

#103 UNDERSTANDING SALVATION

Q: I believe in the God of the Bible, but I don't understand the meaning of sinner, saved and born again. Since I am a good person, don't good people like me go to heaven?

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

A: Knowing "about" God is not the same as "knowing" God. You will not understand the things of God until you desire to know Him. There is only one who is good and that is God.

ROMANS 3:10 & 23 "As it is written, "There is none righteous; no, not one; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Q: But I never do anything wrong. I send cards to sick people, volunteer at a shelter, and give money to the poor. Everyone says I'm one of the nicest people they ever met, and you don't even know me, so how can you say that I'm not good enough for God?

ISAIAH 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...."

A: By trusting in your own good works to save yourself, means you are pushing away the knowledge that God created you, the truth of your own sin, and your need for a Savior. That is how you can be a guilty sinner, even though you may perform many good works.

ROMANS 1:18 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

A: God is angry when we push Him away. We choose to be Godless by trusting in our own good works, making an idol of yourself.

EPHESIANS 5:5,6 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with vain words, for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Q: I didn't realize that I've been a sinner all this time because I have trusted in my own works to prove that I'm a good person, instead of trusting in God. I never thought of myself as a godless person, just a good person. How do I make things right?

ROMANS 5:8 "But God commandeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

A: God made things right with you first because He loves you so much that He became flesh in Jesus Christ, to pay your debt with His own blood. All He asks is that you confess your sins and receive His free gift for you.

ROMANS 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Q: I don't want to get paid the wages for my sin, how can I get this gift from God?

JOHN 1:11 & 12 "He came unto his own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Q: I want to receive Jesus and become a child of God, but how do I know for sure that receiving Jesus is what the God the Father would have me to do? I don't understand how the Father and Jesus can be the same God; can you explain it to me?

JOHN 14:8 "Philip said unto Him, "Lord, shew us the Father and it is sufficient us."

JOHN 14:9-10 "Jesus saith unto him, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayeth thou then, 'Shew us the Father'? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

A: Jesus spoke as God, saying to the disciples that if the temple of His body were destroyed that He Himself would raise it up in three days.

JOHN 2:19-21 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰ Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? ²¹ But he spake of the temple of his body."

A: Jesus is the God of Spirit who manifest Himself in flesh; made Himself visible as Messiah.

1 Timothy 3:16 "... God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

JOHN 3:3,6 "Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Q: I believe in my heart that Jesus is God, and He died for my sins, how can I be born again?

ROMANS 10:9,10 & 13 "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. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Q: It doesn't seem like it could be that easy, to just say a few words; How can I be sure that just having faith in Jesus will get me to heaven?

EPHESIANS 2:8,9 "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."

A: Salvation is obtained by your faith by God's grace: when you believe He comes into your heart through His Spirit, to always be with you.

REVELATION 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, I believe in my heart that you, as the God of Heaven, became flesh, just as the Bible says, that you became the temple of God on earth and died on the cross for my sins. I believe that you raised up the temple of your own body from the dead in three days just like you said. I confess that I am a sinner. Forgive me of my sins and make me Your child. Lord Jesus, I receive You now as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my heart and my life to stay, make me a new person, and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for giving me Your free gift of eternal life, in Jesus name, Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

A: You are now a new creation in Jesus Christ, and you will understand the things of God, so that you can love Jesus and follow His ways!

Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

A: Being baptized (immersed in water) is in the likeness of Jesus' death & burial, dying to self, and rising up to a new life lived for God.

ROMANS 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

ACTS 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

A: All who truly believe will follow Jesus' example by being baptized in water in His Name & receive the promise of His Holy Spirit!

ACTS 2:38 "Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

MATTHEW 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

A: The disciples followed Jesus' command by baptizing, understanding that the holy NAME was JESUS, then the Holy Ghost was given.

Q: What if I mess up?

1 JOHN 1:7,9 "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

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