

YOU & YOUR SALVATION: How To Know You Have Eternal Life

Can a person know for sure he is on his way to heaven? YES! It is essential that you understand what has taken place in your life. Having assurance of your salvation will enable you to live a confident Christian life. The following questions are designed to help you know, based on God's Word, that you have eternal life. Before you begin this lesson, read I John 5:13. This will be your memory verse for this week. This verse makes it clear that you need not have any doubts about your salvation. You can be sure that you're saved - you have God's Word on it!

1. What truth about God assures us that we can depend on His promises? (Titus 1:2)
2. Write the promise of God found in Romans 10:13.
3. What is the verdict of those who have not yet believed? (John 3:18)

Can a believer ever be condemned ? Why? Why not? (John 5:24; 6:

Has there been a specific time in your life when you believed on Christ for your eternal salvation? If so, when? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain how you were led to the Lord. This is called your personal testimony and will be a blessing to your discipler and others with whom you share it.

4. What two wonderful illustrations of security are found in Christ's description of Himself?

John 10:9 - "I am _____."

John 10:11 - "I am _____."

5. As sheep can you ever be seized out of God's hand? (John 10:28-29) _____

6. How does the Holy Spirit assure us of our salvation?

John 14:16 - He _____ with us _____.

Romans 8:16 - He bears _____ with our _____.

Ephesians 1:13,4:30 - He _____ us.

Ephesians 1:14 - He is the _____ of our _____.

7. Can a Christian say that he is now sinless? Explain. (I John 1:8,10)

8. What should you do immediately after you sin? (I John 1:9)

9. What does God promise to do when you confess your sins to Him? (I John 1:9)

MEMORIZE:

I John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

YOU & YOUR PRAYERS: How To Talk To God And Get Answers

Prayer is not a ceremony; it is communication! The Bible teaches us that God wants every Christian to pray to Him. Prayer is talking directly to God! It means asking and receiving. The purpose of prayer is God-dependence rather than self-dependence. Prayer causes us to stop the natural pull to trust our thinking and ability to meet our needs. Instead we let God direct and trust Him to meet our needs. (James 1:5-8)

1. What three words describe prayer in Matthew 7:7?

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2. What three-fold prayer promise is given in Matthew 7:8?

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3. In whose name should you pray? (John 14:14) _____

4. How can we have confidence that our prayers will be answered?

I John 5:14 -

I John 5:15 -

5. What keeps your prayers from being heard? (Psalm 66:18)

6. How can you remove that hindrance to your prayers? (I John 1:9)

7. What should be omitted from your prayers? (Matthew 6:7)

8. What are two results of answered prayer? (John 14:13: 16:24)

MEMORIZE:

Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"

YOU & YOUR BIBLE: How To Increase Your Knowledge Of God

And His WordThe dominating desire of a newborn infant is for his mother's milk. All the nourishment a baby needs for growthand strength is found therein. So also is the Word of God to a healthy Christian. All that is needed for spiritual growth and strength in all of life is found in the Bible. The healthy Christian hungers after and feeds regularly upon the Word of God. Broad, accurate knowledge of the Bible and submissive obedience to the Bible are absolutely necessary for spiritual vitality and growth. Study this lesson carefully, for it will lead you to a healthy appreciation of and approach to the Holy Bible, our spiritual milk and meat.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Essentially, the Bible is the complete, authoritative revelation of the truth of God to mankind. It is all that man needs to know about who God is, about who man is, and about how man can be restored to fellowship with God.

1. What authority is to control man's life? (Matthew 4:4) _____
2. John 17:17 says, "...Thy word is _____."
3. How long will the Word of God last? (I Peter 1:23)

HOW DID WE GET THE BIBLE?

The Bible uses the word inspiration to describe how we got our Bible. Inspiration means God-breathed. Just as air is breathed out of living creatures, so the words of Scripture flowed directly out of the living God. Inspiration is the supernatural process by which God used men to write down without error the exact words that God chose to communicate His truth to mankind.

