

# Salvation

## 1. Does God really care about me?

### Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

## 2. How has God demonstrated His love for us?

### John 3:16

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.

## 3. How could He love someone like me?

### Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**NOTE:** Because God loved us so deeply, He was willing to see His only Son suffer and die rather than be separated from us for eternity. Not one of us has earned anything except the wages of sin, which is death. But God's love is unconditional. And because He knows that our sins can lead only to misery and death, He wants to save us from our sins. That's why Christ died.

## 4. What does His death do for me?

### 1 John 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

### John 1:12

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:

**NOTE:** Christ died to satisfy the death penalty we have earned. Then He offered to give us the credit for what He did. His sinless life is credited to our account so we can be counted as righteous. His death is accepted by God as full payment for all our past wrongs, and by accepting what Jesus did, as a gift, we are taken into God's own family as His children.

## 5. How do I receive Christ and pass from death to life? Just admit three things:

### Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

1. I am a sinner.

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. I am under an eternal death penalty.

### John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

3. I cannot save myself.

**Then, believe three things:**

### Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

1. He died for me.

### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. He forgives me.

### John 6:47

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

3. He saves me.

## 6. What must I do in order to obtain this gift of salvation?

### 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.

### Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

### Romans 3:28

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

**NOTE:** The only thing we can do is to accept salvation as a free gift. Our works of obedience will not help one bit in the justification experience. All who ask for salvation in faith will receive it. The worst reprobate sinner will be accepted on the same basis as the most moral do-gooder. The past does not count. Remember, God loves everyone alike, and forgiveness is available for all who ask for it.

**7. When I join His family through faith, what change does Jesus make in my life?**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**NOTE:** As Christ is received into your heart, He destroys the old sinful self and actually changes you into a new spiritual creation. The old life of sin now becomes repulsive and undesirable. Joyfully you begin to experience glorious freedom from guilt and condemnation. You will begin to see how empty life has been without Christ.

**8. What does Jesus call this transformation?**

**John 3:3**

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.

**John 3:5, 6**

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**9. What does Jesus promise to those who accept His sacrifice?**

**John 15:11**

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

**John 8:36**

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

**John 10:10**

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

**10. But can I make myself do all the things a Christian should do?**

**Galatians 2:20**

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Psalms 40:8**

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

**11. Do you mean that even the Ten Commandments would not be hard to obey?**

**John 14:15**

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

**1 John 5:3**

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

**1 John 2:5**

But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

**12. How can I be certain that the commandment-keeping mentioned of God's people in the Bible is not legalism?**

**Revelation 14:12**

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**Revelation 12:11**

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**13. What significant act seals the love relationship with Christ, and what does it symbolize?**

**Romans 6:6**

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**14. How can I be certain that the faith and love of my marriage to Christ will continue to increase?**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

Pray without ceasing.

**John 5:39**

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

**Colossians 2:6**

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.

**Matthew 28:20**

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.