

NEW LIFE in CHRIST

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You are beginning the most incredible relationship possible! John 10:10 says, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” You have begun the journey of a vital personal relationship with the living God. Let’s review the four principles involved with your new relationship with Christ.

A Review of Principles

- God loves you and created you to know Him personally. **John 3:16**
- Man is sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love and power. **Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23**
- Jesus is God’s only provision for our sin. Through Christ alone can we know God and experience His love and power. **John 14:6, Romans 5:8**
- We must individually receive Jesus as Savior and Lord; only then can we know God and experience His love and power. **John 1:12, Romans 10:9**

Answering Some Important Questions

There are some important questions to answer dealing with your new walk with Christ. Today we want to solidify the answer to the following question:

How can a person know with certainty they will spend eternity with God?

The Basis of Your Relationship with God

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

1. GRACE—Unmerited Favor; an Undeserved Gift

What role did grace play in establishing your relationship with God?

You didn’t deserve this relationship, **nor did you earn it by doing good things**. It is the free gift of God that you accepted when you received Christ.

2. SAVED—Rescued, spared from Disaster

What do you think you are being rescued or saved from?

Romans 6:23 says that the wages of sin is death. When you receive Christ’s death on the cross as payment for your sin, you were rescued from God’s just punishment. You receive heaven as an inheritance not the punishment of hell.

3. FAITH—Belief, Trust, and Commitment of Mind, Attitude, and Action

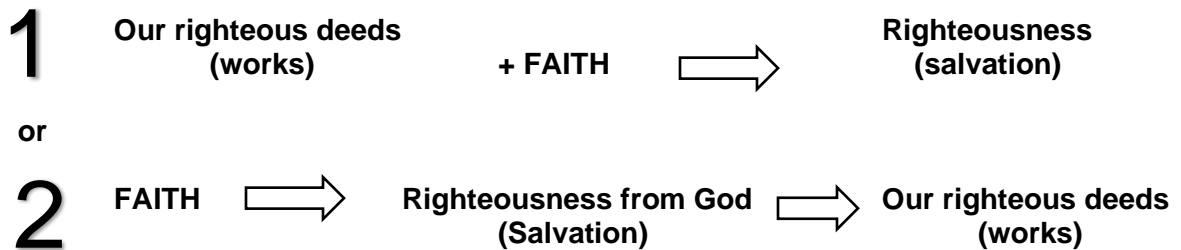
Read Hebrews 11:1

What does faith have to do with receiving Jesus?

Faith is putting your trust in God and His Word. Instead of believing you can earn God's favor on your own, you now trust that you have been brought together with God through what Jesus has done for you.

Our Justification Before God

Reread Ephesians 2:8,9 this time reading verse 10 as well. Which of the following equations is taught by the Scriptures?



If you were to stand before God and He were to ask you, "Why should I let you into heaven?" what would you say?

What God Declares is True of Everyone Who Receives Christ

When you place your faith in Christ many important things become true of you. Having a solid understanding of these truths will help you build a foundation for your spiritual growth.

1. Your Sin has been Forgiven

Read Ephesians 1:7. When you trust Jesus to pay the penalty for your sin, you are completely forgiven for all your sin...past, present, and future.

How does it make you feel to know that you are completely forgiven by God?

2. You have become a child of God.

Read John 1:12. You are part of the family of God!

3. You have new Life

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. This is the power of change that God has for your life. When you trusted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, new spiritual life was created within you. God will continue to change your life, producing new qualities in you as you grow in Him.

4. You have security with God

Read Hebrews 13:5. Under what circumstances might Christ leave you?

With that in mind, how many times is it necessary to receive Christ?

5. You have Eternal Life

Read I John 5:11-13. On what is eternal life based?

When does a person's eternal life begin?

If you were to die tonight, how certain are you that you would spend eternity with God?

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All of these benefits are based totally on Jesus Christ. **You cannot earn any of them.**

You received them by God's grace the moment you placed your faith in Jesus.

Summary of Main Points

- The basis for your relationship with God is found in Ephesians 2:8,9 — We are saved by grace through faith.
- You are completely forgiven.
- You are a child of God, a member of His family.
- Christ will never leave you or forsake you.
- You have a new life.
- You have eternal life based on the completed work of Jesus Christ.

Memorize: Ephesians 2:8-9