

Who's Safe? Saved? Be Sure!

SAFE and SAVED

Now and Forever

Knowing the Lord is Eternal Security

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Question: “***Are you Safe?***” Are Heaven and Hell real places? Where will you go? Do you know? Is Jesus Christ the Only Way, Truth, Life of Heaven? When will He return? Will you face Him as Judge Jesus? All these questions and more will be answered in the pages that follow. Question: “***Are you Saved?***”

“More secure is no one ever
than the loved ones of the Savior,
not yon star on high abiding,
nor the bird in home-nest hiding.”

Can a True Child of God Ever Go to Hell?

It's an anxious question on many minds. As a teen, I knew I was a sinner - the Bible said it, I proved it every day. So, at age 14, I came in faith to trust in the Savior-Lord Jesus Christ.

Then came years of fears - day-to-day - that any time I sinned I could be lost again - and “Go to Hell.” I was in misery, for I felt guilty - **un**worthy of salvation - worthy of God's judgment.

God's Worry-Free Key

God's worry-free key is - Jesus. He sets free - saves, makes safe - now and forever - every person who once trusts in Him.

Salvation is all about “worth” - not self-worth - *Savior-worth!* You and I and all people on the planet are lost sinners - totally **un**worthy of Heaven! We deserve Hell. Yes we do. It's true. But - Jesus Christ offers His own righteous worth to redeem us.

So, as I read in the Bible that no one is ever saved from Hell, for Heaven, by self-righteous self-worth. Only by Savior-worth. God calls our so-called “self-worth” **unworthy** - **unacceptable**. You and I, and any other sinner on the planet, can only approach the high, holy Lord God Almighty if we are - absolutely righteous. But Isaiah wrote God’s view of us:

“We are all as an unclean thing . . . and all our (self) righteousnesses (self-worth) are as filthy rags; we all do wither as a leaf, and our iniquities (breaking God’s Laws) like the wind have blown us away” (Isaiah 64:6).

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . . and the wage of sin is death . . . the soul that sins shall die” (Romans 3:23; 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4,20).

But God also tells us all - His One and Only way to be saved from Hell - for His Heaven - instantly and forever. God says -

*“The wage of sin is death - but - the **Gift of God** is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

God calls every lost sinner on the planet - in every century - every country, culture, color, class, creed -

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD, tho’ your sins are as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; tho’ they are crimson red, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

God’s plan to save sinner-man - is not in self-worth or works - but in - *Savior-worth* - and His redeeming work on the Cross. Jesus said it: *“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”* Why not call the righteous? Because God says

“There is none righteous, no, not one . . . all have sinned and fall short of God’s glory” Romans 3:9-24.

“Faithful is the Word, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief” (I Timothy 1:15).

Paul was telling me (and you too), that if Jesus saved him, a chief sinner, Jesus is ready, willing, able to save us too.

So, the Bible said - before the holy Lord God - I **never** was - nor I ever could be - saved by self-worth or works - only by trusting in the Savior-worth of Jesus Christ Himself. And I remembered ol' Jacob - he said it for us all, didn't he:

"I am not worthy the least of all the mercy and truth You have shown Your servant" (Genesis 32:10).

The Bible says - Jesus bought me out of my sin-debt to God - by His own precious blood on the Cross - and He brought me His *"Good News of great joy - the Savior - Christ the Lord."*

The Bible gives God's *"exceedingly great, precious promises."* This brief book tells just a few - all true - all for you too.

Open your Bible with me - together let's look to God's Book - ***the Bible*** - the One and Only Book with God's "triple A" - *All Absolute Answers* - the loving, living, eternal-life giving, power-filled, peace-giving, promise-keeping, problem-solving, people-saving - *Word of God*.

Read all these precious absolute-power promises - prayerfully, carefully - and remember always - the Holy Spirit of God, by the holy Word of God, teaches every true child of God - that all who trust in Jesus Christ the Savior-Son of God - are -

- *Saved and Safe - Now and Forever -*
- *because -*

Knowing the Lord Jesus Christ is Eternal Security.

Jesus said it! That settles it! Believe it! Believe in Him!

*"God is faithful,
by whom you were called to the fellowship
of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord."*

God's Good News - the Gospel

God's Good News to all people on this sad, mad, bad news planet is this: "*Christ died for our sins, and He was buried, He arose again the third day*" (I Corinthians 15:3,4). Jesus Christ is God the eternal Son - who came to earth by virgin birth - lived the absolute virtuous life - the perfect Son of Man - died on the Cross, the vicarious death for the sins of the whole world - whatever century, country, culture, color, class, creed - and then - because He is God in flesh - Jesus Christ arose from the dead in full, final, forever victory over sin, death, Hell. And He saves all who come in simple faith, trust, belief to Him.

If You Doubt . . .

If you doubt - find out - are you sure you're *Saved - Safe?* Make sure now. Simply say: "Lord Jesus, I trust in You." Here is His promise - from **Jesus to you with love** -

"Amen! Amen! I say to you, he who believes in Me - has everlasting life!"

My prayer for you is that - as you read the Bible's absolute-power-promises - God will open your heart to receive the living, loving Savior-Lord Jesus Christ. He says to you too

*"Come to Me all who labor . . . heavy laden,
I will rest you" (Matthew 11:28).*

Who's Safe? Saved? Be Sure!
From the Bible
Forty Absolute-Power Promises
on
Eternal Security
from Jesus to you with love!
God says - all who trust in Jesus are -
Saved and Safe - Now and Forever!

