

jenaministries – Part 1 – Bible Study Worksheet

A) Salvation – Worksheet

Read: Part 1 #1) Can We Lose Our Salvation?
Part 1 #6) What is a Born Again Christian?
Part 1 #16) Will You Get in Heaven?

1. In your own words, write down what needs to happen to be saved.

2. If you go to church and pray now and then, are you saved and guaranteed to go to heaven? Why not?

3. If a person turns away from the Lord (after serving for years) and lives a sinful life, will he/she lose his/her salvation?

1. Can We Lose Our Salvation?

Can we lose our salvation? No, if you are truly saved and born again, you cannot lose your salvation.

However, many believe they are saved, but may not be. Just because you say the words that you believe Christ died for your sins and rose from the dead and ask for forgiveness of your sins, doesn't necessarily make you saved. You must mean it in your heart and be born again. Christ lives in your heart. Your heart becomes His temple. Nothing can separate you from God because He is a part of you.

Let's look at some scripture:

John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's spirit lives in you?

John 10:9 (Jesus said) "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and out, and find pasture."

Luke 13:24-28 (Jesus said) "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out."

Matthew 7:22-23 (Jesus said) "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons, and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

Even those who go to church regularly and perform miracles in Jesus' name, may not be saved? That's pretty scary.

We need to have a personal relationship with Jesus. He must know us intimately. We have to open that door and let Him into our hearts and let Jesus change us and use us for His glory. We must be born again.

So..... are you truly saved?

6. What is a Born Again Christian?

Jesus makes it very clear that we must be born again to be saved. But what is being born again? How do we know if we are a born again Christian? What does that mean?

Let's look at some scripture:

John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

John 3:5-8 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to the spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

1 Peter 1:22-23 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

First, we are born in the flesh as a baby. When we start our spiritual life with Christ and are saved, we are born again, but this time we are born in the spirit. We transform from living in the world to living in the spirit. When we are a born again Christian, there is no change outwardly. We still look the same. But in our hearts and in our spirit, we are different. We have started a new life – a life in the spirit with Christ.

Some people drastically change their lifestyle and personalities when they're born again. For me, my lifestyle or personality didn't change much, but my way of thinking became very different. Instead of relying on my own strength, I started relying on Jesus. Before I was born again, I was very independent, relied on my own decision-making abilities, and used anger as my most effective tool to get things done. The Lord quickly taught me that my decisions weren't always the best and that I desperately needed His guidance in every aspect of my life. It took the Lord a bit longer though to get my anger level down and have peace in my life. Anger was all I knew. But the process of growing spiritually, and realizing how faithful the Lord is, brought a wonderful peace in my heart and that horrible anger eventually subsided.

So, are you living in the spirit or living in the flesh? If you're living in the flesh, you live in worldly ideals. The world, and all it has to offer, molds you into what you are and how you live. If you are born again and living in the spirit, your life is Christ centered, and the Lord molds you into what you are and how you live.

Is Christ foremost and center in your life? If yes, then rest assured, you are born again.

16. Will You Get in Heaven?

Many people believe they will go to heaven but are sadly mistaken. Jesus explained the road to heaven is very narrow, and many people will not be able to get in. Just because you go to church and pray and read the Bible doesn't guarantee you a spot in heaven. It's very important that we understand the verses below.

Luke 13:24-28 24 "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. 25 Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' 26 "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' 27 "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' 28 "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

Matthew 7:21-23 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

So what would those verses look like today? See below a chart showing the verses then, and what that verse could look like today.

THEN	TODAY
Matthew 7:22 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name?	Lord, did I not witness about you to many people and some people were saved because of it?
Luke 13:26 We ate and drank with you.	I volunteered at church events. I helped the needy and comforted the discouraged.
Luke 13:26 You taught in our streets.	I went to church every Sunday and listened to every sermon intently. I went to Bible studies and learned your word.
Matthew 7:22 Did we not in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?	Was I not on a prayer team and prayed for many people in your name? Did you not hear my prayers and honor them?
Matthew 7:23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'	I will tell you plainly; Yes, you did a lot of good things that people taught you to do, but you didn't listen to <u>my</u> directions. You did not make me your Lord. You never invited me into your heart and allow me to change you and lead you. You didn't tell me your deepest secrets and regrets and allow me to comfort you. You were not born again spiritually. We did not have a personal relationship. I never knew you. Away from me.

This is scary stuff. Jesus said this would happen to many people.

Does Jesus live in your heart? Is he your Lord? Do you tell him everything? Do you follow and obey him?

Are you sure you will be invited into heaven? Let's make Jesus our Lord and have a personal connection with him and allow him to mold us into what he wants us to be.