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“repent ye, and believe the gospel.”

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life
was cast into the lake of fire.”

“Ye must be born again.”

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God,
and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord,
and from the glory of His power;”

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“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

“if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.”

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven
given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

“except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

“what must I do to be saved?”

INTRODUCTION

- If someone were to ask you, "Do you know with an absolute certainty that you are saved?", what would your truthful answer be? Do you **KNOW** that you presently have eternal life? Are you **certain** that if you died today you would go to be with Jesus in heaven?
- There are some people that answer the above question, "I hope so." Some say, "I think so." Others state that, "I feel like I am." Some might even state, "Well, the preacher said I was saved." But none of these answers are the same as, "Yes, I know that I am a child of God, that I have been born again of God. I know that I am saved. I know that I have received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and that He lives within me."
- There are those that think of 'being saved' as an experience in life that they have had in which the Lord saved them from a great physical tragedy or even physical death. It is true that the Lord does deliver physically in this manner, but the more important deliverance is the salvation of the soul of a person by the Lord. Just because a person has been saved by the Lord in a physical sense, does not mean their soul has been saved. Eventually, every person will die a physical death, but a person who has been spiritually born of God ('saved') will never die a spiritual death. A person who has not been born of God will die a spiritual death and will be separated from God forever in hell, a place of everlasting torments. So the most important consideration is that of the salvation of the soul. This will be our focus.
- This little booklet addresses this question from the Scriptures, "Can I **Know** That I Am Saved?"

THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING FOR SURE

- There are many facts that a person knows for sure, without any doubts. A person knows their name, their address, what country they live in, their birthday, their educational level, their place of employment, the kind of vehicle they drive, the names of their family members and many, many other facts.
- The most important thing in this life is to be saved ('born again of God'; 'redeemed'; 'have eternal life'; 'have received Jesus Christ as personal Saviour'). You need to be sure that you are saved.
- Jesus asked the question, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?.." (Matthew 16:26). This places great importance upon a person's soul being saved, receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

- If a person dies without Jesus as their Saviour, still lost in their sins, then all else is in vain. We must always keep in mind the following truth: this present earthly life is very short, but the next life never ends. The saved person will be with the Lord forever, but the lost person will be in torments of hell forever separated from the Lord.
- Even though many may not believe in a literal hell, a place of fire and torments, the Holy Scriptures clearly teach the existence of such a place. Jesus spoke much about hell and its reality. He stated in Mark 9:43, 44 that hell is a place of "fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Also, read Luke 16:19-31). If a person is not saved and dies lost (and therefore does not have their name written in the Lamb's book of life) they will eventually be cast into the lake of fire. Carefully consider Revelation 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
- This shows the great importance of KNOWING for sure that you have been saved. The consequences of not being saved are so awful and terrible and eternal. Salvation is not something you want to hope you have, or think that you have, or feel like you have. Salvation is something that you need to KNOW that you have. Don't guess about where you will be forever after you die! This is the MOST IMPORTANT DECISION YOU WILL EVER MAKE!!

"IS IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO KNOW IF I AM SAVED?"

- The short and Biblical answer is, "Yes". God wants His children, the saved ones, to have the assurance and comfort of knowing they are saved and secure in Him. "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" (1 John 5:13).
- This assurance of salvation is not based on head knowledge or mere feelings. It is based on the acceptance that the Bible is absolutely true. God can not lie (Titus 1:2).
- God, in the Bible, tells us how to be saved, and how we can know that we are saved. Our confidence is in the Lord and in His Word. In order to have the assurance and comfort that God wants His children to have, we must believe Him and know that once a person is saved, they are saved forever. Every child of God is eternally secure in the Saviour. A saved person can never be lost again.

-Please read and study the following Scriptures:

-John 3:15, 16 ('eternal life'; 'everlasting life') -John 5:24

-John 10:27-30 ('eternal life'; 'never perish')

-Romans 8:35-39 -II Timothy 1:12 -Hebrews 7:25 (saved to the 'uttermost') -Hebrews 9:12 ('eternal redemption')

-I Peter 1:5 ('kept') -Jude 1('preserved')

"HOW CAN I KNOW FOR SURE THAT I AM SAVED?"

