

The God Questions
“How Can I Know If I Am Saved?”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: We are saved by **grace** through faith in the **atoning sacrifice** of Jesus.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that **He loved us** and sent his Son as an **atoning sacrifice** for our sins. **1 John 4:10 (NIV) Remember Verse**

We Can Have Confidence That We Are Saved Because:

1. God’s Word Promises Salvation For Those Who Believe In Jesus

“And this is the testimony: God has given us **eternal life**, and this life is **in his Son**. He who **has the Son** has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you have eternal life.” **1 John 5:11-13 (NIV)**

“For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through **faith**--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do **good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)**

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ **I give them eternal life**, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” **John 10:27-30 (NIV)**

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2. God’s Spirit Confirms We Belong To Him

“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you **received God’s Spirit** when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to **affirm** that we are God’s children.” **Romans 8:15-16 (NLT2)**

“If you love me, **obey** my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Advocate**, who will **never leave you**. ¹⁷ He is the **Holy Spirit**, who **leads** into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him. But you **know Him**, because He lives with you now and later will **be in you**.” **John 14:15-17 (NLT2)**

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled** with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ **singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs** among yourselves, and **making music** to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And **give thanks** for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT2)**

What Are Some Practical Ways To Be Filled By The Holy Spirit?

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT2)**

3. God Changes Us Into A New Person

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.” **2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NLT2)**

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have **heard of your faith in Christ Jesus** and of the **love** you have for all the saints-- the **faith and love** that spring from the **hope** that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is **bearing fruit** and **growing**, just as it has been doing among you since the **day** you heard it and understood **God's grace** in all its truth.” **Colossians 1:3-6 (NIV)**

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- If you were to die tonight, how confident are you that you would spend eternity with God? 0%.....100%

“That if you **confess** with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” **Romans 10:9 (NIV)**

My next right step, I will:

- [] Accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord
- [] Sign up for next week’s Believer’s Baptism May 7, 2023
- [] Download Church Center App and connect to all things Cornerstone

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Open in Prayer.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

What kind of church did you attend growing up? What were some of their beliefs?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

Describe when you first understood salvation is in a relationship with Jesus.

When and where were you when you accepted Jesus as your personal Savior?

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Discussion Questions:

1. What Does God’s Word Promise About Salvation?

Read 1 John 5:11-13

Why was this letter written?

What kind of life does Jesus give?

Does God want you to have any doubts?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

What saves us? What is “grace?”

How would you describe faith?

Why should we do good things?

2. How Does The Holy Spirit Help Us Know We Are Saved?

Read Romans 8:15-16

What does the Holy Spirit do?

Read John 14:15-17

What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Now that you have received Christ as your Savior, do you find it easier to understand the Bible?

Read Ephesians 5:15-20

What can help us to be filled with the Spirit?

3. How Has God Changed You Now That You Are In Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

When you became a Christian, how did God change you?

How is His new path for you different?

Read Colossians 1:3-6

What did Paul hear about these new believers?

How is God changing you?

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→ What is God asking you to do?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