1. God says - His *eternal life* is offered - open - to all who -
believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
John 3:15-18,36; 6:47; 20:30,31

*“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He who **believes** in Him is not judged, but he who **believes** not is judged already, because he has **not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He who **believes** on the Son has everlasting life; he who **believes not** the Son shall not see life; the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36).*

*“Amen, Amen, I say to you, He who **believes** on Me has everlasting life. Truly many other signs Jesus did not written in this Book. But these are written, so you might **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that **believing** you might have life thru His name” (John 20:30,31).*

- 2- God says - **knowing** Him - in Jesus Christ - is eternal life

John 17:1-3

*Jesus lifted His eyes to Heaven and said, “Father, glorify Your Son, so Your Son may glorify You, giving eternal life. And this is life eternal, that they might **know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”*

3. God says - He gives us His - *eternal life*

John 3:14,15; 4:13,14; 11:25,26; 20:30,31

*Jesus said to her - "Whoever drinks the water (of life) that I give him will never thirst; but the water that I will give him will be in him a well of water springing up to **eternal life**."*

*"**Eternal life**" - lasts as long as God lives - **forever!** God's *eternal Life-Gift* - is ours - instantly and forever - when we truly trust in Jesus. God never calls His life - temporary, reversible, probational, conditional - but - "**everlasting life!**"*

*"This is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have **everlasting life**."*

4. God says - He gives us His - *eternal life*

John 1:4; 5:24; 6:47; 11:25,26; 14:6
I John 2:25; 5:11-13

All **life** - in Heaven, Earth, all Creation - is in Jesus. He said -

*"I Am the Way, the Truth, the **Life!**" (John 14:6).*

*"In Him was **Life**, and the **Life** was the Light of men."*

*"Amen, Amen, I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes Him who sent Me, has **eternal life**, and will not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into **life**."*

*"This is the promise He promised us - **eternal life!**"*

*"This is the witness - God has given us **eternal life**, and **this life** is in His Son. He who has the Son has **the life**; he who has not the Son of God has not **the life**. These things I have written to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have **eternal life** (I John 5).*

Jesus creates and gives all life - all spirit, soul, body life. He gives life to every angel, man, woman, child, every animal and plant. The Bible is emphatic, dogmatic - Jesus is God Himself

- the One and Only Creator of all things - the "**Life-Source!**"

*"In **Him** was **Life** . . . and the **Life** was the Light of men."*

Our living - eternal life giving - Lord Jesus Christ says to all -

*"I Am the Resurrection and the **Life** . . . I Am the Way, the Truth, the **Life**, no one comes to the Father but by Me."*

*"God has given us eternal **life**, and this **life** is in His Son! He who has the Son has **life**, he who has not the Son of God has not **life**" (John 11:26; 14:6; I John 5:11).*

Jesus - who is *The **Life*** - died - gave up His own **life** on the Cross for all our sins! Jesus - *the eternal Lord God of **Life*** - arose from the dead - in triumph over sin, death, Hell. Jesus gives His *eternal **life*** to all who choose to trust in Him.

5. God says - He **gives** eternal life - it is His free **Gift**

Romans 6:23; 8:31 Ephesians 2:8,9

I John 5:11,12 II Corinthians 9:15

*"The wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Any slight sin is an infinite offense against the infinitely holy God. So, the wage of one sin is *eternal death*. But God's amazing grace **Gift** is - *eternal life* - in Jesus Christ.

*"By grace you are saved, thru faith, not of yourselves, it is the **gift of God**, not of works. This is the witness - God has **given** us eternal life, this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life. He who has not the Son of God has not life" (I John 5).*

*"Thanks be to God for His indescribable **Gift!** (II Corinthians 9:15). If God is for us, who can be against us? He who spared not His own Son, but **gave** Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also **freely give** us all things!"*

6. God says - in Jesus we are - **born again** . . . *born of God*

John 1:12,13; 3:3,7 Titus 3:5,6
James 1:17,18 I Peter 1:3,25

Jesus said - "*Amen! Amen! I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said to you - you must be **born again**.*"

"*Born again*" means a brand new birth -
spiritual birth - is God's gift of new - eternal life.

"As in Adam all die . . . even so, in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:22). If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. Old things have passed away, Behold, all things have become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

All people are born once into Adam's fallen family - born into the sin-spoiled, sin-cursed old creation. We all are born sinners, our spirits dead to God (*Ephesians 2:1-3*). For us sinners to be related to the high, holy Lord God - Jesus said - "*You must be born again.*" Born from above, born of God, newborn into His new creation family. Jesus said to a devout religious ruler -

"Unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God . . . You must be born again" (John 3:3,7).

All who come in faith to Jesus are "*Born again . . . born from above, born of the Spirit, born of God!*" (I Corinthians 15:45,47-49; II Corinth 5:17; Galatians 6:15; I Peter 1:3,23).

The Bible term "*born*" is *gennao* (Genesis), it means: "*begin.*" Being "*born again*" is very literally a brand new life - a part of God's "*new creation*" in Jesus. New birth happens only once, to all who trust in Jesus Christ the only Savior.

Mark it well - "*Born Again*" - is not - "reincarnation!" So-called reincarnation is a superstitious religious myth - a lie that

exists only in deceived minds. Being “*born again*” is a one-time - “regeneration” - to a one-time new life-beginning!

*“Not by righteous works we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of **regeneration** and **renewing** of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly thru Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:5,6).*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His abounding mercy has begotten (born) us again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (I Peter 1:3).

Anyone - *born again* - in Jesus Christ - can **never** be **un-born**!

7. God says - in Jesus we are - *born again* - **His children**!

John 1:12,13 I John 3:1,2

*“He was in the world, the world was made by Him,
and the world knew Him not.
He came to His own, and His own received Him not.
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right
to become (by new birth) children of God,
even to those who believe in His name,
who were **born**, not of blood, nor the will of the flesh,
nor the will of man - but **of God**.”*

God's Father-child relationship with us - thru Jesus - can never be broken - never, never, never - not now - not forever!

The prodigal son left his father, ate with pigs, was thought to be dead. He lost fellowship - lost touch with his father. But he was always his father's son. Isaiah calls Messiah-Jesus the “*Everlasting Father . . . Father of Eternity*” (Isaiah 9:6).

God our Father may take His straying child “to the woodshed” to discipline, chastise, even scourge His sinning child. And if

we continue sinning long enough - He may call us up off the planet - thru death's door - Home to Heaven.

He chastens us to change us, conform us to His likeness. He puts us thru pain - for our good - so we will put away the sin - so He can bless His child, and so others can see Him in us, and come to Him too. God's discipline proves we are His.

"My son, despise not the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked by Him. For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and scourges every son He receives. No chastening seems joyful...but painful...yet it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness in those exercised by it" (Hebrews 12:5,6).

