



# Salvation Checklist

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How do you know if you are saved? Here's a checklist.

1. Have you heard the Bible message about Jesus?
2. Do you believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sins and was resurrected in victory?
3. Have you verbally spoken the words asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?

**Romans 10:9** (ESV) declares “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

That is the process of salvation (varies from person to person).

## Ongoing Signs of Salvation

- A saved life should include good works for all to see.

**Hebrews 6:10** (ESV) says “For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.” Theologian Matthew Henry says “The works of love done to his saints for Christ’s sake are evident marks of a man’s salvation;”

- Faith is the root, good works are the fruits; and we must have both.

**James 2:14, 21-22** (ESV) 14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

- Obedience demonstrates a sinner’s change of course from death to life,
- However, obedience apart from faith is dead.

Some rely on the old adage “Well God knows my heart.”

- I’ve never robbed or killed anyone.
- Deep down God knows I’m a good person.
- Overall my good outweighs my bad (deeds).

If this were true we would not need Christ, we could just use an app.

**Titus 3:5** (ESV) “He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,”

## Clarification on judgment and works

**Revelations 20:12** (ESV) “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.”

- The righteous whose names are found in the book of life have salvation
- Saved are judged according to their deeds to assign heavenly rewards based upon faithful living.

**Romans 2:6** (ESV) states, “He will render to each one according to his works (deeds).”

- The wicked (names not in the book of life) are cast into the lake of fire, where they’re degree of eternal punishment will be according to their deeds, along with eternal separation from God
- Signs of salvation are seen in our overall godly character (thoughts, principles, motives & actions)

**Ralph Waldo Emerson** taught us how to evaluate our character: Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny.”

Here are the essence of the thoughts we should be reflecting upon.

**Philippians 4:8** (ESV) Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **honorable**, whatever is **just**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **commendable**, if there is any **excellence**, if there is anything **worthy of praise**, think about these things.

**Whatever is...**

- **True** (speaking truth & being of sincere character, morally true to the core of our being, truth is the likeness of God)
- **Honorable** (respected as a person of revered character, importance & significance)
- **Just** (righteous in word & deed, rightness between our fellow man, uncorrupted integrity)
- **Pure** (Innocent, friendly, platonic thoughts & acts concerning the opposite sex, regarding them as fathers, mothers, sisters & brothers)
- **Lovely** (the tender manner in which you attend to the matters of life, gracious, warmhearted)
- **Commendable** (noteworthy conduct in the way we strive in our faith, a virtuous respectable reputation)

**If there is any...**

- **Excellence 2 Peter 1:5** (ESV) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge (excellence is built when faith is walked out producing virtues (mercy, grace, etc...))
- **Worthy of Praise** (source of this praise is our practice of faith growing into knowledge, embracing life’s struggles in Christ until they bear fruit of Godly character)

**Philippians 4:7** (ESV) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- This is the protective helmet guarding our mind when we purpose our thoughts of verse 8.
- Life has a general momentum (thoughts fuel our actions)
- Only question: What is our destination (salvation or hell)?

Take account:

- Are your thoughts sewing actions to your chosen destiny?
- Are you saved?