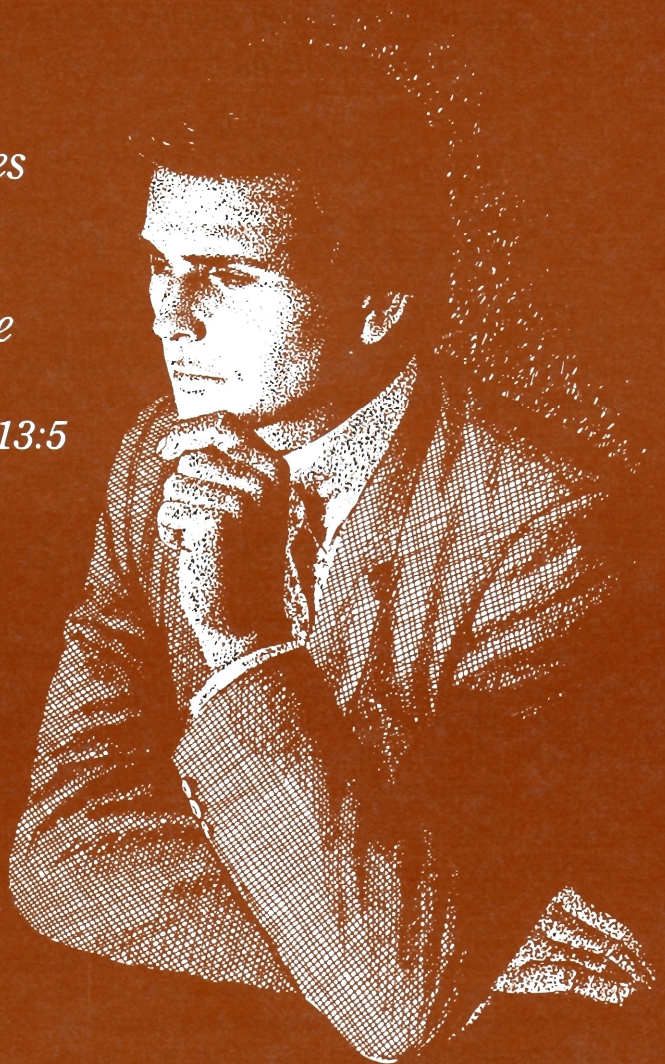


Test Your Salvation

*Test yourselves
to see if you
are in the
faith; examine
yourselves!*

2 Corinthians 13:5



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**(If you were to die tonight are you
sure you would go to heaven?)**

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ARE YOU SAVED?

Do you really know what salvation is? This short test is designed to help you know the answers to these very important questions, and what to do once you know the answers. If you truly respect the Bible, you will certainly honor and want to follow the conditions it clearly lays down for salvation.

WHAT IS SALVATION?

Some people think salvation means that they are saved from a past immoral life. Some think that salvation means that they are given special power from above. Still others think salvation means that they are leading a good life, that they go to church, and that God is blessing them financially. While it is true that some of these are the result of being saved, to say the least, they are NOT Salvation itself.

The Bible says that Salvation is from sin. When we are saved, we are saved from the guilt and condemnation of our sins. The result is restored fellowship with God and promised eternal life in Heaven. In Matthew 1:21 the Bible says that Jesus came to save His people from their sins. In John 1:29 the Bible also says that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Again, in 1 Timothy 1:15 it plainly states that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Finally, in John's gospel, the Bible also says that through this forgiveness of our sins we are then given eternal life.

Most people would like to think they are saved, that their sins have already been forgiven, and that they are headed for Heaven with God, rather than the eternal fires of Hell. However, can their hopes for Heaven be proved from the Bible?

Let me invite you to take the following Bible test. Please answer ALL of the questions. Be sure to write down all your answers on the test in the spaces provided. You will be referring to them later on in the test. Remember, God's Word will be used to judge your answers, so you will need to answer as best as you know how!

PART I

Yes No I Don't Know

1. Are you saved? _____ _____ _____
2. If yes, How were you saved? (how do you know you have been saved?) _____

3. Were you ever baptized by total immersion in water? _____ _____ _____
4. How long were you saved before you were baptized? (What was the period of time between your salvation and your water baptism?) _____
5. Can a person be saved without receiving God's Word? _____ _____ _____
6. Can a person be saved without obeying the Gospel? _____ _____ _____

	Yes	No	I Don't Know
7. Can a person be saved without becoming a child of God by faith? ..	_____	_____	_____
8. Can a person be saved without getting "into" Jesus Christ?	_____	_____	_____
9. Can a person be saved without "putting on" or "clothing themselves" with Christ?	_____	_____	_____
10. Can a person be saved without having their sins washed away?	_____	_____	_____
11. Can a person be saved without calling on the name of the Lord?	_____	_____	_____
12. Can a person be saved without having died to sin?	_____	_____	_____
13. Can a person be saved without getting "into" the death of Christ? ...	_____	_____	_____
14. Can a person be saved without being buried with Christ?	_____	_____	_____
15. Can a person be saved without being raised up with Christ to walk a new life?	_____	_____	_____
16. Can a person be saved without having crucified the old self of sin	_____	_____	_____
17. Can a person be saved without having become free from sin?	_____	_____	_____

