

HOW CAN I KNOW GOD?

Lesson #3

This is the third and final lesson in this series on the subject of knowing God. The first lesson emphasized the possibility of knowing that you are saved and stressed the reality of sin in our lives. The second lesson clarified that a person is not saved by his works, but by faith in Christ. A person can be saved by admitting that he is a lost sinner, by trusting in the sacrifice Christ made for his sins, and by calling upon the name of the Lord to be saved (Romans 10:13).

If you have personally asked Christ to save you, the Bible says that you are saved. How long does salvation last? Can salvation ever be lost? We would like to consider these questions in this last lesson.

OUR ASSURANCE IS BASED UPON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, NOT OURS

1. Read John 10:28-29 and answer the following questions:
What does Jesus give to those who are saved (have trusted in Christ alone for salvation)?

Will these ever perish?

Who is able to remove the believer from God's hand?

According to this passage, does our security depend upon our hanging onto God, or God's hanging onto us?

2. What is Jesus' prayer for the believers in John 17:11,15?

Do you think Jesus ever prayed a prayer that was not answered?

3. According to Romans 8:35, what will not separate us from the love of Christ?
4. According to Romans 8:38-39, what will not separate the believer from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus?
5. What was Paul confident about in Philippians 1:6?

6. How is the believer kept? (1 Peter 1:5)

7. What are two things that Christ is able to do for the person who is saved? (Jude 24) (Jude is the next to the last book in the Bible.)

8. Read Hebrews 10:14. This verse asserts that the believer has been perfected (brought to a complete state). Those who are being sanctified (set apart) is a reference to those who have trusted Christ. How many offerings or sacrifices did it take to perfect the believer?

How long will the believer be perfected?

9. Who is Christ able to save? (Hebrews 7:25)

This is true only because He continues to make intercession for them before God.

THE SEALING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the New Testament a seal is a mark of ownership. A person would place a mark or imprint on an object that belonged to him. This is similar to the branding of animals.

1. What happens to a person immediately after he believes? (Ephesians 1:13)

2. How long is this seal effective? (Ephesians 4:30)

3. If the seal is a mark of ownership, to whom does the believer belong? (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

TRUE SECURITY IN CHRIST DOES NOT GIVE THE BELIEVER A LICENSE TO SIN

Some might say, "Well, if I am saved and kept by God's power, I can live any way I please." Read Romans 6:1-2 (it would be good to read the whole chapter).

1. Once a person is freed from the control of sin (this happens at the time of salvation), whose servant does he become?
 Romans 6:13 _____
 Romans 6:18 _____

2. What happens to the believer who strays from living according to God's standards? (Hebrews 12:6)

Whom does the Lord chasten?

3. If one can live as he pleases, and God does not chasten him, what does the Bible tell us about that person? (Hebrews 12:8)

Once a person is saved (by faith apart from works), God not only keeps that believer, but guides his life. If he strays, but has been truly saved, he does not lose eternal life. Instead, he is chastened by a loving heavenly Father.

Eternal life is the greatest gift anyone can receive. Do you know for sure that you have received this gift? If not, you can do so right now by turning to the Lord and saying:

“Dear Lord, I know I am a sinner and am not worthy of Heaven. I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose again from the dead. Right now I am asking you to save me and come into my life. Thank you for your love and salvation.”

Note: Praying this or any other prayer will not save your soul, but placing your faith and trust in Jesus Christ and what he did on the cross will. Praying this prayer only expresses the trust that you have in your heart and is an outward expression of your salvation.

When your life on earth is completed, the most important decision you will have made is whether you have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. By making no decision to trust Him, one has already decided not to trust Him (John 3:18).

We are delighted that you took the time to work through these studies. If you would like further studies, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know. We consider it a privilege to share with you the most important thing in life, salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank You.