

ARE YOU SAVED?

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1. I'm doing the best I can.
2. I've been baptized
3. I believe in God.
4. I'm basically a good person.
5. I try to live by the Golden Rule.
6. I am a member of a church.
7. I've always been a Christian.
8. I've made Christ the Lord of my life.
9. I've never done anything really bad.
10. I try to keep the ten commandments.
11. I prayed the sinner's prayer.
12. I'm a lodge member.
13. My father / grandfather / etc. is a preacher / elder / deacon.

While these responses are interesting, none of them answer the question. One reason people give these unresponsive answers is that they do not understand the question.

The question, “Are you saved?” asks whether you have trusted Jesus Christ's shed blood

on the cross as payment for your sins. It is not asking about works that you, or others, may have done.

All of the unresponsive answers refer to something that a person does, but salvation is what Christ has already done for us. The gospel of our salvation is that:

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (1Corinthians 15:3,4)

His blood purchases for us what we could not earn ourselves.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Colossians 1:14)

What we must do to be saved is quit trusting ourselves and trust the blood payment that Christ has already made on our behalf.

For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of
God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast.
(Ephesians 2:8,9)

Knowing that we are sinners and that Christ
died for us, we should respond by placing
our faith in Christ's payment for our sin.

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