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**Part 1)
Confidence in your salvation**

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**Part 2)
Security in salvation**

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 5:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

Romans 3:21-26 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

From the Bible: **Revelation 22:18-19.** For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city and from the things which are written in this book.

All need to read the Bible. Does your current belief, cause you to follow and read the Bible? Don't have a current belief or religion? Today can be the day of your salvation, study this.

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Matthew 23:9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in Heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. Some religions call the priest “father”, which is not according to God's Word.

Jesus gave 7 woes to teachers on the law and the Pharisees in Matthew 23:13-15 below.

Matthew 23:13-15 Seven Woes on the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.

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Revelation 22:8-11 John fell down to worship at the feet of an angel and the angel said do not do that, “worship God”. “For I am your fellow servant”. This shows: only worship God, not Mary.

Luke 1:38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord”!

Luke 1:46-55 The Song of Mary - And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant (there is more, read it in the Bible) This shows that Jesus was Mary’s Savior as well as ours. Mary is like any one of us, in need of being saved. Do not pray to any Saint or Mary, only God! False gods, patron saints and other things (besides GOD) included in prayer are idols.

Statues and charms are all pagan influences brought into many churches years ago by man, which give people physical things to touch, but God desires a spiritual relationship with you. God needs no physical influences, and in the Bible, the flesh is described as corrupt. John 4:23 But a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such as these to worship Him.

Some Churches have statues, however the Bible commands: “You shall have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:Verse 3) - “You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is in the Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth, you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, (Exodus 20:4-5)

Matthew 6:7 - And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

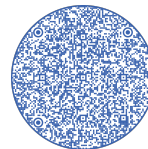
Prayers should come from the heart. Yes, the Lord’s prayer is a prayer, given by God, but it is also a model, so that we will be able to pray from the heart, in the same format, or including the same things when we pray.

Matthew 6:9 - In this manner, therefore, pray: (the Lord’s model prayer, but note Jesus says in this manner, therefore pray. It didn’t say pray this prayer only and forever, however, it is given by God, and I have no doubt, very acceptable in the eyes of God.

The Test of Knowing Christ **1 John 2:1-2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.



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