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# WELCOME

TO FINCASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
we're *glad* you're here



## HOW CAN I KNOW I AM GOING TO HEAVEN?

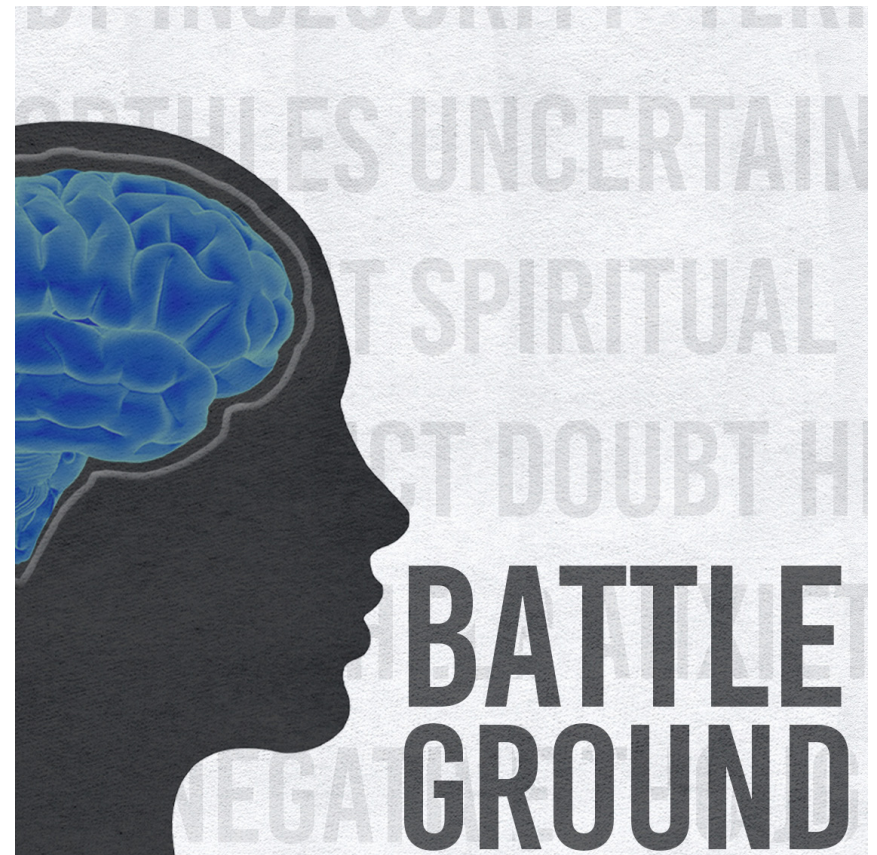
**Step #1: Realize God loves you.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

**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.



— FINCASTLE CAMPUS —  
WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD BY HELPING OTHERS  
**KNOW GOD • GROW IN GOD • LIVE FOR GOD**  
— JUNE 6, 2021 —

# RIVER BAPTISM

TODAY - 3:00PM

KIDS OUTDOOR ZONE



CAVING ADVENTURE  
JUNE 26TH 8AM-3PM

REGISTER AT [FINCASTLEBAPTIST.ORG/EVENTS](https://fincastlebaptist.org/events)

 **ON THE  
WAY**

Listen and Share:  
**On the Way**  
Sundays at 9am

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wherever you listen to  
podcasts.

## New Here?

Welcome to the Fincastle Campus

We would love to get to  
know you! Fill out a Guest  
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**GAME ON!**  
**VBS 2021**  
Give God The Controller

**June 21-25**

**6-8:30pm**

REGISTER AT:  
[fincastlebaptist.org/vbs](https://fincastlebaptist.org/vbs)



**October 1-2**

**SURROUNDED**  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Register today at  
[surroundedwomen.org](https://surroundedwomen.org)

Featuring  
**Rachel Lovingood**





# TRAINING MY BRAIN

## BATTLEGROUND - Part #7

Pastor Kevin Cummings – June 6, 2021

*“We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*  
*II Corinthians 10:5*

Romans 12:1-21

- The key to training my brain is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Joshua 1:8; Psalm 48:9; 77:12; 119:15, 78, 97; 143:5)
  1. Negative meditation is called worry.
  2. Positive meditation is called worship.
  3. Eastern Meditation involves emptying your mind and focusing on nothing.
  4. Biblical meditation involves filling your mind with truth.

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ differently: Offer something - bodily dedication

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27*

*“Speak the truth in love.” Ephesians 4:15*

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ the lies with truth. (John 8:32; 14:6)
1. Who? All believers
  2. Why? Because of all God has done for us.
  3. How? Willingly, humbly, completely, joyfully, prayerfully, daily
  4. What? Sacrificial living
    - 1.) It is to be a living sacrifice. (Hebrews 9:11-12)
    - 2.) It is to be a holy sacrifice. (I Peter 1:16)
    - 3.) It is to be an acceptable sacrifice.
    - 4.) It is to be a reasonable sacrifice.

- B. This \_\_\_\_\_ in God being pleased and worshipped.

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ differently: Avoid worldly contamination

- A. The goal is \_\_\_\_\_ salvation, but sanctification.
1. Growing in my faith must be a priority.
  2. It is impossible to train your brain without separated living.

*“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” I John 2:15*

- B. If you act like everyone else, you may \_\_\_\_\_ actually be a Christian. (I Peter 2:9-12)

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ differently: Achieve godly transformation

- A. The way you think determines the way you \_\_\_\_\_ because everything you do good or bad starts as a thought.

*“Above all, be careful what you think because your thoughts control your life.” Proverbs 4:23 (ESV)*

- B. The key is not our own efforts, but \_\_\_\_\_ living in us. (Psalm 139:23; Colossians 1:27)

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- C. This is a \_\_\_\_\_, not an \_\_\_\_\_. (Philippians 1:6)

*“You were taught, ... to put off your old self ...; to **be made new in the attitude of your minds**; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:22-24*

1. Your attitude not your aptitude will determine your spiritual altitude.
2. A benefit to thinking differently is knowing God's will.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- 1.) The 1<sup>st</sup> step to training your brain is knowing \_\_\_\_\_
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