

### **EGF-3: What Shall I Do To Be Saved?**

*“Do you ask, What shall I do to be saved? You must lay your preconceived opinions, your hereditary and cultivated ideas, at the door of investigation. If you search the Scriptures to vindicate your own opinions, you will never reach the truth. Search in order to learn what the Lord says. If conviction comes as you search, if you see that your cherished opinions are not in harmony with the truth, do not misinterpret the truth in order to suit your own belief, but accept the light given. Open mind and heart that you may behold wondrous things out of God's word.” White, Christ's Object Lessons, p112.*

- 1. Why did God send His Son into the world? John 3:16-17.**
- 2. Can we know that we have eternal life? John 5:24; 1 John 5:11-13; John 6:47.**
- 3. How has God made eternal life available? Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 5:4.**
- 4. What is necessary if we are to receive this free gift of eternal life? Matthew 18:3; John 3:3.**

Converted means: “to turn,” or “to turn around” to the Lord. The word for *'again'* is better rendered *'from above.'*

- 5. Can we make the change on our own? Jeremiah 13:23; Proverbs 20:9.**

To be born from above requires help from God.

- 6. What does God do in the first step of this new birth process? Jeremiah 31:3; John 12:32.**
- 7. What must our response be to His drawing us, if we want to have eternal life? Isaiah 45:22; Hebrews 12:25.**
- 8. What step does God take next? John 16:8; Acts 2:36-37.**

9. **When we are convicted of sin, what must our response be to be saved? 2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 3:13.**
  
10. **When we acknowledge our guilt and need of God's righteousness, what does He give us? Acts 5:30-31; Romans 2:4.**
  
11. **What should our response be to this gift of repentance? Proverbs 23:26; 28:13.**
  
12. **Once we give our heart to God, what is His next step? 1 John 1:9; Romans 12:2.**
  
13. **What must we do in response to God forgiving and cleansing us of our unrighteousness? John 1:29; John 3:14-17.**
  
14. **God has forgiven and cleansed us; we believe and accept His gift. What is God's next step? Romans 1:16; John 1:12.**

The Greek word for power here is *exousia* which means: "authority," "right," "power of choice." It is not the Greek word *dunamis*, "power" in the usual sense.

15. **How are we now to live our life? John 15:4-5; Galatians 2:20.**

*"You gave yourself to God, to be His wholly, to serve and obey Him, and you took Christ as your Saviour. You could not yourself atone for your sins or change your heart; but having given yourself to God, you believe that He for Christ's sake did all this for you. By faith you became Christ's, and by faith you are to grow up in Him--by giving and taking. You are to give all--your heart, your will, your service--give yourself to Him to obey all His requirements; and you must take all--Christ, the fullness of all blessing, to abide in your heart, to be your strength, your righteousness, your everlasting helper --to give you power to obey." White, The Faith I Live By, p125.*

16. **Now that we have Christ abiding in our hearts, Satan is still going to tempt us to sin. Has God made a way of escape when we are tempted? 1 Corinthians 10:13; Isaiah 30:21.**

- 17. How do we take the way of escape God has provided? James 4:7-8; Psalms 37:5; 1 Peter 5:7.**

*"We cannot save ourselves from the tempter's power; he has conquered humanity, and when we try to stand in our own strength, we shall become a prey to his devices; but "the name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10. Satan trembles and flees before the weakest soul who finds refuge in that mighty name."* White, *The Desire of Ages*, p130.

- 18. Is it a sin to be tempted? James 1:13-15; Hebrews 4:15.**

*"Temptation and trial will come to us all, but we need never be worsted by the enemy. Our Saviour has conquered in our behalf. Satan is not invincible. . . . Christ was tempted that He might know how to help every soul that should afterward be tempted. Temptation is not sin; the sin lies in yielding. To the soul who trusts in Jesus, temptation means victory and greater strength."* White, *Our High Calling*, p87.

- 19. By taking God's way of escape, what do we do with temptation? Proverbs 1:10; Romans 6:13.**

- 20. Did Jesus come to condemn sinners? John 3:16-17; John 8:10-11.**

- 21. Has God's message changed for us today? 1 John 3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Matthew 5:48.**

*"This command is a promise. The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning."* White, *The Desire of Ages*, p311.

- 22. What provision has God made should we slip and fall? 1 John 2:1-2.**

*"What shall I do to be saved? The answer is, Take Christ for your personal Saviour. Give up the pleasures of sin in exchange for heaven and eternal life. What are the few days of selfish gratification that contain not one genuine drop of happiness, to the eternity of bliss that awaits the faithful soul? Keep not Christ's love from your soul. Look to the cross of Calvary if you want a tangible proof of his love. Heaven is looking upon you with intense interest, to see what you will do."* White, *The Youth's Instructor*, March 2, 1893.

**Here are a few of the many promises God has given to keep us from falling back into sin:**

1 John 5:4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith."

Jude 24, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Psalms 34:17-19, "*The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup> The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. <sup>19</sup> Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all."

Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

2 Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."