- 18. Can a person be saved without receiving the spiritual circumcision of Christ in cutting away the sins of the flesh? ... _____
- 19. Can a person be saved without faith in the operation or working of God? _____
- 20. Can a person be saved without being saved by an answer of a good conscience toward God? _____
- 21. Can a person be saved without receiving the remission or removal of their sins? _____

You have now completed Part I of the Salvation Test. I hope it was not too difficult. Grading for Part I is easy. If you answered ALL of questions 5 through 20 “No”, then you are doing very well. If you answered any of questions 5 through 21 above “Yes”, please carefully study the Bible verses listed in Part II of the Salvation Test.

Part II of the Salvation Test will be “a fill in the blanks” section. Again, please write your answers down in the spaces provided. This part of the test will show us **how** the **Bible** says the things discussed in Part I are to be fulfilled in our own lives.

PART II

Please! It is very important that all of your answers to the following questions come right out of the Bible **alone**. We are *not* asking for your feelings, opinions, or thoughts. The correct answer can be clearly seen in the Bible passages listed. Most will be one word answers.

- 1. Can a person be saved without obeying the Gospel?
If your answer to this question was “No,” then

you are correct.

Mark 16:15,16:

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. He who *has believed* and *has been baptized* shall be *saved*; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned!”

- a. **Question:** According to the biblical passage, exactly how *does a person obey the Gospel and be saved*?
- b. **Question:** Check your answers to questions 1 through 4 of Part I carefully. Do your answers indicate that you thought you had been saved before you were baptized? _____
- c. **Question:** But what did Jesus say? _____

2. Can a person be saved *without* becoming a child of God by faith?, getting into Jesus Christ?, and putting on Christ?

If your answer was “no” to these questions, you are correct again!

Galatians 3:26,27:

“For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. *For* all of you *who were baptized into* Christ have *put on* Christ.”

- a. **Question:** According to this plain biblical passage exactly how does a person get “into” Christ? _____

- b. **Question:** According to this passage then, exactly how does a person “put on” Christ? _____
- c. **Question:** According to the Bible then, how does one become a child of God by faith? (what must they do?) _____

- d. **Question:** Again, check your answers to questions 1 through 4 of Part I. Did you think you were already a child of God, already into Christ, having put on Christ before you were baptized?
- e. **Question:** But what does the Bible say? _____

3. Can a person be saved without having their sins washed away?

Can a person be saved without calling on the name of the Lord?

If your answer to these questions was “no”, again, you are correct!

Acts 22:16:

“And now why do you delay? Arise, and be *baptized* and *wash away* your sins, *calling on the name of the Lord!*”

- a. **Question:** According to this very plain biblical verse, exactly how, when, or where does a person have their sins “washed away” in order to be saved? _____
- b. **Question:** According to this Scripture, at exactly what point is a person to “call upon the name of the Lord” to be saved? (where? or when?) _____
- c. **Question:** Check your answers to questions 1 through 4 of Part I. Would they indicate that you believed that your sins were somehow washed away before **you were baptized?** _____
- d. **Question:** Did you believe that you had already called upon the name of the Lord before **you were baptized?** _____
- e. **Question:** *But what does the Bible teach?* _____

4. Can a person be saved *without* having first died to sin? getting into Christ? getting into the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ? without being raised up with Christ to walk a new life (born again)? without having crucified the old self of sin? having become free from sin?

If your answer to all of these questions was “no”, you are right again!

Romans 6:2-7:

“May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us *who* have been BAPTIZED INTO Christ Jesus have been *baptized into His death?* Therefore we have been *buried* with Him through *baptism* INTO DEATH, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, *so* we too might walk in *newness of life*. For *if* we have become *united* with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our Old Self was *crucified* with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who died is freed from sin!”

