



What happens when a person believes in the Lord Jesus Christ?

When a car is running, the moment the driver releases the clutch, many things happen, but perhaps all the driver knows is that the car is in motion. This is a good illustration of what happens in salvation for the Christian!

The most dangerous part of a believer's life in Christ is when *the car first gets in motion*, because the Devil is very anxious to guide it the WRONG way & thus make the new Christian's life ineffectual. Even though the sinner is saved & on his way to Heaven, the Devil wants to make him as ineffectual & fruitless as a child of God by getting him hooked onto some 'hobbyhorse' such as 'Calvinism, baptismal regeneration, tongues & healing' etc.

Some of the things that happen once a sinner is saved are as follows...

In relation to God the Father...

- 1) The saved sinner has access to God's grace - **For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.** Eph 2v18
- 2) We are adopted into the family of God as God's sons - Gal 4v5 **To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.** Eph 1:5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**
- 3) We have an inheritance. Paul preaching says that the Gentiles '**...may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**' Acts 26v18
- 4) The child of God is elected. Once a man receives Christ as his Saviour, he is elected. 1 Pet 1v2 **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...** Eph 1v4 - **According as he hath chosen us in him (Christ) before the foundation of the world,** NO MAN is chosen before the foundation of the world OUTSIDE of Christ. God doesn't choose anybody but the people who are IN Christ, & nobody was IN Christ BEFORE the foundation of the world. As a matter of fact, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob were NEVER in Christ EVER! So the man is NOT elected until AFTER he is saved. When a man receives Christ as his Saviour, then he is elected because he is IN Christ!
- 5) He becomes a child of God - John 1v12 **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:** 1 John 3v1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.**
- 6) He gets heavenly citizenship – Phil 3v20 **For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**
- 7) He becomes an heir of God & a joint heir with Christ - Gal 3v29 **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.** Rom 8v17 **And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with**



Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

- 8) He becomes a new creature NOT 'creation' as in the new CORRUPT 'Bibles!' 2 Cor 5v17 **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.** We are born with the old nature i.e. the fallen Adamic nature which is called a 'creature' in Rom 8v20. NOW we have God's nature, & you are a 'creature' that has been born again!
- 9) The saved sinner becomes a servant of God. Rom 6v22 **But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**
- 10) The saved sinner becomes a priest of God – 1 Pet 2v9 **But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Pet 2v5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.** Note – NOT 'literal' sacrifices!
- 11) The saved sinner is reconciled to God. Eph 2v12+13 **That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: v13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Rom 5v10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**
- 12) When a sinner trusts Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he is sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus 1Co 6:11 **And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.** Acts 26v18 lists sanctification as a direct result of conversion...**To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

In Relation to God the Son

- 13) The sinner is 'accepted in the beloved' Eph 1:6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**
- 14) The believer is baptized into Christ's body by the Holy Spirit - 1Cor 12:13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.** EVERY child, EVERY sinner who trusts Christ, is put into Christ's body by the baptism of the Holy Spirit; Paul says in Gal 3v27 **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**
- 15) When the sinner who trusts Christ is 'accepted in the beloved' (Eph 1v6) & is baptized into Christ's body by the Holy Spirit, he is buried with Christ by 'spiritual' baptism - Rom 6:4 **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of**



the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Col 3v3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Acts 2v28 has NOTHING to do with salvation in THIS dispensation!!! Everybody in Acts 2 is a...

- Sabbath-observing
- Temple-worshipping
- Bearded
- Pork-abstaining JEW!!!

There is not one GENTILE believer or unbeliever in the entire bunch: the only GENTILES that are there are proselytes to Judaism (*Proselyte - a convert from one opinion, religion, or party to another - a person who has converted to Judaism*) & are so named in Acts 2v10! Every believer in Jesus Christ is baptized by the Holy Ghost into Christ's body, MINUS water baptism! 1 Cor 12:13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.** Our baptism INTO Christ (Gal 3v27) does not have water mentioned in Galatians chapters 1 – 6. Nor is water baptism mentioned in the epistle before it (2 Cor 1-13), nor is water baptism mentioned ANYWHERE within ten chapters after it (Phil 1-4, Eph 1-6). *Woe be to the man that tells you that unless you meet the requirements of Acts chapter 2 you don't have the Holy Ghost, when there is no CHRISTIAN in Acts 2, NO NT has been written in Acts 2, NOBODY in Acts 2 knows about the Gospel of the GRACE of God, & EVERYBODY in Acts 2 is a JEW!* Every child of God is baptized INTO Christ's body; every saved sinner is buried with Christ.

