

sin. But when you sin - as His child - you can ask God your Father directly for forgiveness and be cleansed. You do not need to be saved again.

- a. 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Salvation is complete forgiveness of your past sin. Confession is daily cleansing of your sin after you become a child of God. Just as earthly parents may discipline their children, God may discipline us, but he will never disown us! Once he is your Heavenly father by faith in Jesus Christ, you never have to worry about Hell again.

## 5. You have a New Direction. 2 Cor 5:17

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.

There are many new things God would like you to do in your new life. He will reveal His will to you as you read your Bible, attend Church, and Pray.

- a. Ephesians 5:17 says if we are wise we will understand what the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is.

## 6. You should have a New Gratitude.

- a. What did God save you from? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Where would you have gone if you were not saved? \_\_\_\_\_

If we are grateful for what God has done for us then we should now have a desire to learn Gods truth, obey and follow Him. Since he *died* for us, we should now *live* for him!

## What can you do to show God you are thankful?

1. Read the Bible & Pray everyday – it will increase your understanding of God and Heaven.
2. Go to church every week. Your Pastor will help guide you in God’s direction. And you will gain encouragement from other Christians.
3. Tell others how to be saved 2 Peter 3:9. Are there family or friends you would like to see in Heaven? Make a list of those you will pray for, and try to tell them how to be saved.

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## ASSURANCE OF SALVATION (“Eternal Life”)

God is the creator of all things, including man. He created the first man (Adam) and the first woman (Eve) as perfect individuals in a perfect environment - the Garden of Eden. Though they were created perfect, God did give them a free will so that they would willingly choose to love Him. When they ate of the fruit from the Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, they chose to disobey God, this was the first Sin. Adam and Eve's sin resulted in spiritual death, and separation from God. As descendants of Adam and Eve, all of us now naturally share that spiritual deadness, and separation from God.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the world, and death by sin; and so \_\_\_\_\_ passed upon all men, for that \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1 John 5:13 God said He wrote the Bible because he wants us to “know” that we can have eternal life. This eternal life has been provided by His son - Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin (spiritual death, and separation from God). And now, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, everyone has the opportunity to choose #1. A life reconciled to Him and an eternity in Heaven, or #2. A life separated from Him and an eternity in Hell. When we accept Jesus Christ into our lives as our Lord and our Saviour from sin, we are choosing to be reconciled to God and to spend eternity in Heaven with Him, the Bible calls this being “born again” or “saved”.

*John 3:3 Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. (Heaven)*

## We can also look at it this way:

1. **We have a PROBLEM.** Everyone is a sinner - and as sinners, we are destined to a life separated from God, and also an eternity separated from Him - in Hell.

*Romans 3:23 “ For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”*

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_”

Hell is also called the \_\_\_\_\_ Rev 21:8

If you die in your sins, separated from God, where would you go? \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. God has PROVIDED** a way to be saved.

Romans 5:8 “But God commendeth (showed) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us.”

Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sin. He was the only one who could. He lived a sinless life and became your substitute by dying on the cross and rising again. This is God's gift to show His love for us.

John 3:16 says God loves you and gave His Son so that you would not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**3. God has made a PROMISE.**

Romans 10:9 If you \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God has raised him from the dead and \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth the Lord Jesus, you will be saved.

*Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

According to that verse, For you to be “saved” from the penalty of sin (separation from God in this life and Hell in eternity). You must \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord.

To call upon the name of the Lord, means to trust and depend on him for your salvation from sin. Salvation is not just praying a prayer, joining a church, or following a religion - it is accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. It is accepting his death, and resurrection as the only payment for your sin. (not good works, or anything we can do ourselves)

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## Your Testimony of Salvation

- A. Who showed you how to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Where was the place you were saved? \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The date you got saved was \_\_\_\_\_.

That is your “spiritual birthday” when you were \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of God (John 3:3)

“Salvation” is not joining a church or a religion. It is a new and close relationship with Jesus Christ. He not only wants to save us from Hell when we die, but he also wants to guide us in the life that we live right here on earth. He has given you His Holy Spirit to guide you

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may \_\_\_\_\_ with you for ever, (John 14:16).

As you abide in Him – you will bear fruit

*“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.” (John 15:4)*

This fruit is called “the fruit of the spirit”. It is simply evidence that God is working in your life and changing you to be more like him, in your character and the way that you live.

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## Your New Life In Christ Means

**1. You know that you have Eternal Life.** 📖 Read 1 John 5:13

- a. How long is eternal? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Will you ever perish? John 10:28 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Can our good works save us? Eph 2:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Neither can our bad works or sin cause us to “lose” our salvation.)

**2. You have a New Birth into the family of God. (John 3:3)**

- a. 1 Peter 2:2 says as newborn babes we should desire the sincere \_\_\_\_\_ of the word of God.

Reading and studying the Bible is essential in causing you to “grow” as a Christian, just as milk is necessary for a child to grow.

**3. You have a New Eternal home. John 14:3**

Death is not to be feared - but is just the next step to our eternal life and home with God

**4. You have a New Relationship as a child of God.**

*Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.* Salvation is “adoption” into the family of God. You will always be His child. You will still