

WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO ME?

A Bible Study for the Newly Saved

Welcome to the family of God!

An important part of becoming a strong Christian is letting God speak to you through His Word, the Bible. Below are a few thoughts that God wants you to know about what happened to you when you asked Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.

If you have a Bible, take the time to look up each Scripture. This is important so that you can see the parts before and after the passage that help determine its meaning. If you don't have a Bible, verses are printed in the right column so that you can still answer the questions. If there is not room to write your answers on this sheet, use a separate piece of paper. The left column lists additional Scripture references that apply to the topic being discussed. Look those up if you want more information. Scriptures provided are from the New International Version (NIV).

Always pray before reading the Word. Ask God to show you things about Himself and about yourself.

<p>John 11:26 Hebrews 9:27 2 Corinthians 5:1 John 10:10</p>	<p>First, read John 3:16-18. When you invited Jesus to come into your heart, you became one of the saved of John 3:17. <i>Read that verse again.</i></p> <p>Now read verse 18 slowly.</p> <p>Have you believed in Jesus? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>According to verse 18, if you believe in Jesus, what is now true of you?</p> <p>What two things are true of the one who believes in Jesus according to verse 16?</p> <p>Of course, this doesn't mean that your mortal body will never die; but for those who believe in Jesus, eternal life in heaven awaits when life on earth is through, and current life on earth can now be the abundant life that Jesus came to give—yes, even in prison.</p> <p>So, you are now one of the saved! Saved from what?</p> <p>Look at Matthew 1:21. In this passage an angel is telling Joseph about Jesus, the baby Mary is going to have. <i>What does this verse say Jesus will save us from?</i></p> <p>1 John 5:17 tells us what sin is: “all wrong-</p>	<p>John 3:16-18 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.</p> <p>Matthew 1:21 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.</p>
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doing is sin.” The original definition of sin in the Bible is “to miss the mark in your relationship with God.”

Read the following verses.

What did God do with your sin now that you are saved and have Jesus as the head of your life?

Psalm 103:12

Hebrews 10:17

1 John 1:9

So, now all your sins are forgiven and forgotten. What about tomorrow? How will you live this new life tomorrow? How will you keep from your old lifestyle of sin? Jeremiah 17:9 tells us a man’s heart is deceitful above all things. It says there is no cure for the wickedness of our hearts. Verse one even says sin is engraved with an iron tool on the tablets of our hearts. It would seem there is no hope for us to change, to live a righteous life that would please God... no hope except for two important details:

1. The New Covenant

These next verses for you to look up are about the promise of a new covenant of salvation that God made to the Israelites. We know that through Jesus all the promises of salvation were extended to non-Jews as well.

Read these verses and list what God has promised. List every detail. Especially notice what happens to your wicked heart. In each of these verses, “I” refers to God.

Jeremiah 24:7

Ezekiel 11:19-20

Ezekiel 36:26-27

What happened to your wicked heart?

Psalm 103:1-14
Isaiah 44:2
Isaiah 38:17
Romans 4:8

Jeremiah 31:31-33
Ezekiel 36:26-36
(Imagine that your life is the land described in these verses.)

John 14:16-17
Romans 8:9
1 Corinthians 3:16
Ephesians 1:13-14

Psalm 103:12

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Hebrews 10:17

17 Their sins and lawless acts I (God) will remember no more.

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Jeremiah 24:7

7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Ezekiel 11:19-20

19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 I will give you a new heart and

Besides giving you a new heart, what else does Ezekiel 36:27 say God put within you?

According to this verse, what is His Spirit doing within you?

2. A Helper

That last verse you read promised that God would put His Spirit within the believer. Let's take a closer look at what the Holy Spirit in you is doing in you.

Look up the following verses. List the other names the Holy Spirit is known by. A person's nickname can tell you what that person is like.

John 14:26

John 16:13-15

Read them a second time and note in each verse what the Holy Spirit's job is. Do the same for the next two verses.

John 14:26

John 16:13-15

Romans 8:26

Ephesians 3:16

Ephesians
4:22-24

Be encouraged to know that in your new Christian life, you are never alone. The Holy Spirit is in you and ready always to help you.

I want you to look up one more word of encouragement. Turn to 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does God see you as? What has just happened to you?

put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

John 14:26 (Jesus is speaking here.)

26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:13-15 (Again, Jesus is speaking here.)

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Romans 8:26

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

Ephesians 3:16 (Apostle Paul is speaking)

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Oh, friend in Christ, there is so much more to learn about your new walk with Jesus. With a clean slate, the Word by your side and the Holy Spirit in you, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and may you fall more in love with Him every day.

That's what it's all about, you know—knowing and loving God.

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