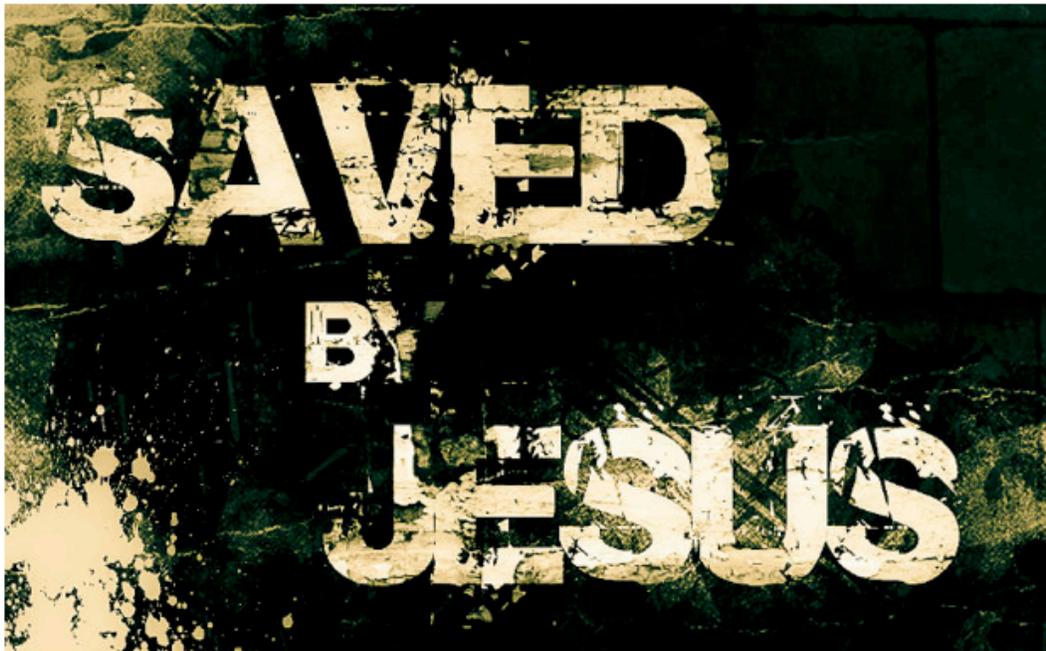


**KNOWING
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KNOWING You're Saved

In order for you to GROW, you have to KNOW!

John 1:12 says...*to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.*

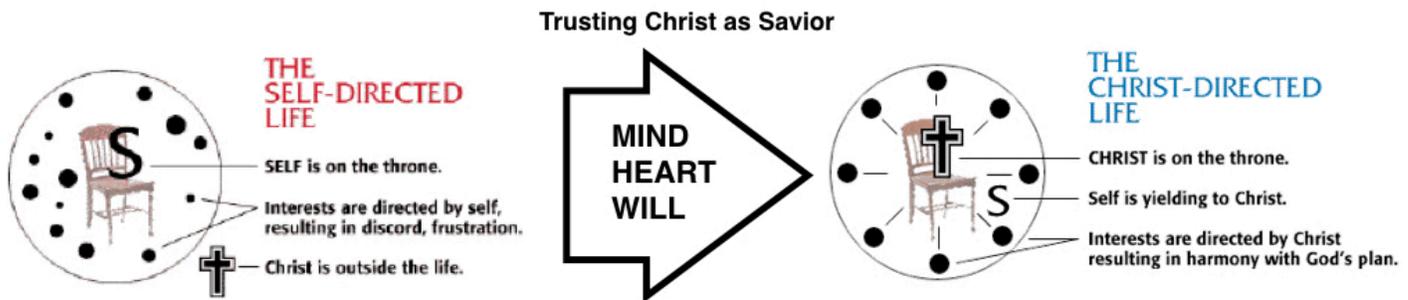
God wants you to be sure you are saved! Jesus tells us in this passage that you are a child of God (saved) if you believe and accept Him.

1 John 5:11-13 says...*And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **so that you may know you have eternal life.***

Being Saved (Becoming a Christian) involves receiving Christ by FAITH!

In order to receive Christ we have to commit to Him with our MIND, our HEART, and our WILL

The Diagram below shows one of the differences Jesus makes in the believers life when we trust with our mind, heart and will...



Committing with our MIND

Believing that Jesus is all that He said He is not “a blind leap of faith” that many would have you believe. In fact, we have more historical evidence proving the resurrection of Jesus than evidence proving Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo.

