

BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Reaffirming My Salvation - Lesson 2

REVIEW THE WAY ONE BECOMES A CHRISTIAN...

1. Knowing how and why you became a Christian will prepare you to give a defense to those who may ask about your hope in Christ. (1 Peter 3:15)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense (KJV answer) to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear... (1 Peter 3:15)

2. The bible says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? (Romans 7:24)

(13) And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' (14) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:13–14)

3. My faith developed after hearing the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

4. One way we can hear the word is through PREACHING. (1 Corinthians 1:21)

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. (1 Corinthians 1:21)

5. Without faith, I cannot please God. (Hebrew 11:6)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

6. Not only do we have faith in God, but also in Jesus Christ. (John 14:1; Galatians 3:26)

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. (John 14:1)

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26)

7. The bible was written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ. (John 20:30-31)

(30) And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30–31)

8. I learned that I need to change the direction of my life by _____. (Acts 17:30)

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent... (Acts 17:30)

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord... (Acts 3:19)

Notes: Define “repentance” – The act of changing one’s mind. A change of direction in one’s life. Leaving a life of sin and living in God’s service. Repentance is often misunderstood.

9. When I confess the name of Jesus before others, it lead me toward salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

(8) But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): (9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:8–10)

(15) He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” (16) Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15–16)

10. I was now ready to be baptized and wash away my sins. (Acts 22:16)

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’ (Acts 22:16)

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

11. At this point, I was saved and began to live for God because I was dead to sin. (Romans 6:4-6)

(4) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, (6) knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. (Romans 6:4–6)

MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: IMPROVE MY DAILY BIBLE READING

12. By reading the bible each day and applying what I learn, I will be blessed in the things I do. (James 1:25)

Notes: Daily reading and meditating on God’s word will change your attitude, increase aptitude, and insure daily living in Christ.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:25)

ABOUT THE BIBLE:

- 13. The Old Testament contains 39 books.
- 14. List the 5 categories of books in the Old Testament:
(1) Law (2) History (3) Poetry (4) Major Prophets (5) Minor Prophets

JEWELS FROM JAMES:

- 15. The poor person will glory in their exaltation but the rich person in humiliation. (1:9-10)
 - a. As a flower, both will fade away.

(9) Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, (10) but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. (11) For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. (James 1:9–11)

- 16. Part of being blessed as a Christian is to endure temptation. (1:12)
 - a. God promises a crown of life to those who love Him.

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. (James 1:12)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

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