-God gives us certain truths in His Word by which a person can know if he or she is saved or not saved. Please examine the following Biblical characteristics, given by the Lord, of a saved person and compare these with your own life:

(1) Every saved person has the Spirit of Jesus Christ living within him or her.

We are instructed to, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

(II Corinthians 13:5). You are admonished to examine yourself.

Make sure that Jesus actually is dwelling in you. "...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9).

(2) Every saved person has the love of God in their heart.

"...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5). This love is the kind of love (*agape*) that loves sacrificially, an unselfish love, it is truly a caring love about others and not just about self.

(3) Every saved person loves other saved people. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I John 4:7, 8). "...If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us" (I John 4:12). This is such an important proof of salvation that if a person does not love a brother in Christ, that is evidence that that person is not saved. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:14, 15). [This is another reason why after salvation a person should have Scriptural baptism and unite with a Scriptural New Testament church.

It is in that church fellowship that a person can exercise this love and can then confidently know that they do actually love their brethren in Christ as they fellowship together in various circumstances and situations.]

(4) Every saved person has the indwelling Holy Spirit.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit" (I John 4:13).

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:" (Romans 8:16).

"..And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us" (I John 3:24).

(5) If a person is led in life by the Holy Spirit, then that person is saved. The Holy Spirit will always lead His child in the ways of truth and in agreement with the Word of God. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

(6) Jesus is precious to every saved person. "Unto you therefore which believe *He is precious*..." (I Peter 2:7).

(7) Every saved person loves Jesus Christ. "...Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *Him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:" (I Peter 1:7, 8).

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN KNOW IF YOU ARE SAVED:

-If you obeyed the Lord in doing what He said you must do to be saved, then you are saved. (See Pages 8, 9 to find what the Word of God says about what a person must do to be saved.)

-Every saved person confesses (agrees) that Jesus is the Son of God (I John 4:15), and also that He is God, the Son (Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:23; Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; I John 5:7).

-Every saved person believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Saviour of the world (John 4:42; I John 5:1).

-Every saved person is able to understand the Scriptures in a deeper and greater way than before they were saved (I Corinthians 2:10, 14).

-Every saved person is dealt with by their Heavenly Father when they have unconfessed sin in their life. First, He convicts them. If they do not turn from the sin, He then chastises them. The Lord chastens every one of His children. "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth" (Hebrews 12:5, 6). If a person lives in sin and is not convicted or chastised by the Lord, that is an indication to that person that he or she is not saved.

-Every saved person can know they are saved if they truly desire to, and seek to, keep God's commandments, and His Word (I John 2:3, 5).

-Every saved person will believe that Jesus was virgin born, and that He is the Lord (Matthew 1:22-25; Philippians 2:9-11).

THINGS THAT DO NOT SAVE OR BRING SALVATION

-Do NOT make the terrible mistake of thinking that salvation is something that a person works for, earns, endeavors to attain, deserves, or in some way is entitled to. God's salvation is a gift to the repentant believer in His Son. Do not be deceived into thinking that anyone is saved by the deeds (works) that they do. An example of this: A very common false teaching is that of baptismal regeneration. There are those who teach you must first be baptized in order to be saved. This is absolutely not true. This is teaching works for salvation. Baptism is a work that involves bodily effort. (Scriptural baptism AFTER a person is saved is a good work and is commanded by the Lord, but baptism is NOT administered in order to save a person.)

-The Lord gives the gift of eternal life by His mercy and His grace, not because of some bodily effort, work or endeavor that a person may do or perform. He gives this gift to those who, from their heart, repents towards Him, believes the Gospel of Jesus Christ and believes upon Jesus Christ, and then prays and asks Him for His forgiveness of sins, for His mercy and for His salvation. Salvation involves a spiritual birth from God. Consider the following Bible passages:

-“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

-“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3:5-7).

-“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 2:8, 9).

