

Who is our only true and genuine source of eternal salvation?

John 3:16, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

As such:

John 11:25, "Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

John 8:12, "Then Jesus spoke again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

What's more?

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Acts 4:12, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The reason why Jesus clearly said:

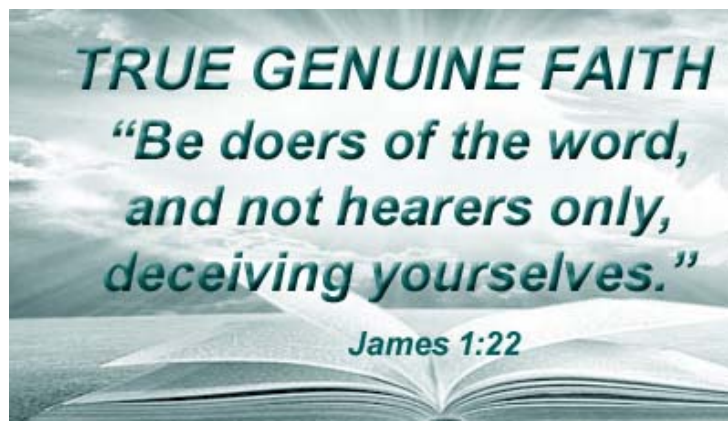
Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Therefore:

Hebrews 11:6, "Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Is my faith in God genuine, so I truly believe in Christ for salvation, or do I rather trust my opinions?

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The path to genuine faith:

Psalm 15:1-2, "LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart."

As such:

2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Why?

Romans 6:4, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

What's more?

Ephesians 4:14-15, "We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ."

In Jesus' own words:

Matthew 16:24, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:22-24, "Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Colossians 3:2, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

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TRUE GENUINE FAITH

**“You will seek Me and find Me,
when you search for Me
with all your heart.”**

Jeremiah 29:13

How determined and vigilant must we be in truly following Christ as Lord?

John 12:26, “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”

1 Timothy 6:12, “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

Luke 21:34, “Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.”

Why?

1 Peter 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

What’s more?

Galatians 6:9, “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

Proverbs 4:23, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life.”

2 Timothy 2:15, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

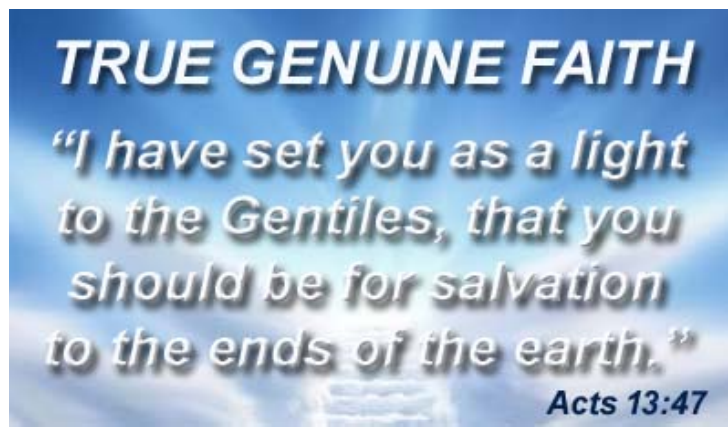
Therefore:

1 Corinthians 16:13, “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

Matthew 10:16, “Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”

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How focused must we be, so as to be effective witnesses to our faith in Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:58, "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Ephesians 5:15-16, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Colossians 3:23, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."

Why?

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

James 2:26, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

As such:

Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding."

Proverbs 18:15, "The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

What's more?

