

The seed of salvation

Luke 8:11-15 NKJV

11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. 14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

What should we know about salvation?

- ✓ **Salvation is available to all people.**

Romans 10:13 NIV

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- ✓ **Salvation is received and assured through faith.**

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

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

- ✓ **Salvation is an ongoing conflict with temptation and sin.**

Hebrews 3:12-13 NLT

12 Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters.

Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. 13 You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

- ✓ **Salvation may be willfully forfeited by willfully turning away from Christ.**

1 Timothy 4:1 NASB

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

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You Asked For It!

How Do I Know I'm Saved?

Take The Test

2 Corinthians 13:5 NASB

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test?

1. Do you receive Gods Word with a receptive heart?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.

2. Do you keep and cling to God's Word?

Romans 6:1-2 NLT

1 Well then, should we keep on sinning

so that God can show us more and more of His wonderful grace?

2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

John 14:15 NKJV

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

3. Do you patiently produce good fruit?

John 15:7-8 NIV

7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

- ✓ Outward Evidence

Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- ✓ Inward Evidence

Romans 8:16 NASB

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

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