- 16) The believer becomes a love gift to the Son from the Father – The Lord Jesus said in John 17:9 **I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.** Every saved sinner is a special love gift from the Father to His Son Jesus Christ
- 17) The moment you trust Christ as Saviour, you are indwelt by Christ, & you are saved by Jesus Christ - Acts 16:31 **And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.** Acts 4v12 **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.** You are indwelt by Jesus Christ the moment you trust Him for your salvation! Jesus said in speaking of these matters... John 14:23 **Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**
- 18) When a sinner trusts Jesus Christ, he possesses ETERNAL LIFE! John 10:28 **And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.** 1 John 5:13 **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.**
- 19) When the sinner trusts Jesus Christ, he has peace with God. Phil 4:7 **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Rom 5v1 **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: John 14v27 Peace I**



leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- 20) He becomes a friend of God – John 15v15 **Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.**
- 21) His name is recorded in Heaven – Luke 10v20 **Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**
- 22) He becomes a fellow labourer whose name is written in the book of Life – Phil 4v3 **And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.**
- 23) He becomes seated with Christ in Heavenly places - **And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:** In a sense, the Christian has already gone home to glory. His body is still down here, & he is in his body, *'absent from the Lord & present in the body'*. However, his spirit has been 'born again' & 'regenerated' by the Holy Spirit & joined to Christ's Spirit - **But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.** (1 Cor 6v17). In this sense, he is at present seated with Jesus Christ 'in heavenly places'
- 24) He receives a blessed hope - **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;** (Titus 2v13) Notice, he does not hope he's saved. He received the blessed hope, & the blessed hope is that Christ is coming to get us – Rev 22v20 **He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**
- 25) He comes into fellowship with the Trinity. John wrote... **That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.** 1 John 1v3
- 26) We gain a mansion in glory - **In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.** John 14v2

In relation to God the Holy Spirit...

- 27) He is born again (John 3v3-7 **Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**)
- 28) He is anointed by the Holy Spirit – 1 John 2v27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach**



you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. Note IN you NOT on you!

- 29) The Holy Spirit comes INTO your body to dwell forever – John 14v17 **Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** 1 Cor 3v16 **Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**
- 30) The believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit - Eph 1:13 **In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,** Eph 4:30 **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**
- 31) The believer's body becomes the temple of the Holy Ghost – **What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?** 1 Cor 6v19
- 32) The saved sinner is given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit, & these gifts listed in 1 Cor 12 still abide in the body of Christ, with the exception of the signs given to Israel. When God ceased dealing with Israel at the end of Acts 28 & the apostolic signs ceased, these signs were counterfeited by Satan (2 Thes 2v9). The people who counterfeited these apostolic signs were called liars (Rev 2v2). The Scriptures say the 'gifts' that are signs ARE FOR Israel (1 Cor 1v22). Tongues are for a sign to the unbelieving Israelite (1 Cor 14v22), but they can be counterfeited by another spirit that is not the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 11v3-4 **But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.**)

The saved sinner in relation to his sins...

- 33) The saved sinner is FORGIVEN – Acts 13:38 **Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.** Eph 1:7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;** Col 1:14 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**
- 34) The saved sinner is justified - **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:** Rom 5v1 Rom 4:5 **But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.**
- 35) The saved sinner is REDEEMED! Gal 3:13 **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every**



one that hangeth on a tree: 1 Pet 1:18+19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

- 36) When the sinner comes to Jesus Christ & trusts Him as Saviour, he has an Advocate, an attorney for his defence - **My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 1 John 2v1**
- 37) The saved sinner has the possibility of getting victory over sin, & sin should not have dominion over him – Rom 6v12 **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.**

In relation to others...

- 38) We become ambassadors for Christ - **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor 5v20**

So in conclusion the saved sinner has...

Access to God's grace, are adopted into God's family as a child of God, you have an inheritance, you are an heir of God & a new creature in Christ, you are a servant of God & a priest of God, you are sanctified & reconciled to God, accepted in the beloved, baptized into Christ's body by the Holy Spirit, buried with Christ by a spiritual baptism & you are saved by Christ, indwelt with Christ, you have eternal life as a present possession, you have peace with God as a friend of God, your name is recorded in Heaven, you are seated with Christ in heavenly places, you have the blessed hope of the Second Coming, you are in fellowship with the Trinity, you have a mansion in glory awaiting you, you are born again, anointed by the Holy Spirit, sealed by the Holy Spirit, & you are forgiven, justified, & redeemed. Further, you have God's righteousness imputed to you, you have an Advocate before the throne, the possibility of victory over sin from day to day, & you become an ambassador of Jesus Christ!

Amen, Amen!