God's absolute-power- promise to all who trust in Jesus - is that - once we are "*born again*" - into His family - He is our eternal Father - we are His eternal child - now and forever. God's true child can never - forever - Go to Hell! Believe it!

8. God says - in Jesus we shall ***never perish!***

John 3:15-18; 10:27-30 II Peter 3:9

Jesus said it - "*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give to them eternal life, and they shall **never perish***" (John 10:28).

*"The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should **not perish** but have eternal life."*

*"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not **perish**."*

In Luke 19:10 Jesus used the same word - "*perish*" - translated "*lost*" - "*The Son of Man came to seek and save those who were **lost**."* Both - "*perish*" and "*lost*" - mean - "*destroyed forever . . . to Go to Hell.*" It's a preview look at eternal Hell!

The Bible says - all who believe in Jesus - *will **never perish*** -

never be lost - never “Go to Hell!” But - in stark contrast - all who deny, defy the loving, living, eternal-life-giving Savior-Lord Jesus Christ - are **lost - perishing** - under **judgment** (Matthew 7:21-23; 13:41,42,49,50; 25:30,41,46).

*“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise (to judge sin), but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing** that anyone **perish**, but that all repent (II Peter 3:9).*

9. God says - He will **never cast out** anyone who
comes to Jesus
John 6:37

*“All whom the Father gives Me will come to Me;
and he who comes to Me I will **no way** cast out.”*

The late New Testament Greek scholar, Dr. A. T. Robertson, says - this verse uses a “strong double-negative.” Very literally Jesus said - *“He who comes to Me - I will **not never** cast out!”*

A Greek New Testament double negative simply, strongly makes our Lord’s Word - doubly dramatic, emphatic, dogmatic. Jesus was saying to all who trust Him - *“He who comes to Me - I will **never - no never** - cast out!”* No way!

10. God says - He will - **lose no one** - He has saved

John 6:39,40

*“The Father’s will who has sent Me (is) that, of all He has given Me - I **lose nothing**. But I will raise them up again at the last day. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him has **everlasting life**, and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

11. God says - **no one** can take us out of the hand
of God the Son

John 10:27-30

*“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give to them eternal life, and they will never perish. **Nor can anyone** snatch them out of My hand.”*

Jesus says - all who believe - trust - put faith - in Him - are - **Saved - Safe - Right Now and Forever - Eternally Secure** - in His Almighty hand. Believe it! Believe in Jesus!

12. God says - **no one** can take us from the hand of God
the Father

John 10:27-30

*“My Father who gave them to Me is greater than all, and **no one** is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are One.”*

Saved and Safe - in the hand of God the Son! Saved and Safe - in the hand of God the Father! Saved and Safe - indwelt by God the Holy Spirit. The Triune Lord God Almighty is over - under - around - before - behind - beyond - within - thru and thru - all who truly trust in Jesus! Can we slip thru His fingers? Never! He calls us His body-members - we **are** His fingers! He will not lose even one body-member.

13. God says - He **dwells in us** - forever - in God
the Holy Spirit

John 14:16,17

Romans 8:9-11

I Corinthians 6:19,20

II Timothy 1:14

Jesus promised to live with us - in us - by His Holy Spirit - to indwell, abide, continue, remain in us - from the instant we

trust in Him - to right now - and all the ages of eternity ahead..

Jesus said it - *“I will pray the Father . . . He will give you another Comforter, that He may **dwells** (abide) with you forever, the Spirit of Truth . . . He **dwells** with you and will be **in** you.”*

*“You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God **dwells in** you. Now if anyone has not the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is **in** you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in** you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit who **dwells in** you (Romans 8:9-11). Do you not know that you are the temple of God, that the Spirit of God **dwells in** you?” (I Corinthians 3:16).*

God indwells everyone who believe in, belong to Jesus. Only if the Triune Lord God Almighty Himself can “Go to Hell” can any true “born again” child of God - Go to Hell. And, count on it - God will not Go to Hell. Only rebels who choose to refuse God’s Savior-Son Jesus - will forever Go to Hell!

14. God says - He will **never** leave us

Matthew 28:20 John 14:16,17 Hebrews 13:5

*“The Father . . . will give you another Comforter, that He may abide (remain, continue) with you - forever. He Himself said - ”I will **never** leave you nor forsake you . . . so we may boldly say - the Lord is my Helper, I will not fear.”*

15. God says - He gave us His Word - so we can -
know for sure - we have eternal life
in Jesus' name

John 20:30,31 I John 5:11-13

*“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this Book. But these are written, that you might **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and **believing** you might have life thru His name.”*

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son - has the life; he who has not the Son of God - has not the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.”

16. God says - salvation is - **His Grace-Gift** - not earned

Romans 5:15-17 Ephesians 2:8,9
I John 5:11-13

*By **grace** you are saved, thru faith,
and that not of yourselves,
it is the **gift** of God
not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

The word - "GRACE" - forms a vital acrostic - **G-R-A-C-E** -
God's Riches At Christ's Expense!

No one is saved - safe - by self-worth or worthy works. All our works, apart from Jesus, are sin-spoiled, unacceptable to the high and holy Lord God Almighty (*Romans 3:9-23*). We only do good in His eyes - **if we are His** - **not** in order to become His - or remain His. God grace-**gift** of eternal life - is given to guilty sinners who come to Jesus (*Romans 3:9-28*).

17. God says - He **baptizes** us into the **Body of Christ**
by His Holy Spirit
I Corinthians 12:12-27 Ephesians 1:22,23; 4:1-16
Romans 6:3-5 Acts 1:5

*“By one Spirit we were all **baptized** into one **body**.”*

“Baptize” is a Greek term - meaning to - **“place into.”**
Read it: *“By one Spirit we all are **baptized** into one **body**. God set every one of the members in the **body** as it pleased Him, many members, yet one **body**. Now you are the **body** of Christ.”*

Again - Jesus is - *“Head over all the Church - His **body** - that He might reconcile both (Jew and Gentile) to God in one **body** by the Cross (Ephesians 2:16). There is one **body**, one Spirit, one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and **in** you all (believers)” (Ephesians 4:1-16).*

We’re not talkin’ “water baptism” here. It simply pictures Holy Spirit Baptism - when He “places us into” the real spiritual Body of Christ. It happens the instant anyone trusts in Him. *“In Christ”* - means - all of God's blessings are in Jesus Christ - open to all who are spiritually *“baptized - placed into **union** - with Jesus Christ.”* Jesus alone is the **“Head of the Body”** (Colossians 1:18). He will never - forever - lose even one of His *body-members*” (Ephesians 1:3-14; 5:23-30).