-So from the Scriptures we find that the physical efforts, works, a person does can not save the soul. Only God can save a soul by His mercy and His grace, because of His great love for us. Salvation is a Gift of God.

-Consider the following three men, who had many works, they were religious, but they were not saved:

-Judas Iscariot was a disciple of Jesus Christ. He was called to be an Apostle. He was a preacher. He had made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized by John the Baptist. He was a church treasurer, so others must have trusted him. He heard Jesus preach and teach. He saw many of the miracles that Jesus did. He was the traitor who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. He was not saved, he was a lost man. When Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him, they did not even suspect Judas Iscariot any more than any of the others. He was religious and had done many works, but he was not saved and he died a lost man.

-Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews, but he was not saved. He was a very religious and sincere man. He prayed, he tithed, he studied the Scriptures, and surely must have been a moral man. Yet all those works did not save his soul.

-Saul of Tarsus was a very sincere and strict Pharisee. He also was very religious, and had a zeal toward God, yet those works did not save him. (NOTE: Later on in life both Nicodemus and Saul were saved.)

-So a person may be moral, religious, sincere, have a zeal toward God, they may pray and tithe, they may be baptized, they may be a member of a church, they may be an officer in a church and still they may not be saved. A person **must** be born again of God.

-When a person dies and they are not saved they go into hell and will be in torments for ever and ever. The reason they go into hell is that they did not receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

- There are many people who think they are saved, yet Jesus says they are not. Please read and consider **Matthew 7:21-23**. All the works that a person may do, no matter how good, how great or how numerous, can NEVER save that person's soul.
- Don't trust in your religion, your church, your denomination, your works, your efforts, your deeds for salvation. Please, do not be deceived, these can not save anyone.

CONCLUSION:

You need to know for sure that your soul has been saved, that you have been born again of God, and that the Spirit of Christ dwells within you. No other person can tell you that you are saved or not, you must know this for yourself. You should not just "hope", or "think", or "feel" that you are saved, you need to **KNOW** with an absolute certainty that you are saved.

We want you to be able to say truthfully, "I know that I am a child of God, that I have been born again of God. I know that I am saved. I know the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and He lives within me." "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12).

[For more ways to know for sure about personal salvation, read the book of I John in the Scriptures. Some of the key words in that book are, "know", "knoweth", and "known".]

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"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED ?"

-Eternal life is a gift from the Lord that must be accepted by a person in order for that person to be saved and have everlasting life. This gift of salvation must be received in the manner that the Lord instructs us in His Word. God gives His gift of eternal life by His grace ("unmerited favor") and by His mercy.

I. Realize and understand that you are guilty of sin against God. [TELL THE TRUTH: You are a sinner.]

God states that everyone is a sinner.

-“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

(Romans 3:23).

-“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:”

(Romans 3:10).

II. Repent toward God. [TURN TO THE LORD WITH A REPENTANT HEART.] (Turn; have a change of mind and heart concerning sin and God). Turn from sin and unbelief and turn to righteousness and God.

-Jesus said, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3).

III. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. [TRUST IN JESUS.]

-“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

-“But as many as received Him [*Jesus Christ*], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12, 13).

-By faith believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel (“good news”) of Jesus Christ is, “..that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures: and that He was seen...” (I Corinthians 15:3-5). [Jesus suffered, shed His precious blood and gave His life for the sins of every person.

Jesus gave Himself as the all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of all the world.]

-“And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*” (I John 2:2).

-“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour” (Ephesians 5:2).

-“In whom we have redemption through His blood, *even the forgiveness of sins:*” (Colossians 1:14).]

-“..Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,..” (Acts 16:31).

In your heart you must have, “..repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).

-“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” (Romans 10:9).

IV. Pray and ask the Lord to forgive you of your sins and to save you. [TALK TO THE LORD IN PRAYER.]

-“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

-“Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water” (John 4:10).

-“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his eyes* unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13).

SUMMARY:

To be saved, born again of God, you must:

- I. Tell the truth. You are a sinner.
- II. Turn to the Lord with a repentant heart.
- III. Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ with your heart.
- IV. Talk to the Lord in prayer.