

HOW I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED

First of all, God's Word tells me that I am saved, and it is impossible for God to lie. Next, his Spirit bears witness with my spirit, that I am a child of God.

God's Spirit and my spirit:

Roman 8:16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

God promised to himself eternal life for man, which was committed unto the apostle Paul before the world began:

Titus 1:2 *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

God made promise to Abraham and when he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself:

Hebrews 6:18 *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*

QUESTIONS: Since it is impossible for God to lie, how do I get saved today? By believing the gospel of my salvation. What is that gospel?

Ephesians 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, **the gospel of your salvation:** in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

The Lord committed unto the apostle Paul the gospel of our salvation as we read in: **I Corinthians 15: 1** *Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also **ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:***

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ:** for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS TO ME AFTER I GET SAVED? We are baptized by the Holy Spirit and placed into Christ's body, his Church.

Galatians 3: 26 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.** 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

I Corinthians 12: 12 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

QUESTION: DO I GET A SPECIAL FEELING WITH THIS BAPTISM WHEN GOD SAVES ME? NO!!! WHY?? Because signs and supernatural gifts have ceased. Our apostle Paul tells us this.

II Corinthians 5:7 *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)* The Jews, Israel, require signs which was to let them know God's will. However, we today, the members of Christ's body have no need for sign gifts. We have the complete and perfect Word of God. See I Corinthians 12:31 (Paul to show a more excellent way); 13:8-13 (perfect if come).

QUESTION: SINCE WE ARE NOT TO BE IGNORANT OF SATAN'S DEVICES TODAY, WOULD WE NOT BE WISE IN SAYING THIS? Satan himself, along with his ministers, transforms himself into an angel of light; therefore, he would be the one who gives supernatural sign gifts today? Then God is not the one transforming himself into an angel of light displaying visions and dreams, and unusual feelings, etc. In "time past," God used angels as messengers. In this dispensation of God's grace, he uses the power of his Word, which is written down for us to read and learn from. See Romans 1:16; I Timothy 2:3-7.

Our example as a man is our apostle Paul. In his early ministry in order to show himself to Israel and the Gentiles, he used the manifestation of gifts and powers for healing, etc. However, when the revelation of scripture to Paul was complete, he no longer needed signs. He says by revelation from the Lord that we walk by faith, not sight. See our sufferings for Christ (Romans 8:17; Philippians 1:29; II Timothy 2:12; 3:12).

So if we are to believe the Word of God, we must believe it all, and God's Word must be "rightly divided" as he instructs his Church today.

Therefore I believe God, and as our apostle Paul says, he also believes God:

II Timothy 1:12 *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

Paul exhorted those who were sailing in the ship with him, in the storm-tossed waves of the sea, that he believed God's Word to him. Things would be just as God had told him.

Acts 27:25 *Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.*

THEREFORE, WHEN WE BELIEVE THE WORDS THAT THE LORD COMMITTED UNTO OUR APOSTLE PAUL, WE ARE BELIEVING GOD.

QUESTION: Can you say with me and all others who believe? "I believe the gospel of Christ, therefore I know that God has saved me." I know that I am "in Christ," and "in God," and "sealed with God's Holy Spirit of promise." Paul exhorts us to examine ourselves to determine if we are in the faith (II Corinthians 13:5).

II Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Colossians 3:3 *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **II***

Corinthians 1:22 *Who hath also sealed us, and **given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts**. **Ephesians 4:30** *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**