18. God says - He **blessed** us - in Jesus - with all
His **Heaven-blessings**
Ephesians 1:3 I Peter 1:3-5

*“**Blessed** is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed** us with all spiritual **blessings** in the **Heavenlies** - in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - is the longest single sentence in the entire New Testament - 202 words in Greek text - 267 in English. In it Paul lists a dozen absolute-power-promises - for now and forever - to all who are “*in Christ.*” All come under the heading of God’s “*blessings.*”

Peter said it too - “***Blessed** is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abounding mercy has begotten (born) us again to a living hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, thru faith, to salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time*” (I Peter 1:3).

David spoke of the - “***Blessedness** of one to whom God imputes (accounts) righteousness - without works. **Blessed** are all those whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **Blessed** - the one to whom the LORD will not impute sin*” (Psalm 32:1-5; Romans 4:6-8).

19 God says - He **chose** us - in Christ - before
He created the world
Ephesians 1:4 I Corinthians 1:27-29
II Thessalonians 2:13,14 I Peter 2:9

“*He has **chosen** us **in Him** before the foundation of the world. God **chose** the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. God **chose** weak things of the world to shame the mighty. And base things of the world, and things despised God **chose** - and things that are not - to bring to nothing things that are - so that no flesh should glory before God.*”

“*Brothers beloved of the Lord...God from the beginning has **chosen** you to salvation thru sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, to which He called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

“*Beloved brothers, has not God **chosen** the poor of this world - rich in faith - heirs of the Kingdom He promised to those who love Him?*” (James 2:5).

*“You are a **chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a special people...to show the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

20. God says - He **accepts** us - in the Beloved One - Jesus

Ephesians 1:6 Luke 4:18,29

*“To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He made us **accepted** in the Beloved One.”*

Jesus said - *“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me...He has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor...to heal the brokenhearted, to preach liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are crushed, to preach the **acceptable** year of the Lord.”*

21. God says - He **forgives** our sins - in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 1:7 Colossians 1:14 Acts 13:38; 26:18
Mark 2:5-10 Luke 17:3,4 Matthew 18:21,22
Romans 4:7,8 Psalm 32:1-5

Forgiven sin - is God’s amazing grace love-Gift. Isaiah wrote:

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD, Tho’ your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool.”

*“Blessed is he whose transgression is **forgiven**, whose sin is **covered**. Blessed is the one to whom the Lord will **not account sin**. When I kept silent, my bones grew old thru my roaring all day long, for day and night Your hand was heavy on me. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin” (Psalm 32:1-5).*

*“Thru this Man - Jesus - is preached to you - **forgiveness** of sins. By Him all who believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by Moses Law.”*

Luke 7:47-50 Jesus forgave a sinner-woman - then He said
*“I say to you, her sins which are many, are **forgiven**; for she loved much (because she had been forgiven much). But to whom little is **forgiven**, the same loves little” (appreciation is less). He said to her, “Your sins are **forgiven**.” Those with Him began to say - “Who is this who **forgives** sins?” He said to the woman, “Your **faith** has **saved** you; go in peace.”*

God’s **pardon**-standard is Heaven-high. And His order to all who belong to Him is to - mimic Him - “**Forgive**.”

Luke 17 - *“If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; if he repents, **forgive** him. If he sins against you seven times a day, and seven times a day says, ‘I repent’ - **forgive** him.”*

Matthew 18 - Jesus lifts His pardon - up - Heaven-high.
*“Peter said to Jesus - ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I **forgive** him...seven times?’ Jesus said to him - ‘I say not to you ...seven times, but, seventy times seven.’”*

Ephesians 4:32 *“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ’s sake has **forgiven** you.”* I John 2:12 *“I write to you, little children, because your sins are **forgiven** for His name’s sake.”*

Isaiah 55:6-10 says it too *“Seek the LORD while He may be found, call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, the unrighteous his thoughts. Let him return to the LORD, He will have **mercy** on him, and to our God, He will abundantly **pardon**. For My (mercy-pardon) thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says the LORD. As the Heavens are higher than earth, so are My (mercy-pardon) ways higher than your ways, My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Psalms 103 *“As Heaven is high above earth, so great is His **mercy** toward those who fear Him. As far as east is from west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”*

22. God says - we **have** His personal **inheritance**
in Heaven forever
Ephesians 1:11,18 I Peter 1:3-5

In Christ... *“We have obtained an inheritance... incorruptible (imperishable), undefiled, that fades not away, reserved in Heaven - for you who are kept by the power of God thru faith for salvation to be revealed in the last time.”*

I Corinthians 2:9 *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

23. God says - He **sealed** us - with the **guarantee** of
the Holy Spirit!
Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30
II Corinthians 1:22 II Timothy 2:19

*“You were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the **Guarantee** of our inheritance...who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a deposit.”*

An authentic official “**seal**” guarantees the authority of the one who sets the seal. Government seals do it. Business seals do it. The Roman government “sealed shut” the tomb of Jesus - to prove He could not rise from the dead as He had said (Matthew 27:62-66). Rome’s seal failed! God’s seal can never fail.

The *Heavenly* “**seal**” Paul describes in Ephesians 1 is a Person - God the Holy Spirit Himself - dwelling within every true believer in Jesus Christ. The Bible says He is our absolute Safe Security - in His *Eternal-Life-Gift*. God the Holy Spirit - living in us - *is* our personal “**Seal and Guarantee**” right now and forever - of His New Covenant - His eternal promise of forgiven sins and everlasting life - in Heaven - to everyone who personally trusts in Jesus.

