

### † How do I know That I'm saved?

"That if you shall confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." **(Romans 10:9-10)**

**Do you believe? Did you confess your faith? Good, That is one of the first steps.**

Jesus said, "I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God." **(John 3:3)** *(What's born again?)*

Jesus said, "The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven." **(John 3:5-6)**

*(What does water and the spirit mean?)*

**Water is by God washing our sins away and Spirit by the new spiritual birth when we believe.**

"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned." **(Mark 16:16)** *(If I've not been baptized will I be damned?)*

**Not necessarily, faith in Christ saves us, however baptism is a vital step in confessing our faith.**

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" **(Romans 5:1)**

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." **(Galatians 3:26)**

*(Should I be baptized in water?)*

**Yes you should, to honor the Lord as his commandment to his students.**

"Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." **(Matthew 28:19)**

**God asks us to leave sin behind, and follow him.**

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

Because it is written, "Be holy; for I am holy." **(1 Peter 1:16)**

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is this you shall love your neighbor (fellow man) as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." **(Mark 12:30-31)**

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments." **(John 14:15)**

"Those who claim they belong to the Lord must turn away from all wickedness." **(2 Timothy 2:19)**

### † God's Forgiveness

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" **(1 John 1:9)**

"God showed his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" **(Romans 5:8)**

"It is I, yes, I alone- am the one who blots out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again." **(Isaiah 43:25)**

† **How to stand strong for Christ.**

**God will help you get out of tempting situations.**

"But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it."

**(1 Corinthians 10:13)**

**Read the Bible daily and pray often to be strong.**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the **full armor of God** so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the **full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, and with your **feet fitted** with the readiness that comes from the **gospel of peace**. In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. **(Ephesians 6:10-18)**

**Find a good Spirit filled, Bible believing church attend regularly, and get involved.**

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the day His return approaching." **(Hebrews 10:25)**

**We do have an enemy who we must resist.**

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour." **(1 Peter 5:8)**

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." **(James 4:7)**

**Don't let Satan throw old sins back in your face or tell you your not a Christian, he is a liar and wants you to give up on following God.**

Jesus said, "The devil was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." **(John 8:44)**

**Avoid sinful temptations, and be honest with friends, following God should be our #1 priority.**

"Don't be joined up with those who are unbelievers. How can goodness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the Devil?"

**(2 Corinthians 6:14-15)**

**! The Dangers of Sin !**

**Don't think just because you say, "I'm a Christian" you have a free ticket to sin. We must give our whole lives to him and always obey him.**

"But cowards who turn away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the fornicators, (*sex before marriage*) and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and all liars—their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death." **(Revelation 21:8)**

"To be carnally (*sinfully*) minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." **(Romans 8:6)**

**This says you will have to stand before God and explain your life to him, Christian or not.**

"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." **(Romans 14:12)**

† **Let God be Lord of your mind.**

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." **(2 Corinthians 10:5)**

**If you're "born again" your spirit is new but the changing of your mind takes some work.**

"Whatever is true, whatever is honest, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable; if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think on these things." **(Philippians 4:8)**

**Reading the Bible renews your mind spiritually.**

"And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." **(Romans 12:2)**

**Living with the Holy Spirit gives these qualities.**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." **(Galatians 5:22-24)**

### **(Who is the Holy Spirit?)**

He's the Spirit of God, also called the Holy Ghost. All believers receive him when they get saved. The Holy Spirit is our helper and gentle guide.

"Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession, to the praise of his glory."

**(Ephesians 1:13,14)**

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit makes a greater power unleash giving us more of God's gifts.

### **☀ Baptism of the Holy Spirit ☀**

John answered, saying unto them all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I comes, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

**(Luke 3:16)**

**(How do I get the baptism of the Holy Spirit?)**

**Ask the Lord for it, He is our Father.**

"If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him." **(Luke 11:13)**

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." **(Acts 2:38)**

**Ask a Spirit filled follower of God to pray for you.**

"When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them; they spoke with tongues, and prophesied." **(Acts 19:6)**

**(What's speaking in tongues, is that bad?)**

The gift of tongues is good and given from God. It is a prayer language that communicates to God for us.

