

Counseling at the Altar

****Begin: Why did you come forward today?**

SALVATION

1. If you died today are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?
2. Wouldn't that be a good thing to know? [I John 5:11-13](#)
3. If I could show you from the Bible how you could know and it were something you could do, would you be willing to do it?

According to the Bible, there are five things you need to know and believe to go to Heaven:

1. God loves you. [John 3:16](#), [1John 4:8,10,19](#), [Galatians 2:20](#)
[Do you realize that God loves you?](#)

2. We are all sinners. [Romans 3:10](#) The word "righteous" means perfect. Now, here is the reason we are not perfect: [Romans 3:23](#)
The reason we are not perfect is because we have sinned. [Isaiah 53:6](#), [Ecclesiastes 7:20](#)
[Do you realize that you are a sinner?](#)

3. There is a price that must be paid for sins. (illustration: If heaven allowed sin what kind of heaven would that be?) [Romans 6:23](#) wages of sin is death. "Death" here is the second death. Did you know the Bible talks about two deaths? [Romans 5:12](#) The first part of that death is the physical death. (explain about Adam & Eve/sin's entrance/physical death is coming) The second death is the lake of fire or hell. [Revelation. 20:13:15](#), [21:8](#) This eternal death is our wage for sin.

[What will happen to us and where will we go if nothing is done with our sin?](#) [Ezekiel 18:4](#)

4. Jesus paid your price of hell for you. [Romans 6:23](#) -It is a gift. (illustration: birthday gift) You do not work to get a gift, you simply take the gift. [Romans 5:8](#) Jesus died on the cross to completely pay our price of sin and then rose again the 3rd day because He is God! [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#), [1 John 4:10](#)

[Do you believe Jesus died for you?](#) [John 3:16](#)

5. We get that gift by calling on Jesus. [Romans 10:9-10,13](#) It does not say "whosoever gets baptized" or "whosoever keeps the ten commandments" or whosoever takes communion", but "whosoever calls". [Romans 10:13](#) If we believe that Jesus died, was buried and rose again, we can call on Jesus and He will save us. [John 1:12](#)

Review steps 1-5

[Would you be willing to pray right now and ask Jesus to save you?](#)

Allow them to pray. (Many will pray in their own words.)

Rejoice with them.

Now that you are saved, you are adopted into God's family ([John 1:12](#), [Galatians 3:26](#)), and He has written your name in the book of life. ([Revelation 20:15](#))

Supporting Verses: [Romans 10:13](#), [1 John 1:9](#), [5:11-13](#)

Now that you are saved, the next step God wants you to make is to make it public.

[Romans 10:11](#) (Not ashamed)

The best way to not be ashamed of Jesus is to tell people that you've been saved! **Baptism** is a great way to tell everyone that you have been saved and that you are not ashamed of Christ and it's the next step that God has for you as a new believer.

Welcome them to the family of God! Tell them that you want to be their friend and pray for them.

Get their name, address and phone number. Fill out a decision card and personally hand it to pastor.

ASSURANCE

1. Make sure they are indeed saved.
2. Show them that God wants them to know they are saved. 1 John 5:13
3. Show them that God says they cannot lose their salvation. John 10:28-29, John 5:24, John 3:35, Hebrews 10:14, & 13:5, Romans 8:35-39, Philippians 1:6, Ephesians 1:4-5, 12-14, Ephesians 4:30, 2 John 2, 2 Timothy 2:13

BAPTISM

1. Show that Christ was baptized. Matthew 3:13-17 (came 70 miles/not for sin)/"pleased")
2. Show that it was commanded by Christ. Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 10:48
3. Show that it comes after salvation. Acts 8:36, 37, Acts 9:6, 18, Acts 16:25, 33
4. Show that it is by immersion. John 3:23, Acts 8:38
5. Show that it pictures Christ's death, burial and resurrection and identifies them with Christ. Romans 6:4,5 (illustration: wedding ring-doesn't make you married; it's just a sign)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1. Ask them if they are saved. Have them tell you about when they were saved.
2. Ask them if they have been scripturally baptized. Where? When? How?
3. Ask them what church they are coming from. Name and address.
4. Explain to them briefly our church, its doctrine, church, separation, joining.
5. Pray with them. Encourage them to be faithful. Hebrews 10:25
6. Give pastor their name and information for follow-up.

RE-DEDICATION

1. Find out about their salvation. When? Where? How?
2. Show them the need to confess their sin to Christ. [1 John 1:9](#), [Proverbs 28:13](#), [Psalm 66:18](#), [1 Tim. 2: 19-21](#)
3. Show them God cleanses and forgives them of their sin. [1 John 1:7](#), [1 Peter 2:24](#)
4. Personal separation from the world. [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#), [9:24-27](#), [II Corinthians 4:15-18](#), [6:14](#), [7:1](#)
5. Show them they need to be faithful in Bible study. [2 Timothy 2:15](#); In prayer- [1 John 3:20-22](#), In church - [Hebrews 10:25](#), Christian fellowship - [Acts 2:42](#)

TITHING

1. Show them that it is each person's responsibility to be a tither to a local church. [Matthew 23:23](#), [1 Corinthians 16:1,2](#)
2. Show them the blessing that comes to those who yield to tithing. [Matthew 6:33](#), [Malachi 3:10](#), [1 Corinthians 16:1,2](#)

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

1. Show them that the whole house is to serve the Lord. [Joshua 24:15](#), [Genesis 7:1,7](#), [18:19](#), [Acts 16:31](#), [2 Timothy 1:5](#)
2. Tell them to read the Bible and pray. [Matthew 7:24](#), [Luke 6:48](#)
3. Tell them the family is to take part. Begin today!
[Hebrews 3:7-8](#)

(If there are still problems existing, call pastor or more experienced counselor for help)