24. God says - we **are** His personal **inheritance** -
now and forever

Ephesians 1:14, 18

God calls all Jesus-believers - "*His inheritance!*"

The Holy Spirit is the "*Guarantee of our (being) His inheritance, until the (full, final) redemption of the purchased possession to the praise of His glory . . . the eyes of your understanding being enlightened . . . so that you may know the hope of His calling . . . the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*"

25. God says - we are "**living stones**" in His holy temple

I Corinthians 3:16,17

Ephesians 2:19-22 I Peter 2:5

*"Jesus Christ Himself - the Chief Cornerstone - in whom the whole building...fitly joined together, grows into an **holy temple** in the Lord. You also . . . an habitation of God in the Spirit . . . as **living stones** . . . built up a **spiritual house**."*

We all were - *dead in sins - dead to God!* But Jesus makes all who truly believe in Him - "*alive to God . . . living stones.*" For 2000 years Jesus has been adding to His holy temple "*living stones*" - one-by-one - "*The Lord added daily to the Church those being saved*" (Acts 2:47).

When Jesus calls His Church up off this sin-plagued planet - Home to Heaven - not one "*living stones*" - will be lost or left.

26. God says - His Savior-Son Jesus - is all our
righteousness

I Corinthians 1:30,31 Romans 3:19-26 Titus 3:5

“Christ Jesus was made to us . . . righteousness . . .”

No self-righteous self-worth can ever save us - or make us safe with God. He said so! Read it - God’s true view of us -

*“We are all as an unclean thing,
all our (self) righteousnesses are as filthy rags;
We all do wither as a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”*

*“There is none righteous - no not one...
For all have sinned and fall short of God’s glory,
being justified (declared **righteous** by God) freely by His
grace thru the redemption in Christ Jesus.”*

Our so great salvation is all God’s righteous work - alone. If we simply trust in Him - He saves us - now and forever.

Isaiah said it - *“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God. He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness”* ((Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-24; Isaiah 61:10).

Since we are **not** saved by our self worth or works - our faith and hope are **not** in our righteousness - at all - but in the absolute righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

*“My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.”*

27. God says - His Savior-Son Jesus - is all our

sanctification

I Corinthians 1:30,31

“Christ Jesus was made to us . . . sanctification . . .”

“Sanctified” - means - *holy - set apart* - by God - for God - His own special vessels - to honor and serve Him. Our own self-righteous, self-worthy self-works can never *sanctify* us. Only Savior-worthy works, in His name, His power, for His glory - are “holy” in God’s sight. So, in His grace, God - *saves - sanctifies - sets us apart* - His eternal life love-gift!

28. God says - His Savior-Son Jesus - is all our

redemption

I Corinthians 1:30,31

“Christ Jesus was made to us . . . redemption . . .”

“Redemption” means: “pay the price of release.” Again - look to the Cross! On the Cross Jesus paid in full the redemption price - to free us from slavery to sin, death, Hell.

God says you and I have no way to pay our sin-debt to Him. It’s a price none in Heaven or earth can pay - none but Jesus. And He did - by His blood on the Cross. No wonder all in Heaven love Him - praise, thank, glorify, worship Him -

“You are worthy, O Lord,

to receive glory and honor and power . . .

*“You are worthy...for You were slain and have **redeemed** us to God by Your blood out of every kindred, tongue, people, nation.*

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power . . . riches . . . wisdom . . . strength . . . honor . . . glory . . . blessing!”

(Revelation 4:11; 5:9-12)

Only Jesus Christ could pay your and my sin-debt - and the sin-debt of all on the planet. Only Jesus can free us from slavery - to sin, death, Hell. Hallelujah and Amen - Jesus paid it all!

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.”

29. God says - He saves *to the uttermost* all who come in faith to Jesus
Hebrews 7:25

“He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them.” “Uttermost” means - “all complete.” God says - the instant we come in faith to Jesus - He saves us - spirit, soul, body. Now and forever we are *“saved to the uttermost!”*

30. God says - He made us *complete* in Christ Jesus
Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:4-9
Philippians 1:6; Colossians 2:9,10

“In Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, you are complete in Him - the Head of all principality and power.”

Without Jesus we are **incomplete!** Teen Isaiah said it for us all

“Woe is me, I am undone, I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips - for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts” (Isaiah 6:5).

We open the Bible to see King Jesus - and see ourselves too - as we really are - undone, unclean before Him. We look around and see all the world - unclean, undone too. But God makes us - complete, clean - if we look to Jesus. He makes us -

completely His - now and forever - so that -God says - all who trust in His Son Jesus are as welcome in Heaven as He is.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform (perfect, complete) it until the (judgment) Day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6).

31. God says - He will bring us to His holy throne -

blameless

Ephesians 5:25-27 Philippians 1:6

I Peter 1:3-7 Jude 24,25

“Christ . . . loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glory-Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and unblemished” (Ephesians 5:25-27).

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling - and to present you blameless before His glory, with exceeding joy - to the only God our Savior - thru Jesus Christ our Lord - be glory, majesty, dominion, power - before all ages - and now - and into all the ages of eternity. Amen” (Jude 24,25).

32. God says - He ***predestined*** all believers - His forever

Romans 8:28-30 Ephesians 1:5,11,12

“Whom He did predestine . . .”

God calls us - *“Chosen...in Him before the foundation of the world . . . having predestined us to adoption as children in Jesus Christ to Himself, in the good pleasure of His will.”*

“Predestined” - is in Greek - *pro-horizo* (we get “horizon” from this word), it means to mark out. Before time began God formed His plan - the sin-gulf to span - between Him and man.

All who would one day trust in Messiah Jesus - God Himself “*pre-marked out*” - to be His own pre-adopted children - who would all come to Jesus - and belong to Him forever.

In Jesus - “*our inheritance is **predestined** - according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will, so that we might be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.*”

33. God says - He **called** us - to be His

Romans 1:6,7; 8:30 Ephesians 4:1-7

“*Them He also **called** . . .*” (Romans 8:30).

“*You are the **called** of Jesus Christ - beloved of God - **called** saints*” (Romans 1:6,7).