To help you with your commitment of your mind to Christ, you can check out this article found on the Desiring God website:

www.desiringgod.org/articles/historical-evidence-for-the-resurrection.

Romans 10:9 says, “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**”

So believing in the resurrection is a key factor for someone to know that they are saved.

Who Jesus is

In John 10:30-33, what is Jesus saying about Himself?

In John 14:8-9, What does Jesus tell Philip?

Write down what these others thought of Jesus according to these passages

The Apostle John in John 1:1, 14

Thomas in John 20:25-28

His enemies in John 5:18

Who do you say that Jesus Christ is and why?

The diagram below is our best attempt at trying to understand how God presents Himself to us in the bible. We refer to God as the Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit or the Triune God... Although there is no mention of God being a "Trinity" in the bible we do see evidence of it in Scripture (Matt. 3:16, Matt. 28:19-20, Luke 3:22, John 14:26, Acts 2:33, Romans 8:9, 1 Cor. 6:11, 2 Cor. 13:14, 1 Peter 1:2).



Want more info on the Trinity?

Check out these sites...

<https://carm.org/cut-trinity>

www.everystudent.com/forum/trinity.html

Jesus was more than a man...

- Conceived of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- Born of the virgin, Mary (Matt. 1:18)
- In the Old Testament there are 300+ prophecies of His coming written over a period of 1,500 yrs. by many individuals
- In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) He performed miracles while on earth
- Spoke with authority beyond any man by claiming to be God (John 5:18, Matt. 7:29)
- He dies on a cross (1 Peter 2:24)
- Rose again from the dead (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-11)

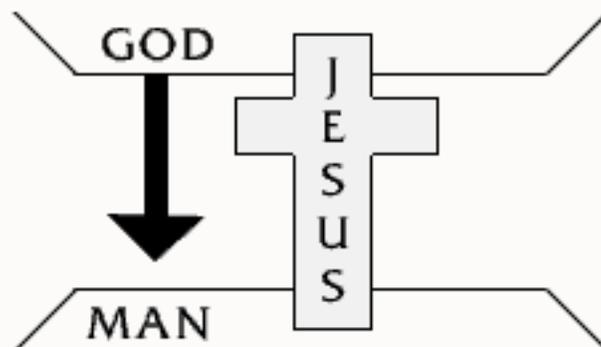
Mohammed was just a prophet, Buddha said he was just an agnostic, Confucius was an ethical leader but Jesus claimed to be God! Do you KNOW this?

Why Jesus?

Romans 3:23 says we have a problem... What is that problem?

What solution does 1 Peter 3:18 offer to that problem?

Read 1 Peter 1:3 and write down why the resurrection of Jesus is so important.



Old Testament Sacrifices

The Israelites periodically would bring animals to be sacrificed by priests. The blood from these sacrifices was sprinkled on an altar as a temporary covering for the sins of whoever brought the sacrifice. Only the purest animals were selected so that the sins of the one making the sacrifice were put on an innocent offering...

All this was an illustration of Jesus coming to be our innocent offering. Except His sacrifice was not temporary. By His blood we can all be set free, because God declared Jesus' sacrifice good enough for all of our sins forever (Romans 8:3)! Hebrews 9:22 says, "...For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness." So that is why Jesus came... To die on a cross to forgive us of our sins

KNOWING Jesus in our MIND

In order for us to be saved, we have to honestly deal with the claims of Jesus Christ and commit to Him with our MIND (Intellectually) that He is God, that He died for your sins, was buried and rose again on the third day (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

Committing with our Heart

Our heart represents our emotions, what we feel or how we react to things in our life. Our heart can at times confuse us and be unhelpful in assuring us in our relationship with Christ. In Jeremiah 17:9 we are told that our heart is deceitful, wicked and unreliable.

Our heart and emotions differ from person to person and circumstance to circumstance which makes them a terrible governing factor in our lives and makes them hard to depend on. In fact many people have sought to just have emotional experiences with God which results in lack of assurance because they didn't get goosebumps like a time before and therefore, in their mind, God is not happy with them or distant... This is why we cannot rely on our emotional heart.

According to Hebrews 10:38, who will live by faith?

Look at Hebrews 11:6. What do we need in order to please God?

Paul, who wrote the book of Romans, goes as far as calling anything not birthed out of faith is sin (Romans 14:23). So seeking emotional experiences contradict the very thing that pleases God. Instead we are called to place our FAITH and TRUST in God and His WORD, rather than our feelings.

