

“Foundations” – Lesson #1

KNOWING YOU’RE SAVED

Knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord is the most exciting relationship you can have. It is the beginning of a life of adventure with an all-loving, all-knowing, all present and all-powerful God! Often it is easy for a new Christian to not “feel saved.” It is possible to doubt our salvation and not live up to the privileges God has for us.



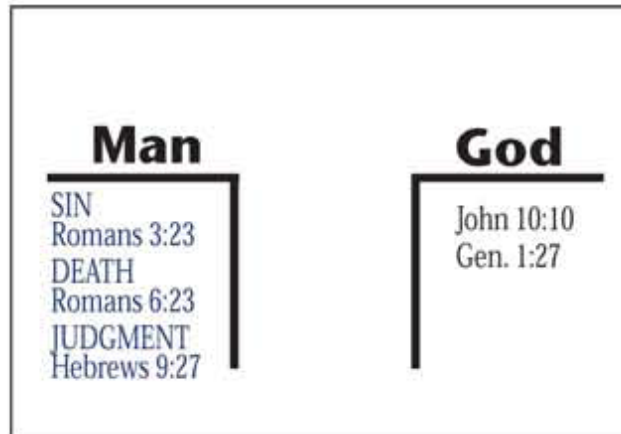
Salvation is a beginning point not the end. It is a place to start and you grow from there.

John 20:31 “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

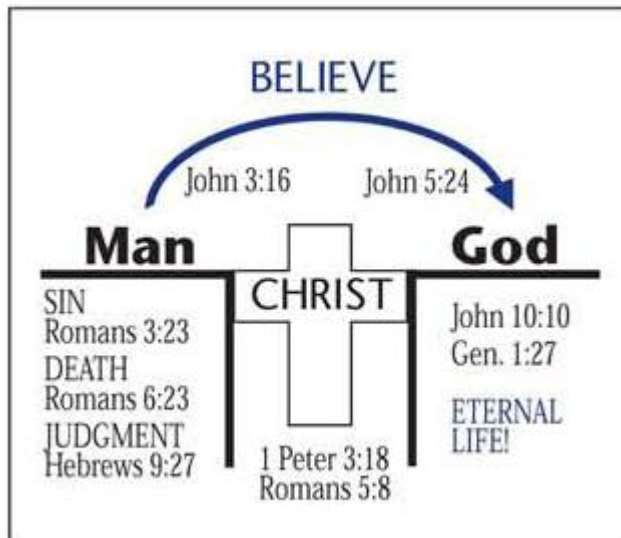
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So, how does someone begin a relationship with Christ or become a Christian?

Our Problem:



Our Remedy:



What does Romans 10:9 say we must do to be saved?

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A Christian is someone who has made a willful decision to put their trust in Jesus Christ as the only One who can save them from their sin.

They have:

Confessed –

Believed –

Repented –

Received –

“Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I want to turn from my sin. I now ask You to forgive my sin and to come into my heart and life and take control. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Amen.”

Remember, Christianity is a Relationship not a Religion.

What’s the difference? Religion = _____

Christianity = _____

I. CONFIDENCE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

We can be confident in our relationship with Christ because we have been completely forgiven and accepted by God. Only Christ’s death on the cross is sufficient to provide this proper relationship with God.

Read Ephesians 2:8-9. There are three important words in these verses that explain the basis of our acceptance before God.

A. GRACE =

What role did grace play in establishing our relationship with God?

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B. SAVED =

What do you think this verse means by saying we are “saved”?
From what are we “rescued”?

C. FAITH =

What does faith have to do with receiving Christ?



KEY QUESTION: Suppose you were standing before God and He asked you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” What would you say?

II. TRUTHS ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

There are many exciting things that are true in our relationship with Christ. The following truths are what Christ did for us the moment we confessed Him as our Savior and Lord. (None of them can be earned):

A. *Ephesians 1:7* _____

B. *John 1:12* _____

C. *Revelation 3:20* _____

Will Christ ever leave you? (Hebrews 13:5-6; John 6:37; John 10:27-29; Jude 24)

D. *II Corinthians 5:17* _____

E. *I John 5:11-13* _____

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KEY QUESTION: If you were to die tonight, are you sure that you would spend eternity with God? _____

III. DEALING WITH DOUBTS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

What are some of the reasons we might begin to doubt our salvation?

Doubts, questions and varying emotions are common parts of everyone's life, but they are very unreliable gauges of anyone's relationship with Christ. The Christian lives by faith in the trustworthiness of God and His Word. How does this work?

A. Do not depend on feelings. No matter how you feel, God always remains committed to you!

1. FACT –
2. FAITH –
3. FEELINGS –

So, what if I don't feel like a Christian tomorrow?

The more we learn God's Word, the more we will be able to answer any doubts with solid facts. Our feelings will begin to respond to the truth of God's Word and not to our circumstances.

B. Don't confuse the gift of salvation with the growing process.

Read Philippians 2:12

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Example:

Compare PHYSICAL BIRTH vs. SPIRITUAL BIRTH

Read John 1:12-13; 3:3-7

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