

TRUTHS ONE MUST SEE AND BELIEVE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED
Heritage Trail Bible Church
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I MUST ACCEPT A HOLY GOD'S EVALUATION OF ME

- Romans 3:10-12 "There is none righteous," "None seek after God," "None that do Good."
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
Isaiah 64:5 "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

I MUST SEE WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR ME

- Romans 5:6 "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."
Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
II Cor. 5:19 "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

I MUST BELIEVE THAT ETERNAL LIFE IS A GIFT TO ME APART FROM RELIGIOUS WORKS

- Romans 4:5 "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."
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."
Eph. 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."

I MUST REST IN GOD'S ASSURANCE TO ME

- 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."
I John 5:12,13 "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."
"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

I MUST CONCEED THAT MY REJECTION OF CHRIST CONDEMNS ME AND NOTHING ELSE

- John 3:18,19 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."
"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

You are invited to attend our Bible Studies: Sun. 10 a.m., 7 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

UNDENIABLE TRUTHS

CONCERNING SALVATION

1. Everyone needs to be saved, for all have sinned, and the penalty of sin is (spiritual) death. (Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 6:23).
2. We cannot save ourselves; we are dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1). A dead person can do no works which will give him life (Eccl. 7:20; Isa. 64:6; Titus 3:5).
3. God made a plan in eternity past to save us from the penalty of sin through the death of a sinless substitute. (Eph. 3:11; Heb. 10:9; Rom. 3:24; 1 Pet. 1:18-20).
4. When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son (Gal. 4:4), the Lamb of God (John 1:29), who completed the plan of grace by dying on the cross for sinful man. (Heb. 2:9; 1 John 3:5,8).
5. God's Word shows us how to be saved – by grace through faith. The faith must be a belief in who Jesus Christ is – the eternal Son of God – and what He has done: took a human body in order to die for our sins and become our Savior. (Eph. 2:8,9; John 3:16-18).
6. The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is put into Christ (Rom. 8:1), and cannot lose his salvation. Our eternal security stands on (1) the power of God (1 Pet. 1:5); (2) the promises of God (John 10:28), (3) the Word of God (Num. 23:19); and (4) the work of God (Phil. 1:6).
7. The believer is saved in the past from the penalty of sin (Rom. 6:23), in the present from the power of sin (Heb. 2:18; 2 Pet. 2:9), and in the future from the presence of sin for all eternity (Phil. 3:20,21; Jude 24).
8. Victory over sin, the sin nature and Satan was won at the cross; but if we are to have victory over sin's power in our daily life, we must (1) know and believe God's Word; (2) confess our sins in order to have the power and control of the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 5:18; Heb. 4:12; Jas. 1:25; 1 John 1:9).
9. The command to every believer is to "go and tell" the message of salvation to the whole world (Matt. 28:7,10,19; Acts 1:8). It is for this purpose we are left on the earth.

The important thing is, What does God think about me? It is not, What do I think about myself? or What do other people think about me?; but, What does God think about me?

If I am willing to accept the Word of God as God's revealed revelation, which was written by the Spirit of God to reveal to me what I am, then I've taken the first step in understanding why God needed to provide for me a Saviour.

How does God see me?

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Romans 3:10-12

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

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6

Secondly, I must see what God has provided for me in His love. The love of God found its expression in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"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." John 3:16

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought also to lay down our lives for the brethren." I John 3:16

Many people speak of God as being a God of love. Oft times I've asked individuals to tell me what their God has done to manifest His love to them. Invariably, they go blank. A true Christian can define the love of God, for it is defined in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:19

Thirdly, I then must believe that eternal life is a gift to me apart from my religious works.

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Romans 4:5

"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." Ephesians 2:8,9

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Galatians 2:16

Fourthly, I then must rest in God's assurance to me concerning eternal life.

"That if thou wilt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9,10

"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." John 1:12

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:12,13

True faith in Jesus Christ and his finished work upon the cross in my behalf in resolving the sin question in total results in regeneration. To be regenerated by the Spirit of God means to have God infuse into me new life. That is what it means to be born again. It means to be born from above. It means that God imparts to me brand new life, and I then become a brand new creation in Christ.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Becoming a Christian is not the result of a process. It is not obtained by fulfilling certain religious rites or

rituals. The Bible speaks only of instantaneous conversion. The moment one exercises their own volition, personally and privately, in the Person of Jesus Christ, who died for them and arose for them to provide for them eternal life. The Trinity then becomes a living, inner reality within that person, and he has everlasting life.

My failure to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is that which then condemns me.

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:18,19

"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED." Acts 16:31