KNOWING you are SAVED is based on the Authority of God's WORD, not your EMOTIONS! You become a child of God (SAVED) when you meet God's conditions found in His WORD. Then as a Christian we live by FAITH and TRUST that God is trustworthy and His WORD is TRUE!

This train diagram represents the relationship between God's WORD (FACT), Our trust in God's WORD (FAITH) and our responses to life and circumstances (FEELINGS)



FACT:

Do FACTS change?

The FACTS about our salvation and Christian way of living are in the Bible

FEELINGS:

Do your FEELINGS change?

What determines how you feel emotionally?

FAITH:

If we put our FAITH in our feelings and our feelings are determined by circumstances, what will our faith do?

If we put our FAITH in facts, what will our faith be like?

Salvation Confirmed

God gives us 3 things that confirm we have given Christ our lives...

- 1) **God's WORD**—You being saved is based on what God's WORD tells us about Salvation. When you do what God's WORD tells you to do about salvation you can be sure that you are saved.

Read 1 John 5:9-13. What do these verses tell us that we can know for sure?

- 2) **The Holy Spirit**—The Holy Spirit is an inward witness of our salvation

Look at Romans 8:16. What does this verse say about the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit tell you about the "good news" according to 1 Thes.1:5?

- 3) **Changed Life**—The change that happens in the saved person is evidence that they are saved. John 3, Jesus explains to a man named Nicodemus that in order to see the kingdom of God, you must be born again.

According to Col. 1:6, what does the "good news" produce in someone?

What change happened for those in 1 Thessalonians 1:9?

What change do we read about in 1 John 2:3-6?

Committing with our Will

Being sure that you are a Christian involves committing your will to God's. John 7:17 tells us that anyone choosing God's will over their own will understand where Jesus' teachings are coming from... Unless you are willing to believe the truth, You will not be able to see it.

Facts for your FAITH

1) Jesus was sent for you and believing in Him saves you—**Read John 3:15-18, 36**

- Who is “the world” in this passage?
- What does God promise?
- What is your part and What is His part?
- What happens if you believe by faith in Jesus?

2) Your sins are Forgiven—**Read Colossians 2:12-14**

- How many sins were forgiven when you trusted Christ?
- As a saved person, why would you have times of feelings with guilt?
- What does 1 John 1:9 say can be done about unconfessed sin?

3) You have become apart of the family—**Read John 1:12-13**

- What people are spiritually born into the family?
- What did you become when you received Christ?

4) You get eternal life—**Read 1 John 5:11-13**

- Where is eternal life found according to this passage?
- Do you know that you have eternal life and if so on what basis?
- If you have eternal life... Can you loose it (John 6:37-40, Hebrews 13:5)?

Deciding on the facts

Read Eph. 2:8-10. According to this passage, what did you do to receive salvation?

How do your good works, work into your salvation?

Are you sure that Christ is in your life? Are you sure if you died today, you would spend eternity with God?

If you are not sure, you can make a deliberate commitment to Christ with your mind, heart and will by asking Jesus to be your Savior... Read the prayer below and if this is something you would like to say to God, by all means repeat it to Him now!

Father, Thank you for sending your Son to die on the cross for me. I admit I am a sinner who has rebelled against God. I want to trust in what your Son did on the cross to save me. I believe that in the work Jesus did on the cross to save me and I believe He rose again from the dead. I want to confess Jesus as more Lord and Master and I commit to follow Him for the rest of my life. Thank You for saving me.... In Jesus' name... Amen

If you have invited Christ into your life, now or earlier, where is He right now?

What are you basing that answer on?

What are the facts that need to be believed in your mind in order to trust Christ as Savior (1 Cor. 15:3-5)?

How could your heart deceive you in your relationship with God?

What are the 3 things God gives you to confirm that you are saved?

Now What?

Now that you know you are saved what are you going to do about it? Don't let yourself get confused and begin to doubt what Christ has done in you. Here are some suggestions of things to do so you can continue to grow in Christ....

- Start reading the book of John in the Bible... a little bit everyday
- Memorize John 3:16
- Find a Church home where you can connect with other believers and be encouraged in your faith
- Find someone who is willing to disciple you and help you to grow in your faith
- Help others around you understand these same things that you have about Christ

For more info or to connect with a Church that would love to disciple you go to

www.deltonalakes.org/connect

and fill out the form there

