

## THE BIBLE VIEW

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### Unseen Happenings When One Is Saved

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When one trusts Christ as Saviour, it quite often appears to be a quiet, sober event. Sometimes the person getting saved may shed tears of joy, as he calls out to God for salvation. Sometimes a person sharing the moment with the one being saved may become excited, but there is always a lot more happening than anyone could ever observe. Here are some of the events and changes that occur, when a lost person gains God's promise of heaven:

**He is in Christ.** He is forgiven, and now has new priorities that include wanting to please his Saviour.

*"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1 Also: Psalm 103:12, Mat. 26:28, Mat. 28:19-20, Mark 3:28, Rom. 4:7, I John 2:12*

**He has his eternal destination changed.** He is not going to Hell, but rather to Heaven.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

**He has a peace, that he never had before.**

*“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:7*

**He has a new spiritual Father and a large spiritual family.** Many biblical references when talking about God refer to Him as “your” or “our” Father as:

*“That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”  
Mat. 5:45*

*“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”  
Mat. 12:50*

**He can now pray and have his prayers answered.**

*“I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.” Psalm 40:1*

**His thinking will change.** He will have the mind of Christ  
*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”  
Philippians 2:5*

**Heaven rejoiced when he was saved:**

*“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” Luke 15:10*

**He has his name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life:**

*“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Rev. 20:15*

***“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”***

*II Cor. 4:18*

## **How Can One Know He Is Saved?**

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A person can know if he is saved. If he has trusted in Christ's death as payment for his sins as the only way to heaven, he will see himself changed. He will see new things happen in his life.

Here is an examination of some of those new things:

**A NEW belief.** A saved person believes differently than he believed before.

***“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: ...These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*** 1 John 5:10-13

**A NEW interest in God's people.**

***“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life***

*abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” 1 John 3:14-16* The “brethren” are other saved people.

**A NEW Master.** A saved person is attentive and interested in obeying a new Master — God!

*“Jesus answered them, ... But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”*

*John 10:25-29*

**A NEW Life.** A saved person gets a second chance at life. He gets to start over; this time with God's guidance and help.

*“**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**” II Cor. 5:17*

The new life may include things that one would never have suspected that he would do, such as: reading the Bible, desiring a ministry, being faithful to church attendance, etc. He will also find he no longer has a desire to do many of the wrong things he used to do, and even has a conviction about not doing them.

**A NEW Trust.** A saved person has a God that he can trust and rely on.

*“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” II Tim 1:12*

### **A NEW fruit — NEW interests**

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts ....” Gal. 5:22-25*

When the Spirit of God indwells us, there are some things He wants done in our lives and around us. These changes that we allow Him to do in us and with us are proofs of our salvation.

**God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense**

## **Christ Is Delighted in His People**

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When Cyrus took a Greek ambassador through his garden, he challenged him to admire its charms. The Spartan approved of all he saw, but still his admiration was cool and critical.

“This garden,” said Cyrus, “yields me more pleasure and satisfaction than you can imagine, or I can express.”

“And why?” asked the visitor.

“Because,” replied the garden’s master “I planted every tree in it myself. I planned all the paths, and all the flowers have I reared. No hand, but mine has dug the soil, tended the plants, pruned the trees, or done aught beside but my own.” His toil and his trouble thus endeared the place to the king.

So, truly, Christ can say when he looks upon his people, “There is a fruitful bough. I pruned that. He was sick and long laid aside from business. He feared his family would starve. I was pruning him then; but I love the fruit that is on him now, because I know how it came there.”

“That plant yonder, which is blooming now and shedding such a sweet perfume of love; well do I recollect when it was drooping and ready to die. I came and watered it.”

The Master has much delight in the Christian that has allowed Him to mold and improve his life.

***“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.”***

*Jeremiah 18:4*

## A New Name

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A little girl, found on the street in a basket, was taken to an orphanage, where she lived for a few years. The people named her Mary Lost. When she was still quite young, she became a Christian, and God gave her a new heart and made her a new creature in Him.

She then wanted a new name. She went to the superintendent and said, "Please don't call me Mary Lost any more. I used to be Mary Lost, but I am no longer her. Jesus has found me, and now I want to be called Mary Found."