



FOUNDATIONS

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM
HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

Session 2: What is a Christian?

Session Questions

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- What is a Christian?
- How does one become a Christian?
- How can I be sure?
- What does it mean to be a Christian?

Question Review

- Review answers from Participant Guide Session 2: What is a Christian?

Section 1: What is a Christian?

A Christian is a person who is a follower of Jesus Christ who believes that:

- Jesus is God the Son
- Jesus lived a sinless life
- Jesus died on the cross as payment for sin
- Jesus rose from the dead on the third day

Section 1: What is a Christian?

Terms associated with being a Christian:

- **Justification** – Freed from the penalty of sin
 - Habakkuk 2:4
 - Romans 1:17
 - Romans 3:28
- **Sanctification** – Freed from the power of sin
 - Romans 6:12
 - 1 Corinthians 6:11
 - Philippians 2:12-13
- **Glorification** – Freed from the presence of sin
 - Romans 8:30

Section 1: What is a Christian?

Additional terms associated with being a Christian:

- Regeneration – 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Redemption – Galatians 3:13
- Reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:18
- Atonement – Hebrews 9:12

Section 2: How does a person become a Christian?

Sin

- What is sin?
 - James 4:17
- Who is affected by sin?
 - Romans 3:23
 - Isaiah 59:1-2
- What is the penalty for sin against God?
 - Romans 6:23

Section 2: How does a person become a Christian?

Jesus was sacrificed to pay the penalty for sin

- I can never be good enough – **Isaiah 64:6**
- Jesus lived perfectly to pay for sin – Galatians 4:4-5
- Accept through faith – Ephesians 2:8

Section 3: How do you know you are a Christian?

The Bible provides many assurances about salvation

- John 3:16
- John 5:24
- John 10:28-29 - And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand
- Hebrews 7:25 - Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
- Hebrews 13:5 - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Section 3: How do you know you are a Christian?

Additional assurances about salvation

- 1 John 2-5 – focused on assurance of salvation
 - 1 John 2:5 - Moral Test – progressing in obedience
 - 1 John 4:7 - Love Test – progressing in love
 - 1 John 4: 2 - Truth Test – progressing in truth

Section 4: What does it mean to be a Christian?

The Christian is different than the non-Christian

- Psalm 1 comparison

Verse	Christian	Non-Christian
Psalm 1:1	Blessed Does not walk in the counsel of ungodly	
Psalm 1:2	Delights in the law of the Lord Meditates on God's law	
Psalm 1:3	Like a tree planted by rivers water (stability) Prosperous	
Psalm 1:4		Like chaff (Instability)
Psalm 1:5		Shall not stand in the judgment (will not escape) Shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous
Psalm 1:6	The Lord knows the way of the righteous	The way of the ungodly shall perish

Section 4: What does it mean to be a Christian?

What are some outcomes of being a Christian?

- Psalm 23:4
- Matthew 6:25
- John 10:10
- John 14:17
- Romans 5:1

Reflections & Wrap Up

- Being a Christian includes admitting I am a sinner and accepting God's free gift through Jesus Christ.
- God wants us to be sure of our salvation so we can move forward to maturity.
- We have "great and precious promises" in Christ.
- Next session is **Monday, May 20 at 6:30 PM** in the **High School Room**
- Questions for next session:
Participant Guide Session 3: Who is God?
- **Thank you!**