

What Does It Mean To Be Saved?

Introduction

OBJECTIVE: To show the difference between our new life in Christ, and the old life.

TO MEMORIZE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

TO READ: John 1:1-3

The Christian life begins with spiritual birth (John 3:6) through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8, 9). The Christian life is a personal, daily relationship between the believer and Christ. This life is lived by faith. Faith is trust. We trust our lives to Christ's keeping because He has proven Himself trustworthy by His life, His death, His resurrection and His abiding presence.

Bible Study

A. A New Creation

1. On the basis of 2 Corinthians 5:17, what has happened to you?

What are some evidences in your life of new things having come, and old things having passed away?

2. To what does the Bible compare this experience of newness (John 3:3)?

3. How was your new birth accomplished (John 3:16; 1:12, 13)?

B. A New Relationship With God

1. What are you called (I Peter 2:2)?

What should be your desire (Exodus 34: 6-7; Titus 3: 4-8)?

2. What is your new relationship with God (John 1: 12)?
3. What does it mean to you to be a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)?
4. How do you know that you are God's child (Galatians 4:6; Roman 8:16)?

C. A New Motivation

1. How does the love of Christ motivate you (2 Corinthians 5:14)?
2. What has replaced self as the most important factor (verse 15)?
3. Two things have happened in your life to give you new motivation, according to Colossians 3:1-11
4. What will motivate you to seek those things, which are above, according to verse 1?

D. A New Relationship to Mankind

1. What is new about your relationship to people (1 John 3:11, 14)?
2. How can you show that you are a follower of Christ (John 13:35)?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. What ministry has been given to you (verse 18)?
4. We are called _____ for Christ (verse 20).
5. As an ambassador for Christ, what is the greatest thing that you can do (Matthew 4:19)?

Name at least three ways you can do that in your own life.

6. How can your friends benefit from the message you, as an ambassador for Christ, deliver to them (1 John 1:3-5)?

Life Application

1. What is the greatest change you have seen in your life since you became a new creation in Christ Jesus?

2. In your new relationship with God, what now can be your response toward problems, disappointments and frustrations (1 Peter 5:7; Romans 8:28)?

3. List two changes you would like to see in your life now that you are a Christian, and ask God to bring those changes about.