Salvation & Assurance of Salvation

Salvation means deliverance from the penalty and the eternal consequences of sin; often referred to as being “saved” or “born again.” It includes having our sins forgiven, being born into God’s family as His child, and receiving eternal life. Assurance of salvation is the conviction, the settled confidence, that Christ has entered our lives, saved us, and will not forsake us. It is being sure that God will not reject us, which enables us to serve Him freely and confidently.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

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. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 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. (John 10:27-29)

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)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

1. What does it mean to be a Christian?
2. What are common misconceptions of what a Christian is?
3. How do you become a Christian?
4. How can you know for sure that you are a Christian?
5. If you were standing before God and He asked you why He should let you into His heaven, what would you answer?

MEMORIZE: Ephesians 2:8-9

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