"I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy." **(1 Corinthians 14:5)**

"Do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way."

**(1 Corinthians 14:39-40)**

### **☀ Gifts of the Holy Spirit ☀**

There are also gifts, services and workings. Or practical & spiritual abilities, management & operations.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. **(1 Corinthians 12:4-5)**

This verse is called the "five fold ministry".

"And he gave some to be, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

**(Ephesians 4:11-13)**

- + **Apostles (Church/ministry builder, sent by God)**
- + **Prophets (Hears and gives words from God)**
- + **Evangelists (Excels in sharing the gospel)**
- + **Pastors (Leaders and overseers of the church)**
- + **Teachers (Gifted in educating others)**

These are some the gifts the Holy Spirit gives.

"For to one is given by the Spirit the gifts of:

- + **Word of wisdom; (Words of wise counsel from God)**
- + **Word of knowledge (A direct word of insight from God)**
- + **Faith (Great faith, that stirs others and trusts God)**
- + **Gifts of healing (By prayer the sick can be healed)**
- + **Working of miracles; (With God all things are possible)**
- + **Prophecy; (One who hears/gives messages from God)**
- + **Discerning of spirits; (Awareness of spiritual beings)**
- + **Different kinds of tongues; (Special prayer language)**
- + **Interpretation of tongues; (Understanding tongues)**

"It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts.

He alone decides which gift each person should have."

**(1 Corinthians 12:8-11)**

**Many of God's gifts are practical like these below.**

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophesy**, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. If your gift is that of **serving others**, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, do a good job of teaching. If your gift is to **encourage** others, do it! If you have money, **share** it generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it gladly." **(Romans 12:5-9)**

**God gives the gifts, we give him our lives to use us.**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone **speaks**, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone **serves**, he should do it with the he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

**(1 Peter 4:10,11)**

**† Our Exceedingly Great Reward.**

**Fight the good fight, don't ever give up on Jesus, our reward is well worth the fight.**

Jesus said, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven:" **(Matthew 5:12)**

(In Heavenly City of God, New Jerusalem) "God shall wipe away all tears from your eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: the former things are passed away."

**(Revelation 21:4)**

#### Helpful Websites

My life story and more - [www.thinktwice.ws](http://www.thinktwice.ws)  
Our website - [www.mediamessengers.org](http://www.mediamessengers.org)  
Street ministry - [www.goodtreeministry.org](http://www.goodtreeministry.org)  
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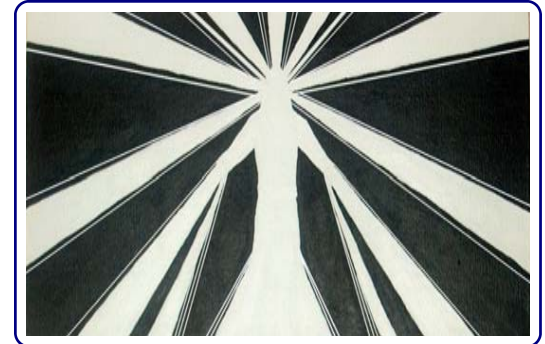
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# Christian Survival Guide



**John 8:12 - Jesus said,  
"I am the light of the world,  
he that follows me will not  
stumble in darkness but will  
have the light of life."**

*Dear friend,*

*In the past I lived a life full of sin and was slipping further and further into darkness. When I discovered Jesus, I knew I found the light of life. Psalms 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Without light we would be reduced to stumbling around in uncertainty and fear. 2 Corinthians 4:4 says "The god of this age (Satan) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel and the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Jesus Christ will lead you on the path of life. Are you ready to follow him? God bless you,*

*Chaplain Daniel J. Henderson*