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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

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

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

"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

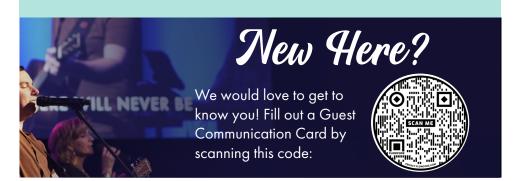
MARCH 21, 2021





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CLASS 101

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
FINCASTLE CAMPUS | APRIL 25

REGISTER AT: FINCASTLEBAPTIST.ORG/EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast	
Night of Worship	
National Day Of Prayer	
River Baptism	
Vacation Bible School	
Student FUGE Camp	

April 10

April 18

May 6

June 6

June 21-25

July 19-24

THE CROSS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE THE DIFFERENCE – PART #1

Pastor Kevin Cummings – March 21, 2021

Luke 23:33-43

I. The Cross shows us Jesus	. (v. 33)	
A. Jesus was our		
"For Christ died for sins once for all, the to bring you to God. He was put to death		
2. A cross of redemption w	s? re a dying man died a sinner. rhere a dying man died a savior. ere a dying man died a saint.	
B. Jesus' death was a	(Luke 24:25-27, 44-45)	
II. The Cross shows us the	. (v. 34-38)	
A. The real Jesus	·	
B. The real Jesus	"Forgive them", not me.	
 Everyone except Jesus n Anyone can be forgiven. 		
• We are not excusable, but we are forgivable.		
C. The real Jesus	,	
• Words are powerful. They ca	nn heal or hurt.	
"He committed no sin, and no deceit was hurled their insults at him, he did not retamade no threats. Instead, he entrusted his justly." I Peter 2:22-23	liate ; when he suffered, he	

III. The Cross shows us the _____ (v. 39-43) A. Involves . "Unless you change, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3 1. We try to change before we come to God; instead, we should come to God then He will change us. 2. We experience real change by looking and listening to Jesus. B. Involves _____.

1. You matter to God, not because of what you do or what you've done, but simply because you are. 2. God's love does not depend upon what we do for Him. C. Involves _____.

1. We must see Jesus as the sinless Christ. 2. We must see Jesus as the sovereign Christ. 3. We must see Jesus as the saving Christ. • Salvation is offered to _____ • Salvation is by grace through faith "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God." Ephesians 2:8 • Salvation will be by some in spite of everything God does. (I Peter 3:9) **ACTION POINTS:** 1.) Have you or salvation? 2.) A deathbed conversion is possible, but not ______. 3.) the Cross made a difference in your life? 4.) The Cross makes a difference so can make a difference.

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Luke 23:33-43

I. The Cross shows us Jesus <u>really died</u>. (v. 33)

A. Jesus was our substitute.

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body." I Peter 3:18

- Why were there three crosses?
 - 1. A cross of rejection where a dying man died a sinner.
 - 2. A cross of redemption where a dying man died a savior.
 - 3. A cross of reception where a dying man died a saint.
- B. Jesus' death was a <u>necessity</u>. (Luke 24:25-27, 44-45)

II. The Cross shows us the <u>real Jesus</u>. (v. 34-38)

- A. The real Jesus suffered.
- B. The real Jesus <u>forgives</u>. "Forgive them", not me.
 - 1. Everyone except Jesus needs forgiveness.
 - 2. Anyone can be forgiven.
 - We are not excusable, but we are forgivable.
- C. The real Jesus saves.
 - Words are powerful. They can heal or hurt.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, **he did not retaliate**; when he suffered, **he made no threats**. Instead, **he entrusted** himself to him who judges justly." I Peter 2:22-23

III. The Cross shows us the way to heaven. (v. 39-43)

A. Involves change.

"Unless you change, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3

- 1. We try to change before we come to God; instead, we should come to God then He will change us.
- 2. We experience real change by looking and listening to Jesus.

B. Involves fear.

- 1. You matter to God, not because of what you do or what you've done, but simply because you are.
- 2. God's love does not depend upon what we do for Him.

C. Involves faith.

- 1. We must see Jesus as the sinless Christ.
- 2. We must see Jesus as the sovereign Christ.
- 3. We must see Jesus as the saving Christ.
 - Salvation is offered to <u>anyone</u>, <u>anywhere</u>.
 - Salvation is by grace through faith <u>alone</u>.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

• Salvation will be <u>rejected</u> by some in spite of everything God does. (I Peter 3:9)

ACTION POINTS: 1.) Have you accepted or rejected salvation?

- 2.) A deathbed conversion is possible, but not <u>probable</u>.
- 3.) How has the Cross made a difference in your life?
- 4.) The Cross makes a difference so we can make a difference.