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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

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

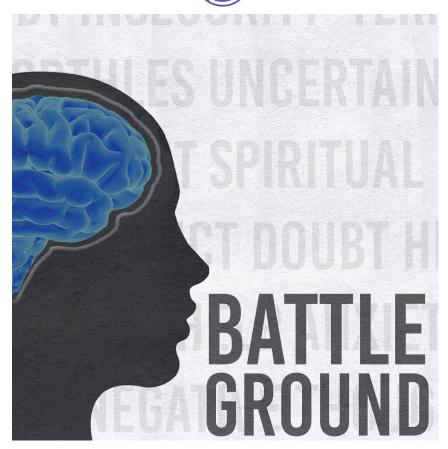
Step #3: Receive Jesus Christ as personal Savior. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9
You may wish to use the sample prayer below. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans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

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1. To overcome worry we must live with the proper focus.		1. To overcome worry we must live with the proper focus.			
2. To overcome worry we must live differently.		2. To overcome worry we must live differently.			
3. To overcome worry we must live in the moment.		3. To	3. To overcome worry we must live in the moment.		
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1. We must have peace with God before we can have peace with others. (John 14:27)		1. We must have peace with God before we can have peace with others. (John 14:27)			
2. There is no problem too big for God's power or too		2. There is no problem too big for God's power or too			
small for God's concern. (I Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22)			small for God's concern. (I Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22)		
IV. The plan for changing our thinking is		IV. The plan for changing our thinking is			
• The way you think	what you do, so if	• The way you the	nink	what you do, so if	
you want to do right, you must think right.		you want to do right, you must think right.			
A	worthy thoughts.	A	worthy thoughts.		
1. Everything we do good or bad starts as a thought.		1. Eve	1. Everything we do good or bad starts as a thought.		
2. Our lives are always moving in the direction of our		2. Our lives are always moving in the direction of our			
greatest thoughts		greatest thoughts			
3. The life we have reflects the thoughts we think.		3. The life we have reflects the thoughts we think.			
1.) Focus on giving rather than receiving.		1.) Focus on giving rather than receiving.			
2.) Focus on the healer rather than your hurts.		2.) Focus on the healer rather than your hurts.			
3.) Focus on the Savior rather than your suffering.		3.) Focus on the Savior rather than your suffering.			
4.) Focus on God's power rather than your		4.) Focus on God's power rather than your			
problems.		problems.			
5.) Focus on the who rather than the what.		5.) Focus on the who rather than the what.			
B worthy deeds because I can't control what happens to me, what people say or do to me, but I can always control my response.		B worthy deeds because I can't control what happens to me, what people say or do to me, but I can always control my response.			
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