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# HOW CAN I KNOW I AM GOING TO HEAVEN?

**Step #1: Realize God loves you.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Step #2: Realize you are separated from God because of sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Our solution: People try to earn their way to heaven through good works, religion, morality, etc. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

God's solution: A relationship with Jesus Christ who died on the Cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin. "...For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Step #3: Receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 You may wish to use the sample prayer below. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

"Dear God, I now believe that you love me, died on the cross and rose from the dead for my sins. I admit that I have sinned and I right now ask You to come into my life, forgive me, and take me to heaven whenever I die. I want to follow you as Lord for the rest of my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen."

If you have believed...welcome to the Family of God! If you have made a decision for Christ, please tell our staff, or if you have any questions, call the church office at 540-473-2861.

# WELCOME TO FINCASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH we're glad you're here



# - FINCASTLE CAMPUS

WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD BY HELPING OTHERS

KNOW GOD • GROW IN GOD • LIVE FOR GOD

JULY 4, 2021











# **Freedom In Christ**

Pastor Mitch - July 4th, 2021

Galatians 5

# I. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July we remember our freedom!

- A. Our Independence (our freedom as a nation) was bought and paid for with a price!
  - A very high price, many people lost their lives, and many sacrifices were made in the American Revolutionary War.
- B. Our Salvation was bought and paid for with a price!
  - A very high price, Jesus Christ gave His life for our freedom.
- C. We were not only saved from sin and the death that comes from being separated from a Holy God who was and is The Life-Giving Creator of the universe but also, we were freed from the burden of sin.
  - Many of us have made a decision to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior but are still living in bondage to sin. The effects it has on us weigh us down, steal our joy, and negate our effectiveness in The Kingdom of God.

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A.	Through	Freedom

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Galatians 5:1

	person you are today and the person you will be tom	orrow!
A.	Through! (Galatians 5:13)	
В.	Through! (Galatians 5:16)	
III.	Conclusion	
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В.	After the colonist declared their freedom, they told everyon  Acts 8:4	e.
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- 2. Chances are the person you were yesterday is the person you are today and the person you will be tomorrow!
- A. Through Serving One Another! (Galatians 5:13)
- B. Through Living by The Spirit! (Galatians 5:16)

### IV. Conclusion

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  Acts 8:4
- C. Your struggle makes you Stronger!

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- 1. the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action
- 2. liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another: INDEPENDENCE
- 3. the quality or state of being exempt or released usually from something onerous freedom from care
- 4. unrestricted use