“*Whom He predestined, them He also **called**, whom He **called**, them He also justified, whom He justified, them He also glorified. The gifts and **calling** of God are without repentance (Romans 11:29).*”

Ephesians 4:1-7 “*I beseech you . . . walk worthy of the **calling** wherein you are **called** . . . One body, one Spirit . . . **called** in one hope of your **calling**, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all . . . **in** you all.*”

II Timothy 1:9 “*Who saved us, **called us** with an holy **calling**, not by our works, but by His own purpose and grace, given us in Christ Jesus before the world began . . . abolished death . . . brought life and incorruption . . . thru the Gospel.*”

Hebrews 3:1 “*Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of the **heavenly calling**, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.*”

God says - all who trust in Jesus Christ, He calls “*saints*.” The Church does not make “*saints*” - God does. The instant we trust in Jesus He forever “*sets us apart*” to Himself.

34. God says - He forever - ***justified*** us before Him

Romans 3:23-28; 5:1

*“Them He also **justified** . . .” (Romans 8:30).*

Justify - means - God declares us right in God's sight.

Romans 3:23-28 *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God - being **justified** freely by His grace - thru the redemption that is in Christ Jesus . . . thru faith in His blood - to declare His righteousness for the forgiveness of sins thru the forbearance of God - to declare, I say - His righteousness - that He might be **just** - the **Justifier** of him who believes in Jesus. **Justified** by faith without deeds of the law.”*

*“Being **justified** by faith we have peace with God thru our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”*

35. God says - He forever - ***glorified*** us with Him

Romans 8:30 *“Them He also **glorified**...”*

I Corinthians 3:18; 5:17,18

Romans 8:17,18 *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, heirs of God, co-heirs with Christ, if we suffer with Him, that we may be **glorified** with Him. For I count the sufferings of this present time unworthy to compare with **glory** to be revealed in us.”*

I Corinthians 1:31 *“For you are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption. So, he who **glories**, let him **glory** in the Lord.”*

I Corinthians 3:18 *“With open face we all, beholding as in a glass the **glory** of the Lord, are changed into the same image from **glory** to **glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

II Corinthians 5:17,18 *“Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of **glory**, while we look not at things seen, but at things unseen: for things seen are temporal, things unseen, eternal.”*

II Corinthians 10:17, 18 *“He who **glories**, let him **glory** in the Lord. For, not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.”*

All who truly believe in Jesus are - *born again* - given His eternal life by His grace. All who truly belong to Jesus - live to - *glorify Him* - by His grace. Then - in Heaven - by His great amazing grace - forever - He shares His glory with us!

36. God says - ***He is for us - no one can be against us***

Romans 8:1,30-39 *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”*

God is for us! Believe it! Great Romans Eight opens up with - *“No condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus”* - and closes with - *“No separation from God’s love - to those who are in Christ Jesus!”*

Romans 8:31 - actually says - *“Since God is for us - who can be against us?”* This statement is God’s dramatic, emphatic, dogmatic Word to all who are in Jesus. *“God is for us!”*

“God is for us!” All the wonder-blessings in the whole Bible show us His infinite, absolute-power love - His amazing grace - His tender mercy. All shout out loud - *“God is for us!”*

*“He who spared not His own Son, but **gave Him up** (on the Cross) for us all - how shall He not with Him also - freely **give us all things?**” (Romans 8:31) Believe it! God is for us!*

“Since God is for us - who can be against us?” No one!

37. God says - **He is for us - no one can charge us with sin before Him**

Romans 8:33 II Corinthians 5:21

“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifies.”

God calls Satan, “Accuser.” Satan hates all people, wants all to “Go to Hell.” When Satan reports his actions to God he accuses all of us. And we all give him sins to tattle on, don’t we.

Martha Snell Nicholson, beloved suffering sister in Christ penned poignant Bible poetry - and she said it for us all -

I sinned. And straightway, post-haste, Satan flew before the presence of the Most High God, and made railing accusation there. He said, “This soul, this thing of clay and sod, has sinned. ‘Tis true, he has named Thy name, but I demand his death, for Thou hast said, ‘The soul that sins - it shall die.’ Shall not Thy sentence be fulfilled? Is justice dead? Send now this wretched sinner to his doom. What other thing can righteous Ruler do?” And thus he did accuse me day and night. And every word he spoke, O God, was true!

Then quickly - One rose up from God's right hand, before whose glory angels veiled their eyes. He spoke: “Each jot and tittle of the Law must be fulfilled - the guilty sinner dies! But wait! Suppose his guilt were all transferred to Me, and I paid his penalty! Behold My hands, My side, My feet! One day I was made sin for him, and died that he might be presented faultless at Thy throne!” And Satan fled away. Full well he knew he could not prevail against such love. For every Word my dear Lord spoke was true!

Satan accused Job. Satan charges you and me too before God. But - Great Romans Eight - v 33 - says - *“Who shall lay a charge against God's elect”* - God's own select people? Only Judge Jesus has the right to charge us with sin before the high, holy LORD God Almighty - because all the rest of us on this sin-cursed planet - all we “judgmental” people - are sinners. Jesus alone is wholly sinless - alone is worthy to judge us all.

Yet - Jesus will never charge with sin any who come to Him. How can He justly free us sinners from God's just judgment? Romans 8:33 gives us God's answer - *“God justifies!”* We all are lost sinners, all doomed to eternal judgment. We all need God's great Savior - so we don't Go to Hell. So - here it is - God's *“Good News of great joy to all people on this sad, mad, bad news planet - is Jesus - the Savior - Christ the Lord!”*

God's Gospel, His Good News is: *“Christ died for our sins, and He was buried, and He rose again the third day.”* Jesus died on the Cross - in our place - He paid the just sin-penalty - we all had coming - to settle God's right sin-charge against us. Right now - all who come in faith to the Savior Jesus Christ - God will never judge. Not now! Not forever! Instead - *“God justifies!”* It means - God declares us righteous before Him - right in His sight - forever right with God.

“God justifies!” And - mark it in your memory - if God will not judge us, if Jesus will not charge us with sin - No One Can! God said it! That settles it! Believe it! Believe Him!

