

THE WAY OF SALVATION – 08 – WS

1WS – Matthew 19:16. The supreme question before every person in this world today is: “What must I do to have eternal life?” Eternal life in God’s kingdom is worth more than all this world. (Matt. 16:26) If we lost eternal life and the eternal home in heaven, we have lost everything.

2WS – Revelation 21:27. Nothing that defiles can enter into God’s city, and since sin is what defiles, that means we must get rid of every sin before we can be ready for a home in heaven. We can have our names recorded in the book of life when we receive Jesus as our personal Saviour from the power and penalty of sin (Rom. 6:23, John 1:12)

3WS – John 3:3, 5. Our citizenship is where we are born. To become a citizen of heaven, we must be born again (or from above, margin) of the Spirit and of the water. This is conversion (Matt. 18:3).

4WS – Hebrews 5:9. Eternal salvation will be given only to those who obey Jesus. So it takes three things to make a sinner right with God and fit him for a home in God’s heaven.

- (1) The pardon or forgiveness of all his sins, which is JUSTIFICATION.
- (2) Being born again, or the new birth, which is REGENERATION.
- (3) Obedience to all of God’s instructions each day through the indwelling of Christ in his heart by the Holy Spirit, which is SANCTIFICATION. This brings up six important questions:

1. ON WHAT CONDITIONS DOES GOD FORGIVE OUR SINS?

5WS – Palms 32:5. God forgives our sins on three conditions: Repentance, Confession, and Faith in the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour and Sin Bearer. Repentance is accompanied by Godly sorrow, which leads us to turn from all that we know is wrong. It is produced in the heart by the Holy Spirit. We are to confess the very sins of which we are guilty (Lev. 5:5).

2. HOW CAN I KNOW THAT ALL MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN NOW?

6WS – I John 1:9. Simply by complying with God’s condition of repentance and confession, I must believe that I am pardoned and thank God for forgiveness.

7WS – Palms 51:7, 10. Along with our prayer for pardon we must ask God to give us a new heart, a clean heart, and a new life from above.

3. HOW CAN I OBTAIN THIS NEW HEART AND BE BORN AGAIN?

8WS – John 1:12, 13. RECEIVE JESUS into your heart and you will be born again. Surrender your will to Jesus, and He will create in you a new heart.

4. HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN AND HAVE A NEW HEART?

9WS – 2 Corinthians 5:17. The supreme proof of the changed heart is the changed life. The old habits of sin have passed away, and we live in newness of life unto God. The things that we once did not care for such as reading the Bible, going to church, praying, working for other souls, we now love. The worldly things we once loved, we now do not care for.

10WS – Ezekiel 11:19, 20. God gives us a new heart so we can obey His precepts. If you purpose to do just what God commands, you have a new heart. It is impossible for the sinner to obey God unless he has a new heart (Rom. 8:6-9).

5. HOW CAN I LIVE A TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

11WS – Galatians 2:20. Living a Christian life is being so surrendered to Jesus that He can live His life in us each day. This is the only way anyone can ever live a true Christian life. After you receive that new heart, Jesus is to live in your heart every day, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight. Your part is to ABIDE IN HIM by consecration, prayer, and feeding on His word. Then He will abide in your each day. (John 15:4-6)

6. HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I AM LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE?

12WS – 1 John 3:24; 2:3-4. A Christian life is obtained by a daily life of obedience to all His commands. Salvation is always FROM sin, never IN sin (Matt. 1:21). The Christian life is the life of Christ, His perfect obedience, lived by faith.