



Foundations of Faith

The foundational truths of the Christian faith; calling us to walk as disciples of Jesus and live with a mission

Session 2 - Jesus Christ, Salvation, & Assurance

What the Bible tells us about God

God the Father

I. God is Great!

1. God is _____. *Ps. 90:2; Rev. 4:10*
He has always lived and forever will go on living.
2. God is _____ (at once!). *Ps. 139:7; Acts 17:27,28*
God is, in one sense, at all places all the time.
3. God knows _____. *I Jn. 3:20*
God knows all truth. He sees and hears everything.
4. God can do anything (righteous). *Ps. 115:3; Is. 46:9,10; Rev. 19:6*

II. God is Good!

1. God is _____ and so he is always righteous. *Isa. 6:3; I Pet. 1:16*
God is separate from all sin and never does wrong.
2. God is _____ and so he is always faithful! *Jn. 17:3,17*
God is the only God and always does what he should.
3. God is _____ and so he is always merciful. *I Jn. 4:7-9; 3:16*
God is his love (a fact), and he is the source of love for all. He loves us in an unending, perfect manner.

God the Son - The Person of Jesus Christ

1. Jesus is the Son of God. *Mt. 16:16; Jn. 5:20*
He is fully God, perfect deity, and fully man, perfect humanity.
He is a person. He has a body. He is God. *Heb. 2:17,18; II Jn. 7*
He thinks, acts, speaks, can be grieved, wills, goes, stays ...
2. Jesus is everything God is. *Jn. 10:30; 20:28*
All that we learned about God is true of Jesus.



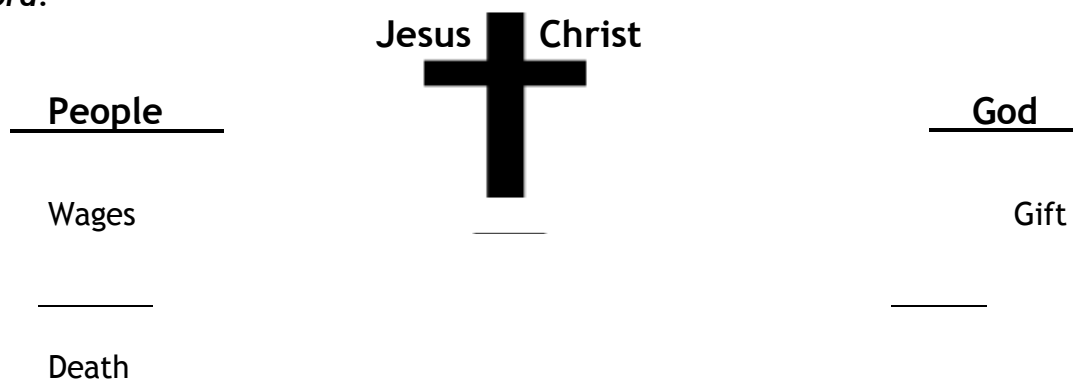
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3. Jesus came to earth to live, and his birth was a miracle. *Mt. 1:23; Jn. 1:14*
Though he always was, he became a human being at his miraculous conception. He took on humanity and is still fully human (glorified). *Jn. 1:1,2; Heb. 4:15,16*
4. Jesus lived a perfect life as a boy and man and never sinned. *Jn. 7:18; II Cor. 5:21*
Though a true human being, while still fully God, Jesus never sinned as he grew and matured.
5. Jesus died to pay for the sins of all people. *Jn. 10:11; Rom. 3:25,26, II Cor. 5:21*
The death of Jesus was real and was as a substitute for each of us; he satisfied the just payment for our sin; breaking the law of God and falling short of his glory.
6. Jesus came back to life in three days. *Jn. 20; I Cor. 15:4*
His Spirit returned to his body, raised glorified and brought to life.
7. Jesus went back to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit for us. *Jn. 16:7; Acts 1:19*
This was the plan from the beginning—that the Holy Spirit would come to form the body of Christ on earth, the church.
8. Jesus will return to collect his church at any time. *Jn. 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thes. 4:13-18*
We believe Christ will return to earth in a physical way to take his bride, the church, to heaven. He will return to earth and then rule through his people on the earth.

Salvation: The gift of God ➡  Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”





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What is finished at the cross? Romans 3:23-28

- Jesus Christ *satisfies* the Father (demanded cost of our sin to satisfy holy justice)
- The Father *justifies* the one who believes in/on Jesus (declared to have the righteousness of Christ)
- Jesus Christ *redeems* the one who believes

Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

 John 19:30

How do we personally receive his gift of righteousness?

1. By God's _____. "*justified freely by his grace*" Rom. 3:24
To understand and accept his grace, one must experience repentance.
2. By _____ in/on Jesus Christ (person and work).
Saving faith = knowledge + conviction + commitment
3. A declared standing before God as a gift, so not by _____. Eph. 2:8,9
4. It is based on _____, not on feelings. Rom. 3:24,25
5. It brings _____ with God, not total happiness. Rom. 5:1,2

Salvation: The gift of God ... a child of God

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Jn. 1:12,13

Assurance of Salvation

Can you know for certain that you possess eternal life?

What if you do not feel secure?

Can you lose your salvation in Christ?

1. Assurance of salvation is based upon a promise

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Cor. 1:21,22

2. The promise is good because of the One who makes it!

• He is the Eternal Creator; Sovereign Lord and Judge over all

Gen. 1:1; Deut. 10:17; Rev. 4:11; 7:9-12



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- He is absolutely truthful
Num. 23:19; Titus 1:1,2; Heb. 6:18
- He will do and is able to do what he says he will do
1 Thes. 5:23,24; 2 Tim. 1:9-12

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

 *John 10:28-30*

So why don't I feel secure?

- Some doubt the reality of their _____ to Christ
- Some do not feel secure because of _____ and _____ in their lives
- Some mistakenly connect their _____ to a set of feelings or anticipated experiences
- Some attempt to make their salvation dependent upon their _____

Ultimately, your feelings of assurance of “life in Christ” will match the reality of this life as you grow in your knowledge of and relationship with the Giver of Life.

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

 *2 Timothy 1:12b*