

How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

1. ADMIT OUR PROBLEM

All Persons Have Sinned Against God

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
– Romans 3:23

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us”
– I John 1:8

Sin Separates from God

“Your sins have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you”
– Isaiah 59:2

Sin Cannot Enter Heaven

“The wages of sin is death”
– Romans 6:23

“Their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death”
– Revelation 21:8

2. ACKNOWLEDGE GOD’S GRACE AND REMEDY

God Loves Sinners

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”
– John 3:16

God Sent Jesus to Save Us from Our Sins

“The Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the World”
– 1 John 4:14

“God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us”
– Romans 5:8

God Did for Us What We Could Never Do for Ourselves

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast.”
– Ephesians 2:8,9

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith”
– Romans 1:16

Jesus Died for Our Sins

“Christ died for our sins”
– 1 Corinthians 15:3

“In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses”
– Ephesians 1:7

He Arose from the Dead and Gives Us Peace with God and Eternal Life

“He died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God”
– Romans 4:25

“God gave 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.”
– I John 5:11-12

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
– John 10:10 (b)

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
– John 14:6

3. ACCEPT GOD’S OFFER BY...

Believing in Christ

“To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who 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

Turning to God

“Repent and turn again that your sins may be blotted out”
– Acts 3:19

“He commands all men everywhere to repent”
– Acts 17:30

Confessing Christ as Lord and Savior

“If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved”
– Romans 10:9

Being Baptized into Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

“Do you know that all who have been baptized into Christ were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”
– Romans 6:3-4

“He that believes and is baptized will be saved; he that believes not will be condemned”
– Mark 16:16

“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord”
– Acts 22:16

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”
– Acts 2:38

“No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. . . No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit”
– John 3:3,5

“For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ Jesus have clothed yourselves with Christ.”
– Galatians 3:26-27

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”
– 2 Corinthians 5:17

Now That We Are God's Children. . .

We Live Holy Lives

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

– Colossians 2:6-7

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

– Colossians 3:1-17

We Worship and Serve with Other Christians

When you become a Christian you are added to Jesus' church – the total of all people who have obeyed Him (Acts 2:37-47). Christ and His church are inseparable. He gave Himself for the church (Acts 20:20) and is the head and Savior of His church or body (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). Christ's followers manifest him by word and deed (Colossians 3:17). He is Lord of everything, including daily home and work responsibilities and relationships (Ephesians 5:21 –6:9). The church shares the Lord's supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:1; 1 Corinthians 11:17-32), sings hymns of praise (Ephesians 5:18-

20), prays (Acts 2:43 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17), receives God's word in teaching (Acts 2:42), and encourages each other (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

We Enjoy Living with Christ Now and Forever

“The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth and not I only, but also all who know the truth-because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever.”

- 2 John 1-2

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

- John 14:1-3

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

- John 11:25-26

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

- 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

Today, You Can Accept Christ and Receive the Gift of Eternal Life

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

- Romans 10:13

“Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation”

- 2 Corinthians 6:2

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Here are answers to life's greatest questions

1. What is the meaning of life?
2. What can I do about the guilt of my wrong doing?
3. How can I have real joy, peace and love?
4. How can I have hope for life beyond the grave?