- a. **Question:** Study this passage carefully. How does this passage explain the process of dying to sin? (through what action?) _____

- b. **Question:** According to this biblical passage, *how* does it say a person gets “into” Christ? _____
- c. **Question:** From these biblical verses, *how* is it possible to get into the actual death of Christ? _____
- d. **Question:** From the Bible alone, *what* is the *only* way to be buried with Christ? (see also Colossians 2:12) _____
- e. **Question:** According to these biblical verses, what is the only avenue through which a person can be raised up with Christ in a new life? _____

- f. **Question:** What is the only way a person can be united with Christ in the likeness of His death, burial, and resurrection? _____
 - g. **Question:** Knowing this now, by what means is our old self of sin crucified with Him? _____
 - h. **Question:** Therefore, from the passage alone, what is the only way possible to become free from sin? _____
 - i. **Question:** Again, check your answers to Part I. Do they show that you previously believed that you somehow had already gotten into Christ, into His death, burial, and resurrection before you were baptized? _____
 - j. **Question:** Did you somehow think that you had died to sin without yet being baptized? _____
 - k. **Question:** Did you feel that you had crucified the old self of sin before you were baptized? _____
 - l. **Question:** Before reading this passage, did you believe that you could have been freed from sin before you were baptized? _____
 - m. **Question:** *But what does the Bible teach?*
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5. Can a person be saved without receiving the spiritual circumcision of Christ in cutting away the sins of the flesh?

Can a person be saved without having faith in the operation of God?

If you answered “no” to these questions the Bible says you are right!

Colossians 2:11,12:

“And in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the

flesh by the circumcision of Christ; *having been buried* with Him in *baptism*, in which you were also *raised up* with Him, through the faith in the *operation* of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

- a. **Question:** According to the Bible’s own explanation of this passage, exactly how does a person receive the circumcision of Christ? _____
- b. **Question:** Exactly where and when does a person receive the circumcision of Christ in cutting away their sins? _____
- c. **Question:** From this passage of God’s Word, what is the only way to show God our faith in his operation in cutting away our sins? _____
- d. **Question:** Again, it’s soul-searching time! Look at your answers to Part I and questions 1 through 4. Were you taught that you could be saved before having faith in the operation of God by being baptized? _____
- e. **Question:** Do your answers to Part I agree with the Bible truths so plainly taught here? _____
- f. **Question:** Did you think you could be saved before baptism? _____
- g. **Question:** *But what does the Bible say?* _____

6. Can a person be saved without being saved through an answer of a good conscience toward God?

If your answer to this question was “no”, you are correct!

1 Peter 3:21:

“And corresponding to that, *baptism now saves you!*-not by the removal of dirt from the flesh, but by an *answer of a good conscience toward God*, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ!”

- a. **Question:** According to this very clear Bible verse, *what saves us?* _____
- b. **Question:** According to this passage, is it possible to answer God with a good conscience without being baptized? _____
- c. **Question:** Looking back at your answers to Part I, Did you believe you were saved before or without yet being baptized?
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- d. **Question:** Were you able to come up with some period of time between your supposed salvation and your water baptism?
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- e. **Question:** Did you somehow think that you were saved without, or before, being immersed in water, thereby answering God with a good conscience? _____
- f. **Question:** *But what does the Bible Say? How is your conscience???*

7. Can a person be saved without receiving the remission or removal of their sins from their soul?

If you had answered “no” to this question, your answer was correct again.

Acts 2:38:

“And Peter said to them, *Repent* and let each of you be *baptized* in the name of Jesus Christ *for the forgiveness of sins*; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!

- a. **Question:** According to this biblical verse, what must *a person do in order to have their sins forgiven, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and be saved?* _____
and _____
- b. **Question:** One more time now, check your answers to Part I and questions 1 through 4. Do your answers indicate that you

believed that you received or could receive the forgiveness of your sins before you were baptized? _____

c. **Question:** Did you believe you were saved before you were baptized? _____

d. **Question:** *But what does God's Word say ???* _____

8. Just one more question, Can a person be *taught wrong*, and yet *baptized right*??? _____

Be assured, the Bible is very clear. A person who is *taught wrong* about baptism and its purposes, *cannot* be *baptized right!* (see Acts 19:1-5). Taught wrong will equal baptized wrong every time! There is no biblical way around it. God's Word will not contradict itself.

Where does this leave you according to the Bible? Are you now lost or saved according to God's plain conditions? Was your baptism in water, by immersion, for all of the same reasons that God has given in these many Bible passages?

Did you believe that you were saved some period of time before you were baptized? If you did, can you now see that you were taught wrong? If so, then you must now realize that your supposed salvation and baptism were *not* according to the Word of Almighty God!

But you need not remain unsaved! You *can* be *taught right*, and *baptized right*, and receive true Salvation from God! The eternal choice is yours!

If you would like further personal assistance in receiving Salvation from God according to His Word, please contact:

**“Test yourselves to see
if you are in the faith;
examine yourselves!
Or do you not recognize
this about yourselves,
that Jesus Christ is in you—
unless indeed you
fail the test?”**

2 Corinthians 13:5

SIN . . . GUILT . . . HELL! Have you been *saved* from sin and its path to Hell? In *Test Your Salvation*, Kent A. Field asks you to consider what the Word of God says about your own salvation? Part 1 provides a series of questions about salvation for you to answer. In Part 2, your answers are checked by the Word of God, which will judge you in the end. Will you pass the test . . . or will you fail? Test your salvation!

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