



Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Acts 16:29-34 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

1. There's no avoiding it – there's no other name and no other way

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Rom 5:1-2 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

1 Jn 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- **Believe in who He is:**

Jn 20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- **Believe in what He did:**

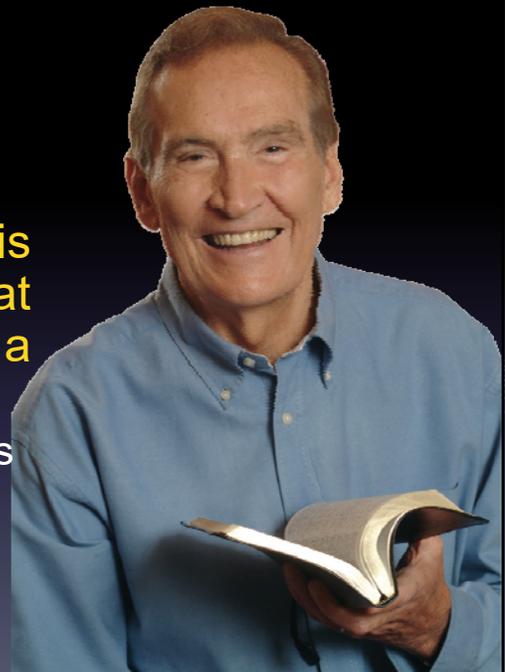
1 Cor 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

2. There's no faking it – it's either real
or it's not

“The worst form of badness is
human goodness when that
human goodness becomes a
substitute for the new birth.”

Adrian Rogers



Ps 32:1 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

1 Jn 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 Jn 2:15 If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

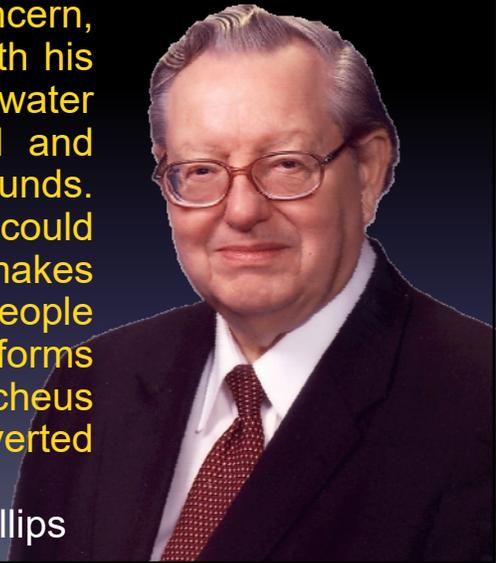
1 Jn 3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

1 Cor 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such **were some of you**. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

True salvation always comes with proof

“Callousness was changed to concern, brutal language to brotherly love. With his own hands the jailer took sponge and water and gently washed away the blood and grime and tended his prisoners’ wounds. He could not set them free, but he could ease their pain. ... The Gospel makes crooked people straight, drunken people sober, profligate people pure. It transforms lives so that we see a converted Zaccheus giving away his money and a converted jailer washing his prisoners’ wounds.”

John Phillips



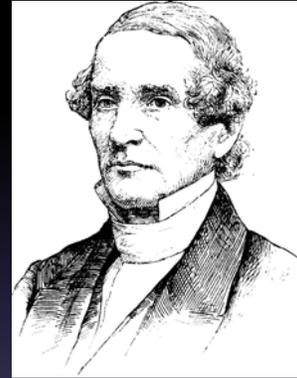
- The jailer expressed genuine love for Paul & Silas

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes.

Jn 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 Jn 2:9-11 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness,

“They who are most ready to minister to the sick and dying are Christians. They who are most willing to encounter the pestilential damps of dungeons to aid the prisoner are Christians. Who ever saw an infidel attending a dying bed if he could help it? And where has infidelity ever reared a hospital or an almshouse, or made provision for the widow and the fatherless? Often one of the most striking changes that occurs in conversion is seen in the disposition to be kind and humane to the suffering.”



Albert Barnes
19th century
Presbyterian theologian

- He and his family members were immediately baptized

Acts 16:33 And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Acts 8:36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

- He eagerly opened his home to Paul & Silas

Acts 16:34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them;

Js 2:14-17 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? ¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

1 Jn 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

- His fear was replaced by joy

Acts 16:34 and he rejoiced

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, ...

- His whole family was impacted

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Jn 4:53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

Acts 11:14 who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.'

Acts 16:15 And when she and her household were baptized,

Six simple questions one can answer for assurance of salvation:

1. Is there a specific time when I remember giving my life to Christ?
2. Did this experience have a “lasting” impact on my life?
3. What is my attitude toward sin? (Do I live as close to the world as I can? Can I sin and get away with it?)

4. Do I love the things of God (Bible, prayer, worship, etc.) and prove it by the priority I give them in my life?
5. Do I love the people of God and prove it by the priority I give them in my life?
6. Am I ashamed of Christ when I am around others (especially unbelievers) or do I boldly show and share my faith?