

## Do You Remember Becoming a CHRISTIAN? Are You SURE?

**T**he **NEW BIRTH** is a common experience that **ALL** believers share and **NEVER FORGET**. You may not remember the **DAY** or the **YEAR**, but you **NEVER FORGET** your **SALVATION**.

It's the moment when you **HEARD** the Word of God, and it **convinced YOU** that **YOU** were a **SINNER** and on the road to Hell. At that moment, you were made **SORROWFUL**, the **GODLY** sorrow "...that **WORKETH [TO WORK FULLY; TO ACCOMPLISH] REPENTANCE to SALVATION**" (2 Cor. 7:10).

This "**sorrow**" is known as **COMPUCTION**, that is, a **pricking of the conscience**, a sharp feeling of uneasiness brought on by a sense of guilt; remorse; regret. Have you ever felt that?

You then **ASKED** God in prayer like the publican, using similar words, "**God be MERCIFUL to me a SINNER**" (Luke 18:13). Afterward, as it was also with Paul the apostle, the scales of darkness, brought on by years of **UNBELIEF**, fell off, and **YOU**, like a **person born blind**, received **SIGHT** (Acts 9:18).

**PAUL THE APOSTLE NEVER** forgot his own conversion, found in Acts 9:1-22. It was the day when Paul was **DELIVERED** from the **POWER** of **DARKNESS**, and **TRANSLATED** into the kingdom of God's only Son (Col. 1:13), just like every Christian.

As believers, our **PURPOSE** is to be a **LIGHT** to the **LOST**, "...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 [US] [BELIEVERS] which are **SANCTIFIED [SET APART; TO MAKE HOLY; PURIFY]** by **FAITH** that is **IN [CHRIST]**" (Acts 26:18).

All who are **saved** are **PARTAKERS** of the **same COMMON SALVATION**: "**Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the COMMON SALVATION, it was NEEDFUL** for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **EARNESTLY CONTEND** for the **FAITH** which was **ONCE DELIVERED** unto the **saints**" (Jude 1:3).

There are no other salvation experiences found in the Word of God other than this **COMMON**

**SALVATION**. They **HEARD** the Word, they were **CONVICTED**, they **REPENTED**, and "...by **ONE SPIRIT** are we **ALL** baptized into **ONE BODY...and have been ALL** made to **DRINK** into **ONE SPIRIT**" (1 Cor. 12:13).

All other **salvation experiences** are **COUNTERFIETS**, **designed** to have "...men's persons in **admiration**" (Jude 1:16).

The **BLIND MAN** cried out, "**Jesus, thou Son of David, have MERCY on me**" (Mark 10:47). Have you ever prayed a prayer like that?

Jesus said, "**What wilt thou that I should DO unto thee? The blind man said unto him, LORD, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way, THY FAITH hath made thee WHOLE. And IMMEDIATELY** he received his sight, and **FOLLOWED JESUS** in the way" (Mark 10:46-52). What a glorious portrait of his salvation, and he never forgot it!

Do you remember when **YOU** were **translated** from **DARKNESS** to **LIGHT**? The **MAN POSSESSED WITH DEVILS** was found "...sitting at the feet of



**Jesus, CLOTHED, and in his RIGHT MIND**" (Luke 8:35), and he never forgot his experience!

The **PUBLICAN** never forgot his conversion! Jesus said that he, "...went down **FROM JERUSALEM** to his

**house JUSTIFIED rather than the other**" (Luke 18:9-14).

The **THIEF ON THE CROSS** said to Jesus, "...**Lord, remember me when thou comest INTO thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Very I say unto thee, TODAY shalt thou BE WITH ME in PARADISE**" (Luke 23:42).

The **ALMOST THREE THOUSAND SOULS** that were saved on the day of Pentecost surely knew when "...they were **pricked in their heart**," and asked, "**Men and brethren, WHAT SHALL WE DO?**" (Acts 2:37-47).

A **CERTAIN MAN LAME FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB** was saved "...at the gate of the temple which is called **BEAUTIFUL...walking, and leaping, and praising God**" (Acts 3:1-8).

Space doesn't allow to tell of the Gentile **CORNELIUS** (Acts 10:25-44), or the jailer who asked Paul and Silas, "...**Sirs, what MUST I DO TO BE SAVED**" (Acts 16:16-34)?

There is only **ONE ANSWER** to that question: "**Believe ON the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU shalt be SAVED, and THY house**" (Acts 16:31).

Let me ask **YOU**: did you **GIVE UP SELF** when you became a Christian? "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto **TREASURE hid in a field; the which when a MAN [MALE OR FEMALE] hath FOUND, he HIDETH, and for JOY thereof goeth and selleth ALL THAT HE HATH, and buyeth that field**" (Matthew 13:44).

Is that what **YOU** did? Paul said, "...**what THINGS** were **GAIN** to me, **THOSE I counted LOSS** for Christ" (Philip. 3:7). Can **YOU** say that?

Very **FEW PEOPLE** are **TRUE Christians** because "...**STRAIT IS THE GATE [NARROW FROM OBSTACLES STANDING CLOSE ABOUT], and NARROW IS THE WAY [TO CROWD], which LEADETH unto LIFE, and FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT**" (Matt. 7:14).

Therefore, "**Examine yourselves, whether YE be IN the faith**" (2 Cor. 13:5), "**for MANY are CALLED, but FEW are chosen**" (Matt. 22:14).