38. God says - ***He is for us - no one can condemn us***
before Him

Romans 8:34

“Who is he who condemns? Christ died! Yes, rather (than judge us), He is risen again - who is at the right hand of God - who also makes intercession for us.”

Former slave runner, John Newton wrote a hymn about God's "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."

Charles Wesley wrote a hymn he called "Amazing Love."

"No condemnation now I dread,
I am my Lord's, and He is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
Clothed in His righteousness Divine."

Judge Jesus - as Savior Jesus - was *condemned - judged* - on the Cross - for your sins - my sins - the whole world's sins. He took on Himself condemnation we all had coming - so that now - all who trust in Him cannot be condemned - forever. That's the Gospel - God's Good News to this bad news planet - "*Christ died for our sins . . . He was buried . . . He rose again*" - so we sinners could be - saved and safe - never - "Go to Hell!"

Romans 8:33 says - no one can condemn us - because -

"It is Christ who died . . . is risen . . . is at the right hand of God . . . who makes intercession (prays) for us."

Only Jesus can justly judge sinners. At His final Great White Throne - Judge Jesus will judge all rebels who refuse His so great love, and righteousness, and salvation (Hebrews 2:3,4). But - to all who believe, receive Him - are in Jesus -

"There is therefore now no longer judgment to those who are in Christ Jesus."

39. God says - **nothing - no one** - can ever sever us
from - **God's love** - in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Romans 8:35-39 Jeremiah 31:3

*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation (trials, temptations), distress (oppression),
persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword? As it is written,
For Your sake we are killed all day long,
we are tallied as sheep for slaughter.
- But -
in all these we are hyper-conquerors
thru Him who loved us.
For I am persuaded - convinced -
not death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other created person, place, thing -
will be able to separate us from
the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Daily - this planet's rebels martyr - Jesus-witnesses. All such
“Jesus-people” - are willing to die for Him - His name -
because they have His absolute-power-promise - of the
ultimate, infinite, triumphant - sweet love of Jesus.

Romans 5:5,8 - *“The love of God is shed abroad in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit given us . . . God commended His love
toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Jeremiah 31:3 - says it for us all - *“The LORD appeared
to me, saying: Yes! I have loved you with an everlasting love!
So, with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”*

John Lennon, late Beetle band member, wrote this tragic dirge -
“Imagine there’s no Heaven, it’s easy if you try;
No Hell beneath us, above us only sky.”

John Lennon wrote a lie. He knows it now - forever too late.

But - a Christian song-writer penned these far better words - an infinitely happier theme - the real truth about God's love -

“The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.

It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest Hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son on the Cross to win,
The erring child to reconcile,
And pardon from all sin.

Could we with ink all the oceans fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the oceans dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

The love of God - How rich and pure,
How measureless and strong;
It shall forevermore endure,
This is the saints' and the angels' song.”
John Lennon wrote a lie.
He knows it now - forever too late.
John Lennon wrote a lie.
He knows it now - forever too late.

40. The Savior-Lord Jesus says now -
- **all who truly believe in Him** -
are saved - safe - in Him - with Him - right now - and forever!

*“My sheep hear My voice, and I **know**
them, and they follow Me, and I **give** them eternal life
and they shall **never** perish!”*

They will never go to Hell! Never! John **10:27**

**But - Judge Jesus will one day say to -
- all who choose to refuse to believe in Him -**

*“Depart from Me . . .
You who work iniquity (break God’s Laws) -
I **never knew** you!”*

The worst sin anyone can commit - is to ignore, neglect, deny, defy, rebel, refuse, reject - the loving, living eternal-life giving - Savior-Son of God - Jesus Christ! Jesus Himself - closed His oft-quoted “Sermon on the Mount” with a strong, solemn warning - of His Great White Throne Judgment Day - when all who refuse His great salvation will face Judge Jesus.

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven - but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that (judgment) Day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, in Your name cast out demons, in Your name done many wonder-works?’ Then I will declare to them - ‘**I never knew you! Depart from Me, you who work lawlessness**’” (Matthew 7).*

Believe it - Jesus sees all who break His holy laws - and love -

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, all your mind. And your neighbor as yourself. Don’t have other gods, Don’t make graven images, Don’t profane, use in vain, the name of the LORD your God, Don’t murder, Don’t do adultery, Don’t steal, Don’t lie, Don’t covet!” God holds sin-guilty all who do.

Face it - you too have broken God’s Laws. We all do. God gave His Laws for our good. If all the world lived His Laws - we would have - no crime - no war - no hate - no theft - no sex-sins - no coveting - no idolatry - no false god worship - no pseudo-religion. But - we do sin. So - we need the Savior.

People live as if breaking God’s Commandments carries no consequence - no reckoning - no Jesus Judgment. He said they

prefer to “*practice lawlessness.*” And - He who numbers the hairs on every head, calls every star by name - also - sees, knows, records every lawless thought, word, act - every injustice against God and man - He knows. And He says - “*Vengeance is Mine - I will repay!*” Believe it! Be right!

Notice! At that final judgment throne - Judge Jesus **will not** say - “*I knew you once - but lost you.*” He will say on that eternal Judgment Day - to all lost rebels - about to Go to Hell -

*“I **never** knew you!
Depart from Me
you who work lawlessness!”*

Remember this - Only Jesus Christ can save us sinners from sin, death, Hell. Not religion, creeds, rituals. Jesus said -

*“I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life -
No one comes to the Father (in Heaven) but by Me!”*

Peter said it - loud and clear - for all on planet earth to hear -
Only the name of Jesus Christ can save lost sinners -

*“Nor is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under Heaven given among mwn,
there is no other name under Heaven given among men
whereby we must be saved!”*

Jesus - the One, Only Savior-Son of God says to you too -
“*Choose - today whom you will serve!*” All people on the planet - like it or not, believe it or not - do choose - to believe in Jesus - or not. All who come to Jesus are Safe - Saved - will go to Heaven! All who don't - won't - they will “Go to Hell!” Jesus made it so simple that a little child can come to Him.

“This is the witness - God has given to us eternal life - and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, He who has not the Son of God has not life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life” (I John 5:11,12).

