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## SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL.

1 PETER i. 9.

## Questions and Answers about Salbation.

- Q. You say that you are saved. Now, tell me how you know that you are saved? For I am one of those who do not believe in sudden conversion.
- A. My being born of God is as certain as that you are there. \*\*Cor.2.12.\*\* It is not a mere matter of opinion. It is a fact, a reality. It must be so; for the Scripture says, "Whosoever believeth"

of God." Nor is it a question of time—three thousand were Acts 2.41. converted in one day. Philip

preached Jesus to the eunuch, Acts 8.39. he believed, and went on his way rejoicing. Paul preached

who, the same hour of the night, rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. All are sinners by Rom.3.23 nature; but it is also true that

Acts 16.33. Jesus to the jailor at Philippi,

Rom.3.23. nature; but it is also true that Rom.5.6. Christ died for sinners, and that whosoever believes in Him HATH everlasting life, and shall John 5.24. not come into judgment, but is passed from death unto life.

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Eph.2.I. God's word proves to me most clearly that, though once dead in sins, now I am alive unto I Pet.3.I8. God, by believing in Jesus Christ,

who had the burden of my sins Isa. 53.6. upon Himself on the cross; and by His blood I am cleansed I John i.7. from all sin; in fact, God does not look upon me now as a lost sinner, but as a new creature 2 Cor. 5.17. in Christ Jesus. I have, from my heart, thanked God for all Col. i. 12. this, and continue to do so daily.

1 Pet. i. 3.

For a considerable time I did Col.2.13. not believe in the forgiveness of Acts 10.43. my sins, though I used to say every Lord's-day that I did; but on hearing the gospel of God's love, and on searching the Scriptures to find whether what was preached was true, the Holy Acts 26.18. Spirit opened my eyes. God reveals unto those who are born again the things the natural man 1 Cor.2.14.

receiveth not; for the Holy Spirit Gal.4.6. is sent into their hearts because Rom.8.15. they are sons of God, and they are fully assured of having been John 1.12 born again according to what is John 3.7. spoken of in the gospel of John Jas. 1.18. and in the Epistles: "They are born again, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for 1 Pet.1.23. ever." "We know that we have IJohn3. I4 passed from death unto life, ... because we love the brethren." "He that believeth on the Son of IJohn 5.10. God hath the witness in himself."

Q. Your pointing out all these texts does not satisfy me, nor does it prove to me that you are saved. I do not believe that any \*\*Cor.2.14\*, person can know that he is saved till after death.

A. If you believe that salvation is not known till after death, it 2 Cor. 5.1. shows me that you have not the knowledge of pardon yourself, and therefore are unable to teach others: besides, it is very sinful for anyone to repeat week after week that he believes in the forgiveness of sins, and yet say the knowledge of this cannot be known on earth. To believe that David or Peter was forgiven will not give you peace; you must believe in the forgiveness of your own sins, or lack peace all your life. The compilers of your creed meant it to express what was known to the soul of the one that confessed the creed to be his. You may shake your head, and signify your distrust in the

Acts 13.38 matter, but Scripture plainly teaches that those who are Rom. 15.13 cleansed by the blood of Christ 1 Pet. 1.8 from all their sins have the knowledge and joy of God's salvation.

<sup>1</sup>Cor. 12.27. God says of everyone, who is Eph. 5.30. "a member of Christ, a child Gal. 3.26. of God, and an inheritor of the Col. i. 13. kingdom of heaven," that

Isa.44.22. THEIR SINS ARE BLOTTED OUT.

Isa.38.17. ARE CAST BEHIND HIS BACK.

Ps. 103.12. ARE REMOVED AS FAR AS THE

EAST IS FROM THE WEST.

Mic.7.19. ARE CAST INTO THE SEA.

Heb. 10.17. ARE REMEMBERED NO MORE.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, "My sheep hear My voice, and

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I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of My hand." You surely can-John 10.28. not think me presumptuous in believing WHAT GOD SAYS. John 3.33. Those who have a knowledge of their SOUL'S salvation hate sing Pet.i.o. as they never could before; a foolish thought or an idle word Prov. 24.9. makes them mourn; they see many things to be sinful which Matt. 12.3%. at one time appeared to them

to be quite lawful.

All true believers in Jesus
Christ find that the flesh lusteth
against the Spirit, and the Spirit
against the flesh: and these are Gal.5.17.
contrary the one to the other.
The Scriptures exhort them "to

"live soberly, righteously, and to "live soberly, righteously, and Tit.2.11. godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our

great God and Saviour Jesus 17h.i.to. Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify UNTO HIMSELF a peculiar people,

Tit.2.14. zealous of good works." None but those who have faith in Jesus Christ, and are saved from their sins, can serve God accept-

ably. "They that are in the Rom.8.8.flesh cannot please God;" for Heb.xi.6." without faith it is impossible to please Him;" and "the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomina-

to please Him;" and "the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomina-Prov. 15.8. tion to the Lord." The thirteenth Article in your Prayer Book is in accordance with this; and teaches that all that is done by Prov.28.9. a person who has not faith in Christ is sinful, and therefore not Ps.66.18. acceptable to God. I used to say I was a miserable sinner; but now, by the grace of God, I Rom.5.11. am a happy saint.

Phil.4.4.

Q. A happy saint? "There are not any saints on earth now."

A. Those who say there are not any saints on earth cannot believe their own Creed—"I believe in the communion of saints." How can they have communion with saints if there are no saints on earth to have communion with? All saved persons are 2 Tim. i.g. sanctified in Christ Jesus, and 1 Cor. i.z.

Acts xi.26. therefore are saints; and those real Pet.4.16. who are not saints are not cor.6.11. Christians. Believers are spo-Eph.i.1. ken of in the New Testament rth.3.13. only three times as Christians, 2th.i.10. but more than fifty times as Jude 3,14. saints.

Q. Do you mean to say then that you never sin?

A. No Christian could say that; for "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If I John i.8. we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all un-I John i.9. righteousness." If a Christian I John 2.1. sins, he has an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

Righteous; he approaches his "God and Father" in the name Heb. 4.16. of Jesus as an erring child, and not as a guilty criminal. Iesus Christ bare all his sins in His own body on the tree. He 1 Pet. 2.24. knows and believes what God has said, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed Rom.4.7. is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." His lan-Rom. 8. guage is-

My soul looks back to see Heb.10.14.
The burden Thou DIDST bear,
When hanging on the accursed tree,
For all my guilt WAS there.

He mourns that he does not love his Saviour more; but he will never have to mourn in hell; Rom.6.22. for he is saved with an everlast-Rom.8.39. ing salvation, and his life is hid col.3.3. with Christ in God.

If you have still any doubt of a believer's knowing he is saved, turn to I John v.10. In it you will find that all persons make God a liar who do not believe that He gives eternal life to those who have faith in His Son Jesus Christ; and further, it says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye HAVE John 5.13. eternal life."

"No condemnation!"—precious word!

Consider it, my soul; Rom. 8. 1.

Thy sins were all on Jesus laid;

His stripes have made thee whole.

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