
Introduction

So you've just given your life to the Lord Jesus Christ. How wonderful! Though I'm sure those who prayed with you have already done so, allow me to welcome you to the family of God.

These guides have been written to help you and for no other reason. Over the years I've seen many, and I mean many, have the same experience that you just had, only for them to leave the Church and never return. I must admit it's made me question everything. What did I do wrong? What more could we have done?

But I have found that oft times the answer is lack of knowledge. Many "new converts" such as you don't always understand what just happened or what to do next.

Well, that's where we come in.

In this short pamphlet we will show you who Christ is, what He did for you on the cross, and what He does for you now.

This is the first step of a life long journey with your Lord and Savior. We want to make sure you enjoy every step of it.

Read on!

The Experience

Whether you experienced Salvation at an altar in a church, on a street corner, in your car or at home it is wonderful that you are now saved.

Asking Jesus to come into your heart and be the Lord of your life is a great moment. He is such a wonderful friend! This page is simply dedicated for you to keep for yourself, share with others or to just simply have a record of the time & place your life was forever changed.

Revelation 12:11 says, "*And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...*"

This is a good place to start. Use the lines below to write down how you were saved.

Date ___/___/___ Place _____

What does it mean to be saved?

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be **saved**.* (Romans 10:9)

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

I've been asked many times, "What am I saved from?" or "What does it mean to be saved?" While many will tell you that it means you are saved from Hell, which is really on a very small part of the answer. The answer is more extensive, but I can sum it up in a very familiar word: Yourself.

Huh? That's right, yourself. Back in the first book of the Bible, Genesis, we see that God created Adam and Eve. When God created them, He wanted to have a Father to children relationship. He would come to the garden in the evening to visit with Adam. When sin entered in, and Eve ate of the fruit, God could no longer be in communication with them. God cannot be around sin.

This is why God sent His Son Jesus. Now, I want you to understand that God had this plan long before Adam and Eve. The Bible tells us, "before the foundations of the world," Christ was intended to be the sacrifice on the cross. God had you on His mind even before He made this world. That's how big of a God He is!

Getting back...because of Adam's sin, man was now separated from God. Man had no hope of ever getting back to Him! In the Old Testament God required animal sacrifices for man to pay

for their sin, but it never “removed” their sin. Their sin was always apparent to God which kept Him from having the relationship with man that He desires. Jesus came to bridge that gap once and for all.

Man had no hope of Salvation until Christ came. We, in a sense, were our own worst enemies. The Bible tells us that there are “none righteous, no not one.”(Romans 3:10) No man or woman on this Earth has a chance at being saved without Christ. We are doomed by our own blood line without Him. We are born under the curse of Adam and only Jesus can break that curse.

We are saved from the fate of those without Christ, which is in part, Hell, but we are also saved from a lifestyle of sin, brokenness, emptiness and no peace. We are saved from having to face our troubles alone, and we are saved from the judgment of a God who hates sin. Your sins are now gone, they are forgiven and forgotten.

Psalm 103 tells us, *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions (sins) from us.”* How far is it from east to west? If you start travelling east, you will never be going west. It is an immeasurable distance.

By the blood of Jesus you are saved from every mistake you’ve made and every sin you’ve committed. Yes, life dictates we still have to deal with what we’ve done in the eyes of man. If you are in prison, they don’t release you just because you’ve gotten saved. However, while man may not forget, our God in Heaven, who is now your Father, does.

“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)

Your past can no longer hold guilt and shame over you. You are free from the guilt and free from the shame. That will take a while for you to get used to, but you will. You my friend are free. 100 percent free. You can lay down any addictions or vices you have. God will help you to walk away. You don't need a 12 step program and hope you make it, you've already enrolled in a 1 step program that says you will make it.

You are saved from every mistake, every pain, fear, guilt, shame, hopelessness, emptiness, low self esteem, feeling of no self worth and anything else of the sort. You can now hold your head up high and proclaim that you are different, you're not the man you used to be and never will be that way again.

You are saved! Shout it from the rooftops, **“I AM SAVED!”**

A Warning

Now that you are saved and understand what is to come I want to provide a very simple warning.

Your yesterday will once again try and become your today.

Let me share a story with you from the Bible.

(43) When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. (44) Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. (45) Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. (Matthew 12:43-45)

In these writings Jesus was telling us that when a man gets delivered from a demon this is what happens. However it's a very good description of what happens when a person gets saved. Your yesterday will try to come back. The old habits, the old friends, the old things which had you in the mess you were in, will try and return. They will come back stronger and more forceful and too many new converts are lost because no one tells them this.

Why does this happen? Satan wants you back. He hates God and he liked controlling your life. Satan loved seeing you miserable and broken and he wants you no different. He will do anything to get you back. But God has put His Spirit inside of you and will give you the strength to overcome those temptations.

I want to re-iterate this Scripture once again. *“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)

What you were is no longer relevant. The “old man” or the person that you used to be is no longer. What you were is dead. It is a lie that satan uses to convince you that you aren’t any different, that you can’t change and that you have no hope of ever being better than you were. **But God has the final say, not satan.**

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Don’t defeat yourself in your own mind. Don’t expect to fail. You may make mistakes, you’re still human, but God will forgive you and it doesn’t mean that you are going back to your old life. You have been made free by Jesus and John 8:36 says *“If the Son (Jesus) therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*

Your “friends” will be the first ones to challenge what has happened in your life. They will act like you are the same old person. But if you live your life for God, they will begin to see the “new” man or woman that you are.

Get involved in a good Bible-believing church with people that love God. Not for the sake of attendance, but so that you can draw strength, encouragement and knowledge from those who have been exactly where you are. Learn from them, work for the Lord in the church and find new things to do. This will lessen the effect of your yesterday trying to become your today.

You are not alone!!! Ask for help when you need it.

In Closing

I will leave you now with a prayer and with Scripture for you to refer to.

“Father, I thank You for this new precious soul that has given their heart to You. I thank You for Your blood that has cleansed them, Your Son that has saved them and for the sacrifice made on the cross that we all might be saved.

I pray now that You would make Yourself more real to this dear person every day. That You would draw them up into Your bosom and allow them to experience Your voice, touch and love. I pray that they find You in Your written Word and they begin a daily relationship, with You.

I pray now a protection upon them, that You would keep them. Guard their minds from the enemy, shield their hearts from the pains and aches of yesterday and open their eyes that they may see You plainly.

Thank You once again for this new soul. Keep them in the center of Your vision, and in the palm of Your hand.

Amen.”

Be sure and thank God daily that He has saved you, forgiven you and changed you. This will keep it fresh in your heart and mind.

Scripture for you.

Refer to these as helps.

Who can be saved?

Joh 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.

How am I saved?

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

If I make a mistake?

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Does He continue to help me?

Php 1:6 There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. (MSG Bible)

I believe, so I am Saved!

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Be sure and get the next pamphlet in this line of teachings!
