

10 Keys to Salvation

Surely this is the most important concern in anyone's life! It is not enough to hope to be saved; it is not even enough to want to be saved. We are told that many will be lost while wanting to be saved!

Why? Because they do not go beyond wanting and wishing! They do not actively choose to be saved. The LORD tells us in John 3 that to enter heaven one must be Born Again.

This is not a 'mystical', abstract experience; it is as real as the very furniture in your home. In fact, the things of God are more real than the things of earth. The things of earth will soon pass away but the Truths of God are Eternal.

"For this is Life Eternal, that they might Know Thee the only True God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent!" John 17:3

Being Born Again is something you must choose to experience. When it takes place you will know it. Only God can cause us to be Born Again; only the Life and Death of Jesus makes it possible.

The Ten Keys:

1. We must realize that Salvation is an individual, personal matter between our soul and God. No church records, no organizations, no committees can save us!
2. To begin the process of seeking to be truly saved it is important to put away all reading material except the King James Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy books like 'Steps to Christ'. Turn off all entertainment like TV and radio and dedicate the time to reading the Gospels and Steps to Christ prayerfully, pleading with the Lord in the Name of Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to teach you! He will be your personal Tutor; Jesus has promised this and Jesus never breaks his Word. Don't consult with ministers, counselors or friends; they can't do it for you; this is a matter between your Soul and God personally!!
3. We must realize we are guilty sinners; that in our carnal natures is no good thing at all. Even our best deeds, done by the unrenewed heart, are disgusting to a Holy God. We must come before God in the Name of Jesus, claiming His promises and confessing that there is nothing we can do or offer to save our wretched souls.
"Nothing in my hand I bring;
"Simply to Thy cross I cling!"
4. We must be willing to repent of all sin and sins; willing to surrender all to Jesus. If down in our stubborn hearts we are not willing, then we must plead with the LORD to make us willing! Tell Him we are willing to be made willing. Without a total surrender to God; total acceptance of His right to rule completely in our lives, totally choosing to put away everything displeasing to Him and through His Empowering Grace, to live a life of humble obedience, the New Birth will not happen. No matter what our age or status, we must choose to become God's Little Child, to walk humbly and obediently with Him, one day at a time, from henceforth.

5. We must confess and forsake every sin and plead for forgiveness, claiming only the merits of Jesus' Precious Blood. If we know that we have done wrong to any person, we must do all in our power to confess that wrong to them and make restitution if at all possible. If not possible (i.e. the person cannot be found or is dead) then repentance and restitution can be made with God, in the way He impresses you to do it. It is essential to continue to plead with the Lord, claiming His promises until He responds! Your faith will be tested, but I can assure you that when He responds, you will know it. "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

6. As you approach the LORD, determined to be saved; choosing sincerely to have Him fulfill His gracious promises in your life, the Holy Spirit will draw close and will begin to impress upon your mind practices and habits that are not pleasing to the LORD. He may, and probably will bring things to your mind from the distant past that you need to repent of; maybe even things that you need to apologize or make restitution to others for. It is essential when this happens that you do not explain or excuse away these things!! It is so important that you do not just run to a pastor or friend and have them soothe your troubled feelings. By dismissing these promptings, you may grieve away the Holy Spirit and suffer eternal loss!

7. Deep heart searching is critical; thoughts and attitudes must be examined in the light of God's Holy Word. Are there things you watch, listen to, or read that you are not sure are right for a child of God? Are there life habits or items on your table that you know the Lord has advised are not the best for health? Explaining or excusing away questionable behavior will distance the Holy Spirit away, making it harder to hear that 'still small Voice' and you will not experience the wonderful rebirth into the Family of God!

8. Know that what God offers is better than any earthly advantage. The Joy of His presence is greater than any pleasurable indulgence you may need to put out of your life. Life in Paradise that measures with the Life of God is worth sacrificing every wrong thought or behaviour for; don't miss out on your Eternal Home!

9. Be assured you that you personally can have this Born Again experience; Jesus longs to give it to you! He never refuses any who come to Him in repentance and humility. ". . . him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

10. He will give you power to overcome every sinful thought or habit, if you but choose to have it and choose to obey; All His commands are Enablers! Don't continue to merely wish and want, without surrendering, without choosing to seek Jesus for salvation until you find that He has given you this precious treasure; Jesus is offering it freely; you can reach out and take hold on it today! Faith is the Victory; take God at His Word; claim the promises in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy as personally yours and make that complete surrender. Nothing less will do; Jesus will have all, or He will have none. Dying to self is the only way to be re-born and truly live victoriously in Christ.