WE **FILL OUR MINDS WITH HIS WORD NOT EMPTY THEM**
- c. Following through - we must walk according to his word, for we must trust and obey that is the only way to live by faith 2 Corinthians 5:7

In this first lesson we will look at evidence the Bible gives us to help us learn whether we are genuinely converted to saving faith or not!!

We will learn about what we did [the act of salvation] and who we received [the person and Work of Christ in us] and how we are in a new real relationship with God's eternal Son Jesus!!

Below we will examine some verses given in God's word that help us understand what God says about New Life in His Son.

1. Titus 3:3-8 it says "...God saved us not because of righteous things we have done but because of his Mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit
2. 1 Peter 1:8-9 says though you have not seen him you love him, though you do not see him now You believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy...the goal of your Salvation [last part paraphrased]
3. John 3:3 says-[Jesus speaking] ... I tell you the truth no one can enter the Kingdom of God Unless he is born of water and Spirit...
4. 2 Corinthians says "therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation the old has gone the new has Come...NIV
5. Hebrews 1:2 says ...but in the last days he has spoken to us his Son, whom he appointed heir of all Things and through whom he made the universe.

As you believed you received the eternal kingdom in your heart [an inaugurated kingdom the not yet]

By an act of your will you have placed all your hope for eternal life on Christ [John 3:16]

God has provided you a new life in him and you have to grow up spiritually so we must remain

In contact with his Son to make this happen - John 3:5-8 flesh gives birth to flesh Spirit gives birth to Spirit!! NIV

Many tools are important to make growth happen in your new relationship with Christ:

A. We must understand who we are in Christ:

Romans 5:1 I have been justified-completely forgiven and made righteous
Romans 6:1-6 I died with Christ and to the rule of sin in my life
Romans 8:1 there is no longer any condemnation for those of us that are saved and in Christ Jesus
I Corinthians 2:16 I have been given the mind of Christ
2 Corinthians 5:14-15- I died to sin I no longer live to myself but for Christ Jesus
2 Corinthians 5:21 I have been made righteous through Christ
Ephesians 1:5 I have been predestined and adopted by God Chosen to be a part of a royal Priesthood
Ephesians 2:6 I have been raised up and seated with Christ in Heaven
Colossians 1:13 I have been redeemed and forgiven all my sin.
Colossians 1:27 Christ lives in me
Colossians 3:1-4 I died with Christ and have been raised up with Him in a new life my life is now hidden
With Christ in God!
Acts 4:12 There is no other name under Heaven Given to Man by which we must be saved!!
B. With this relationship then how do we communicate with our Heavenly Father?

Prayer

1. We must learn to talk to God- to have a two way relationship
2. Prayer is that two way relationship we must develop
3. Prayer is how we hear from God grow in God and ask of God with Petitions and requests

The Word

It's vital that we develop a relationship with God in prayer and his WORD!!

God's word is vital to our growth as well as prayer and both are required to grow up in him

When we learn the Word:

- A. it guides us into all truth
 - B. it teaches us to overcome sin
 - C. it leads into paths of righteousness
 - D. it is the food that brings a greater knowledge of God and answers our questions
 - E. it teaches us to say no to ungodliness and unfaithfulness
 - F. it helps us form key disciplines that carry us through our Christian lives
4. As we grow we need to learn to apply God's Word and learn his Word with others
 5. We must get into a church relationship because when we attend a house of worship we find the support we need for days to come. God commands us to "forsake not the assembling together of the brethren - Hebrews 10:25

So what evidence does the Bible give to show me that I have been saved?

Receiving salvation is an act of God and a choice of our will!! His Holy Spirit opens the way lifting up Christ so we can see our need of Him

Basically this means that we have been freed from the penalty and consequence of Sin

We are now completely forgiven of all our sin and have the promise of eternal life according to Romans 6:23 [for the wages of sins is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus

Our Lord]

So how do we keep this relationship strong and maintain a healthy relationship with Christ?

1. We need to be completely committed to Christ and his Lordship
2. This is a new relationship and it takes work
3. We must develop our skills of communication in Prayer and his Word
4. We must learn to obey him in all areas of our lives
5. Trust is vital in our dependence as we walk daily
6. Walking daily is the only way to learn his ways and will and that is learning a deep love

For his word

Understand Sin

The Bible says "the wages of sin is death... Rom 6:23

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus Rom 8:1

Sin no longer is in control of our lives we are under Grace free from all condemnation

Rom 6:23 says salvation is a gift; one that cannot be earned it's already free

Ephesians 2:8 says it's by Grace we have been saved through faith not of ourselves

John 3:16 -for God so loved the World he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him

Shall not perish but have everlasting life

Now that we have learned what God's Word says about Salvation, sin and our dependence on?

Him, no w we must apply his Word to our daily living so we do not become deceived by the Devil or end up Questioning our salvation!!

Final Word

According to 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are saved and all things that were old are gone, the old man, ways Lifestyle and directions... [Paraphrased] all the old ways are gone and the new has come. New life is now in place

New ways, new directions a new person has come, and all the old has gone the new has come [paraphrased]

God has cleaned us up made us a "new person a new creation in Christ Jesus..

God views us as his new creation in him saved from Sin and forever his because we accepted his

Free gift by faith alone

Questions for review

1. **What did Jesus come into the world to do? John 19:17-18**
2. **How did Jesus take away the sins of the World? John 1:29**
3. **What happened the Moment you believed? John 5:24**
4. **What happens to those that do not believe? John 3:18, 3:36**
5. **What does God say that will never happen to us if we believe in his One and only Son? John 3:16**
6. **Now that you have become a Christian what would you tell someone else if they asked you To given an answer for the hope you have? John14:6**

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