4. Who controlled the men who spoke and wrote the Scriptures? (II Peter 1:21)
5. How much of the Bible is inspired? (II Timothy 3:16)

WHY SHOULD WE KNOW AND LIVE BY THE BIBLE?

6. What is the most important reason why God wrote the Bible? (John 20:31)

7. In II Timothy 3:16, find four ways in which the Bible is profitable:

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8. What words found in Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2,3 describe the life of a person who knows and obeys the Bible? 9. How valuable is the Word10. How often should you study the Bible? (Joshua 1:8)

11. What does it mean to meditate?

12. Why should you memorize God's Word? (Psalm 119:11)

13. James 1:23-25 says that we must not be just a hearer (or reader) of the Word but also a _____ of the Word and of the work.

14. Who mus we depend on to help us understand the meaning of the Scripture? (I Corinthians 2:12-13) _____

As you read a passage of Scripture, the following questions will assist you in personally applying the truth of God to your own life:

Are there any commands I should obey?

Are there any promises I can Claim?

Is there any sin I should forsake?

Are there any principles I should apply?

Are there any warnings I should heed?

Are there any examples I should follow?

MEMORIZE:

Psalm 119:11, "Thy Word Have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

YOU & YOUR BAPTISM: How To Identify With Christ

THINK

The word baptize means to dip; to immerse, to place under, or to put under water and completely cover.

Baptism is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. It is a testimony to others in the church that you have already been saved. Both baptism and faithful church attendance are important steps of obedience for the Christian.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM

1. Do you have to be baptized in order to be saved? (Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8,9)
2. Through what do we obtain forgiveness of sins? (Ephesians 1:7)
3. Did the Apostle Paul view baptism as a part of Salvation? (I Corinthians 1:13-17;15:1-4)
4. Who commanded Christians to be baptized? Matthew 28:18-20
5. If baptism is a command from the Lord, what would you call a refusal to be baptized? (James 4:17)
6. Acts records the beginning of the church. In the following verses note who was baptized and what preceded their baptism. Do you notice a pattern?

Acts 2:41

Acts 8:12

Acts 8:36-38

Acts 10:44-48

Acts 16:30-34

7. According to the above Scriptures, have you been scripturally baptized since you were saved?

YOU & YOUR CHANGING LIFE: How To Know How You Should Act As A Christian

God did not save you simply to take you to heaven but to make you “conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29). The greatest privilege you now have in your new life is the opportunity to represent Jesus Christ and to have complete fellowship with God. If you will yield yourself to Him and obey Him He will change your life to accomplish this purpose.

THE BELIEVER’S DIFFERENT LIFE

1. Your life before you were saved is repeatedly contrasted with your life after your salvation. List the contrasts in the following verses:

II Corinthians 5:17 old things contrasted with _____

Ephesians 5:8 darkness contrasted with _____

I John 3:10 - the children of the devil contrasted with _____

2. Different is a key aspect of holiness! Conversation in the old English language meant lifestyle. To what extent does God intend for your new life to be different, according to I Peter 1:15?

3. We should reflect outwardly what we are inwardly. What do the following verses say about a Christian’s appearance?

I Corinthians 11:14 _____

Deuteronomy 22:5; I Peter 3:3,4 _____

4. According to II Corinthians 6:14-17, what promise is given to those who decide to obey God by separating from evil? _

THE BELIEVER’S DESTRUCTIVE ENEMIES

5. Your primary enemy is an invisible spirit, nevertheless a real person.

What is his name? (I Peter 5:8; John 8:44)

What two terms describe his character and indicate his methods, according to John 8:44?

