

ARE YOU IN CHRIST?

Have you ever been saved? _____

Explain your salvation experience in detail. _____

After you were saved, were you baptized? _____

What was the purpose of your baptism? _____

I. What is found in Christ?

A. Ephesians 1:3

Where are all spiritual blessings found? _____

Everyone is blessed with physical blessings but there is only one place one can have spiritual blessings. If you aren't in Christ, are you entitled to any of His spiritual blessings? _____

B. Ephesians 1:7

Where is redemption found? _____

The word "*redemption*" or "*redeem*" means "to buy back."

*When you return empty soda bottles back to the grocery store, they guarantee to "*redeem*" them.

Read verse again. Redemption is equal to what? _____

Redemption is through whose blood? _____

If redemption is found in Christ (and His word says it is) and you are not in Christ, do you possess redemption? _____

C. Romans 6:23

Where is eternal life found? _____

If eternal life is in Christ and you are not in Christ, would you possess eternal life? _____

D. Romans 8:1

If one is in Christ Jesus, what is their status before God? _____

If there is no condemnation in Christ and you are not in Christ, are you in a guilt free state? _____

If you are under condemnation, does that mean we are still in our sins? _____

E. II Timothy 2:1

Where is grace found? _____

Grace is God's unmerited favor toward you. Instead of giving you what you deserve God gives you what you don't deserve.

If grace is in Christ Jesus and you are not in Christ Jesus, do you possess the grace of God? _____

F. II Timothy 2:10

Where is salvation found? _____

If salvation is found only in Christ and you are not in Christ, do you possess salvation? _____

II. What is the importance of Christ?

A. Romans 1:28-31

Here is a list of things that are not proper in the eyes of God. Have you ever practiced any of these in your past? (Write down which ones.) _____

In verse 32, what does God say you deserve if you practice any of these things?

B. Isaiah 59:1-2

Does God have a problem hearing or saving anyone (v.1)? _____

What separates one from God (v.2) _____

"*Iniquities*" are the guilt that sin causes. You sin, you're guilty.

Are our sins a major problem to God? _____

C. Romans 6:23

What are the wages of sin? _____

Wages are something that you earn, you deserve because of your own actions.

The "*free gift*" is not earned but only found in Christ Jesus.

D. Romans 3:23

How many of us have sinned? _____

There are no exceptions!

E. John 8:24

Jesus expresses what will happen to anyone that won't accept Him. Is this a

serious problem? _____

F. Revelation 1:5

What releases or washes one from their sins? _____

Can you earn that? _____

G. John 19:32-34

Where did Jesus shed His blood? _____

H. Hebrews 10:12

Jesus' death that shed His blood brought what? _____

Remember "*redemption*"? Only the blood of Jesus can bring it about eternally.

III. How does one enter into Christ?

A. Before proceeding, what do you believe how one enters Christ Jesus? Write down your answer. _____

B. Romans 6:3

What did the apostle Paul teach how they entered into Christ? _____

What two things are one baptized "into"? (1) _____

(2) _____

Remember what Jesus shed in His death? _____

Remember what releases/washes one from their sins? _____

Remember what separates one from God? _____

Would being baptized into the death of Christ and into His blood make a difference? _____

When does Paul teach that one enters into Christ? _____

C. Compare what the apostle Paul taught with your salvation experience you wrote down at the beginning of this study. How do they compare? _____

D. Acts 9:1-12

In verse 6, what is Saul (whose name will be changed to Paul) told will happen? _____

In verse 9, why would Saul not eat or drink? _____

In verse 11, what condition would Ananias find Saul? _____

Saul was three days and nights without sight, not eating but praying.

Is Saul saved? _____

Are his sins washed away? _____

E. Acts 22:1-16

Paul recounts his conversion in this section of Scripture.

In verse 16, what does Ananias tell Saul to do? _____

After seeing a vision from Jesus, repentance and praying to God, is Saul still in his sins? _____

If he was forgiven prior, why would he need to have his sins washed away? _____

When was Saul told to call on the name of the Lord? _____

F. Romans 6:4

Notice the word “buried” tied to baptism. If you bury a dead animal and take a handful of dirt and sprinkle over it, has it been buried? _____

At what point does one “raise to newness of life”? _____

G. Romans 6:17-18

How does one become freed from a slavery to sin (v.17)? _____

Were they freed from sin by accepting Jesus to come into their heart? Is that what the apostle Paul has been teaching? _____

Notice the word ‘obey’ or ‘obedient’. What does that teach us? _____

Notice the word “that” in the phrase “that form of teaching or doctrine”. Can one be freed from sin by obeying ANY particular teaching or does God only accept the obedient to one particular teaching? _____

Compare what the apostle wrote to what is normally taught in religion today.

Accepted teaching: believe + saved = baptized

Jesus’ words: believe + baptized = shall be saved – Mark 16:15-16

If a person thinks they are saved when they come to be baptized, are they being baptized: (1) to wash away their sins? (2) to enter into Christ? (3) to be saved?

Romans 6:3-7

What two things happen at baptism (v.3)? (1) _____

(2) _____

At baptism what two things happen (v.4)? (1) _____

(2) _____

When we are raised up with Him through baptism, what do we possess (v.4)?

At baptism, we are united or planted together with whom (v.5)? _____

What happens to our old self in baptism (v.6)? _____

If we have died with Christ, we are now freed from what (v.7)? _____

If you are freed from sin, do you possess salvation? _____

Concl: If any religion teaches anything different than what the apostles taught, are they teaching free from sin? Are they free from sin? _____

II Peter 3:15-16

Did Peter recognize Paul writing Scripture? _____

Did Peter recognize Scripture can be distorted? _____

How serious is it to distort Scripture?

You have simply read the verses yourself without any addition.

I Peter 3:20-21

What does Peter remind them how they were saved? _____

Please read your Bible and be honest in heart with what you read. God will never lead us astray if it is the truth we seek.