Question

Will you - Go to Heaven - or - Go to Hell?
Will your loved ones - Go to Heaven - or - Go to Hell?

Jesus died for our sins, and arose from the dead, and in Heaven right now - He is saving on earth - all who trust in Him. Jesus offers to save you too - opens to you too - His Heaven!

Jesus calls you too - to choose - come to Him! And - to help point your loved ones to Him too. So - do you?

The all-important final question is - *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? (Hebrews 2:3,4).*

Just before going to the Cross God the Son said to God the Father

*“This is life eternal -
that they might know You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You sent.”
John 17:3*

Question: Do you know God the Father? He is shown, known in Jesus Christ - God the Savior-Son? Come to Jesus.

Check Yourself! Be Sure You are Saved!

Christians in times of spiritual struggle, physical sickness, suffering, financial stress, family sorrow, personal sins - can feel their trials show they are not God's child. So - if you doubt that you are safe - saved - ***make sure now!*** Speak to the Savior - say to Him - *“Lord Jesus, I'm trusting in You.”*

Jesus is dramatic - emphatic - dogmatic -
*“Amen! Amen! I say to you -
he who believes in Me has everlasting life.*

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him, will dine with him, and he with Me.*

*Jesus “was in the world, and the world was made by Him,
and the world knew Him not;
He came to His own, and His own received Him not;
But - as many as received Him -
to them He gave the right to become children of God,
even to those who believe in His name -
who were born - not of blood, nor of the will of flesh,
nor of the will of man - but of God.”*

Jesus gives absolute-power promises to all who trust Him -
*“I will come in to you!
I will dine (fellowship) with you!
I will never leave you nor forsake you!
I will come again and receive you to Myself!”*

Jesus said it! That settles it! Believe it! Believe in Him!

Is Suffering for Our Sins a Sign of Lost Salvation?

God disciplines His disobeying children - to correct - and to change us - to bring us back into His best blessings. And - in our times of discipline - in our pain or penury - we may feel like He is rejecting, forsaking us. But - remember His Words -
*“Whom the Lord **loves** He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives” (Hebrews 12:6-11).*

God does not discipline **un**believers - He gently judges them - to alert, awaken them - so they see their rebel sins - and the wages of their sins - and see their deep need of the Savior-Lord Jesus Christ. So they will call on Him - like that lost dying sinner-thief on the cross next to Jesus. In his agony he called on Jesus - *“Lord, remember me . . . in Your Kingdom.”*

But God does chastise His children - for several reasons:

- 1) to correct in us sins we won't let go
(I Corinthians 11:30,31)
- 2) to conform us to His high, holy, happy Word, will, way
(Hebrews 12:1-13)
- 3) to create in us - "*fruit of the Spirit*" - likeness of Jesus
(Galatians 5:22,23; Philippians 4:8,9; I
Peter 2:19-24; 4:12-19; Revelation 2:8-11).

God disciplines us in His caring love. He establishes, strengthens, settles, sharpens, shapes us (I Peter 5:10,11) - into His valuable, durable, useable, even beautiful - instruments - vessels of honor - fit for His holy will and work (Hebrews 12:11-14). His discipline burns off our sin-dross and dregs - and leaves in us what best blesses Him - and others - and us.

Satan tries to ruin our Christian witness any way he can. He tempts us to stray, to sin, to doubt God. For if we doubt that we are - *Safe - Saved - Now and Forever* - we fear, worry, are anxious, stressed. Our personal life is confused, even chaotic - our Jesus-witness is limited - or lacking altogether.

Know for Sure

In Jesus are we - ***SAVED - SAFE - Now and Forever!*** The Spirit of God, by the Word of God, teaches any trembling child of God, that the Savior-Son of God is - "*Eternal Life!*" Jesus said it - "*This is **life eternal** - that they might know You, the Only true God - and Jesus Christ whom You sent!*"

Believe me, I have known doubt about my salvation. But no more! God's absolute-power-promise is that - all who simply believe in the Lord Jesus Christ - are -

Saved and Safe - Now and Forever!
Knowing the Lord - is - Eternal Security!

Jesus means what He says - says what He means - always!

*“Amen! Amen! I say to you -
He who believes in Me has everlasting life!”*

CONCLUSION

My heart's desire and prayer to God is - as you read His Word - the Bible - you too will come to know the sweet love of Jesus - who gives to all believers in Him - *His everlasting life!*

John 16:12-15 I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth, He will not speak of Himself; whatever He hears He will speak, He will show you things to come. He will glorify Me: for He will receive of Mine, and show it to you. All things the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said...He will take of Mine and shall show it to you.

You see it, don't you? When we read the Bible - God the Holy Spirit - *the Comforter...the Spirit of Truth* - teaches us God's absolute-power-promises that come by faith in Jesus (*John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7-13*) - bringing us the safe, sweet, strong, securing, blessed assurance that once He "*new births*" us into His forever family - He will **never** let us go! Never!

In Jesus - we are - SAVED - SAFE - Now and Forever!

“Near to the heart of God,
Nearer I cannot be;
For in the Person of His dear Son
I am as near as He.”

“More secure is no one ever
than the loved ones of the Savior.”

But What If . . .

Some people object to - *Eternal Security* - saying that it is possible for God's child to be lost - "Go to Hell." Such sad, "eternal **in**security" folk misuse, refuse, confuse God-breathed, infallible, inerrant Bible facts - that tell us all plainly - that all lost sinners who come to Jesus - are saved - by faith in Jesus alone! Period! Not by self-worth or self-works at all. The Bible says - when we once trust in Jesus - we are - *born again - born of God - given His eternal life - never unborn!*

And, friends, when God says He gives - "*everlasting life*" He means - *the life God gives us - lasts forever!* Jesus said it

*"Amen! Amen! I say to you -
He who believes in Me has everlasting life!
I AM the Resurrection and the Life -
he who believes in Me,
tho' he dies, yet he shall live;
And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die!
Do you believe this?"*

Jesus said it! That settles it! Believe it! Receive it!

Read it - Remember - Rejoice - Rest in Him!

*"This is life eternal - that they might know You,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You sent."
(John 17:3)*

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are
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Now and Forever!*

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