6. Your second enemy is internal. It is your own sinful nature which the Bible calls “the flesh”. _____
Is it possible for the “carnal” or fleshly mind to ever be right with God? (Romans 8:7)

7. Your third enemy is external. It is outside of you but is organized by the devil to appeal to what is inside of you. The Bible calls this enemy the world. Notice the three components of worldliness in I John 2:16:

The lust of the _____

The lust of the _____

The _____ of _____

THE BELIEVER'S DEVOTION TO CHRIST

8. What must you deny to follow Christ? (Matthew 16:24)
9. What are you told not to love? (I John 2:15)
10. How can you avoid being pressed into the mold of the world? (Romans 12:1-2)
11. To whom do you belong now? (I Corinthians 6:19-20)
12. How do you demonstrate your love for God? (John 14:15)

THE BELIEVER'S DELIVERANCE FROM TEMPTATION

13. What does God promise to those who are tempted? (I Corinthians 10:13)
14. How can you avoid many temptations? (Romans 13:14)
15. When Satan tempted Jesus, what did Jesus use to defeat Satan? (Matthew 4:4,7,10)
16. What is your spiritual weapon against sin and Satan? (Ephesians 6:17)
17. Has there been a noticeable difference in your life since you accepted Christ? Explain.
18. Check any area(s) in which you now fail to bring glory to God because you are being pressured by the world, drawn away by your own desires, or tempted by Satan:

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19. Should you wait for some "special conviction" by God before you obey what His Word says about your attitudes, appearance, and actions? (James 1:22; 4:17) _____

MEMORIZE:

I Corinthians 6:19,20, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

YOU & YOUR MONEY: How To Give Cheerfully To Support God's Work

As a Christian you should have a different attitude toward wealth than you had before you were saved. You are a steward, not an owner. What is a steward? John Wesley described a steward in this way: "When the possessor of Heaven and Earth brought you into being and placed you in this world, He placed you here not as an owner, but as a steward - as such He entrusted you for a season with goods of various kinds - but the sole property of these still rests in Him, nor can ever be alienated from Him. As you are not your own but His, such is likewise all you enjoy." We must learn to properly manage what the Lord places within our care.

God wants you to use things to reach other people instead of using people to acquire more things. The Bible has much to say about money and wealth. Study this lesson carefully and prayerfully, and discover rich treasures in God's Word! (Ps. 119:72,127)

ETERNAL LIFE VS. TEMPORAL RICHES

1. What is the most valuable thing entrusted to you? (Matthew 16:26)

2. What happened to the man in Christ's parable of The Rich Fool who pursued material wealth at the expense of his own soul? (Luke 12:15-21)

3. What does God require of His stewards? (I Corinthians 4:1,2) _____

4. From the parable of The Talents, list what each man did with his master's money and the master's response to each servant. (Matthew 25:14-30)

 Servant 1 What he did: _____
 His master's response: _____

 Servant 2 What he did: _____
 His master's response: _____

 Servant 3 What he did: _____
 His master's response: _____

7. What two-fold command did Christ give in answer to the deceitful question of the Pharisees? (Matthew 22:15-22)

 Render unto _____

 Render unto _____

8. When will you answer to God for your management of what God has entrusted to you? (Romans 14:12; II Corinthians 5:10)

9. In what practical ways can you obey the commands of Matthew 6:19,20?

10. Who is the real owner of all things? (Psalm 24:1, Psalm 50:7-11)

11. Is it possible to rob God? (Malachi 3:8)

12. What is the definition of the word "tithe"? (Genesis 28:22; Leviticus 27:32)

13. On what day of the week should you give your tithes and offerings? (I Corinthians 16:1-2)

14. What should be your attitude as you give? (II Corinthians 9:7)

15. What promise does God give to those who are obedient in their giving? (Philippians 4:19)

As you invest your money in the Lord's work, you are making a statement about your personal relationship with God, and you are acknowledging His ownership of all that you own. (Matthew 6:21)

MEMORIZE:

Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

9. What should immediately follow salvation and baptism? (Acts 2:41)

10. List the activities of the early church. (Acts 2:42)

11. Why should you be careful about the type of church you join? (Galatians 1:6-9; II Timothy 4:3,4)

12. How often do you think the Lord would have you attend church? (Hebrews 10:25)

13. What two offices of leadership were given to the local church? (I Timothy 3:1,8)

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14. For what purpose were the evangelist and pastor/teacher given to the local church? (Ephesians 4:11,12)

15. What should be your attitude toward the leadership in the local church? (I Thessalonians 5:12,13; Hebrews 13:17)

16. What is the main ministry of the members of a local church? (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28: 19,20)

What will you do as a result of what you have learned from God's Word? (James 1:22-25)

YOU & YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITY: How To Explain To Others How They Can Be Saved

Aren't you glad you're saved? Think back to the day you accepted Christ. What did it take for you to become saved? Obviously, salvation is from God, and He has told us in His Word how to be saved. But in most cases it takes a person to explain God's Word to you and show you how to accept Christ. Now that you are saved, you have the privilege and responsibility to tell others the Good News!

THE CRUCIAL NEED OF A GOSPEL WITNESS

1. Who is the only way of salvation? (John 14:16, Acts 4:12)
2. What did Christ do to save us? (I Corinthians 15:3,4)
3. What threefold command did Christ give before ascending into Heaven? (Matthew 28:19,20)
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4. What promise was given to the disciples that would enable them to take the Gospel to the entire world? (Acts 1:8)
5. What does the Holy Spirit provide us to replace our fears? (II Timothy 1:7)
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6. Who does God want to save? (II Peter 3:9, I Timothy 2:1-4)

THE CLEAR PRESENTATION OF A GOSPEL WITNESS

7. What experience did Paul use to witness to others? (Acts 22:1-15)
8. Share your salvation testimony with at least one other person before you meet with your discipler. Record the results below.

MEMORIZE:

Matthew 4:19, "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

You & Your Family: How To Understand Your Place In The Home

How are things at home? God intends for you to have a happy home. If you will obey the clear teaching of Scripture in this vital area, the relationships at home will be a blessing and not a burden. Success at home will provide strength and confidence for daily living. Are you fulfilling your God-given responsibilities in your family so that you might have a happy home?

1. Who created the home? (Genesis 2:22-24) _____
2. Can you succeed in your home without the Lord? (Psalm 127:1) _____
3. God wonderfully designed your marriage to be permanent. How is this stated in Mark 10: 6-9?
4. A happy home is one in which the Spirit of God is in control of each individual. We are commanded to be filled with the _____. (Ephesians 5:18) This is the _____ of the Lord for you and your family. (Ephesians 5:17)
5. The Holy Spirit produces the following results:
 - A _____ heart (Ephesians 5:19)
 - A _____ heart (Ephesians 5:20)
 - A _____ heart (Ephesians 5:21)
6. How does God view divorce? (Malachi 2:15-16)
7. Did God ever intend for man to be divorced? (Matthew 19:6-9)
8. How does the Bible describe children? (Psalm 127:3)
9. What are children commanded to do? (Ephesians 6:1-3)
10. Why did God give you children? (Malachi 2:15)

BIBLICAL TRAINING

- _____ not your children to _____. (Ephesians 6:4)
- _____ them up in the _____ (education, discipline) and _____ of the Lord (encouragement or correction where needed). (Ephesians 6:4)

LOVING DISCIPLINE

- To discipline is to _____. (Proverbs 13:24)
- Loving discipline results in _____. (Proverbs 23:13-14)
- What is the spiritual result of discipline? (Proverbs 23:13-14)
_____.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

- "Teach them _____" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; II Timothy 3:15-16)
- Who should lead? Genesis 18:18-20; 35:1-3; Joshua 24:15) _____

12. What will make your home a happier place?
13. What areas of child rearing will you work on this week?
14. In what ways will you show that you are committed to your marriage?

15. How will you let the Lord “build” your house?

Joshua 24:15b “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”