

Knowing God: Experiencing Salvation in Jesus Christ

When you place your trust in Jesus Christ – when you declare Him as Savior and Lord – an amazing series of events occurs; some instantaneously and others that are a life-long process. Over the coming weeks you will discover what Christ has already done for you and how you can grow in your journey of increasing spiritual maturity.

Let's read Romans 5:8-10

(this is a Bible address meaning: the book of Romans [found in the New Testament – toward the back portion of your Bible], chapter 5, verses 8-10).

What does the Bible say about our spiritual condition when Christ died for us - what was (is) true about all of us (all human beings)?

The Gospel (Good News)

Jesus identified Himself to be (and the entire Bible identifies Him to be) God Who took on flesh in order to step into our time and space for the purpose of delivering humanity from sin; enabling people to be restored into a loving relationship with God.

This deliverance – salvation – was accomplished by Jesus Christ dying on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for sin; and, by Jesus Christ rising from the dead to powerfully overcome sin and death - proving He was Who He claimed to be.

Why did Jesus die for us?

John 3:16



1 Peter 3:18

Belief: A Trusting Faith

The concept of “believe” – as mentioned in John 3:16 - is more than having a knowledge (intellectual awareness) about something. An event in history gives a great illustration of what God means when the Bible speaks of belief.

In the early 19th century, a tightrope walker stretched a rope across the Niagara River near the famous Niagara Falls. He would then walk across the tightrope – even pushing a wheelbarrow. A crowd gathered along the banks of the river to watch in amazement as the tightrope walker moved back and forth from one side of the river to the other. As he approached the river bank, he called to the crowd asking who believed he could push the wheelbarrow across the tightrope with someone inside the wheelbarrow.

Having witnessed the tightrope walker’s exceptional skills, many in the crowd raised their hands in agreement signifying their enthusiastic belief. Then the tightrope walker asked the real question: “if you believe I can do this, who will be the first to climb into the wheelbarrow?”

When God’s Word speaks of belief it is a climbing-in-the-wheelbarrow type of belief; it is a whole-hearted trust in Him and commitment to Him.

What happens to you as a result of placing your trust (believing in) Jesus Christ?
2 Corinthians 5:17,18



Who can have the life described in 2 Corinthians 5:17 & the promise of eternal life?

1 John 5:10-13

Get the Picture? (read the following two scripture passages)

Romans 10:9 – “if you _____ with your mouth and _____ with your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, you will be _____.

Ephesians 2:8,9 – “by _____ you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the _____ of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”

What is our part (our response) and what is God’s part in our being saved?