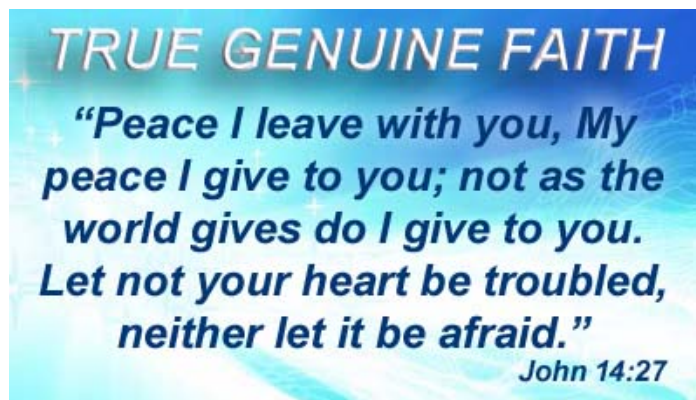
1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Therefore:

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

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How secure are we in trusting God so as to live to abide in His Word? Hebrews 4:12, “The word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

As such:

Psalms 1:1-2, “Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.”

2 Chronicles 16:9, “The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.”

What’s more?

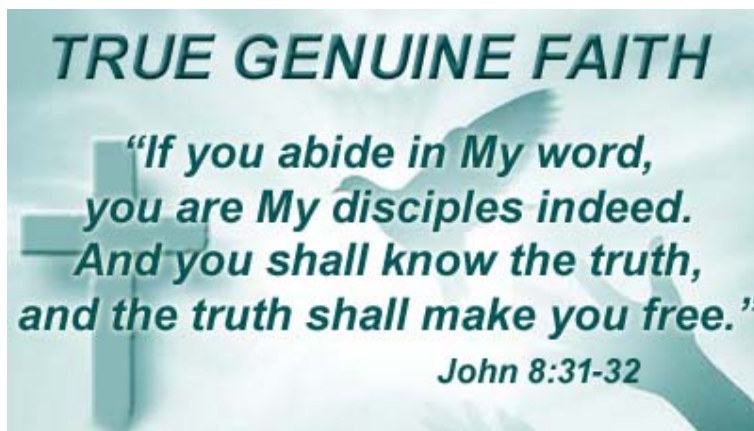
Matthew 16:26, “What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Therefore:

Jeremiah 17:7, “Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.”

How steadfast am I to wholeheartedly meditate on the Word of God?

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Why must we, as true believers, abide in Christ?

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Romans 6:16, "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?"

As such:

Hebrews 4:15, "We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin."

Galatians 5:24-25, "Those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other."

What's more?

2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Therefore:

Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful."

Do I to abide in Christ right now?

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***“The wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal
life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

Romans 6:23

As a believer in Christ, how must I live to reject sin?

Romans 6:13, “Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

Why?

Romans 6:16, “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”

What’s more?

1 John 3:8, “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

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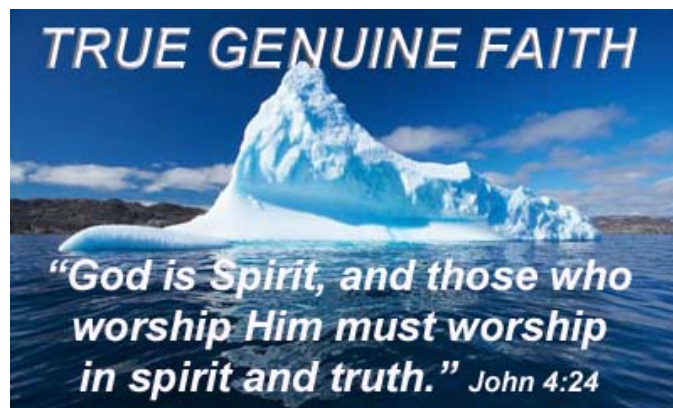
Ephesians 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

Why?

Romans 6:14, “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

How dedicated am I to follow Christ, and so reject temptations for sin?

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What does loving God encompass?

1 Kings 8:61, “Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments.”

1 Timothy 1:5, “The purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith.”

Psalms 15:1-2, “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.”

As such, how does the Word of God define hypocrites?

Matthew 15:8-9, “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

Therefore:

Lamentations 3:40, “Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.”

Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

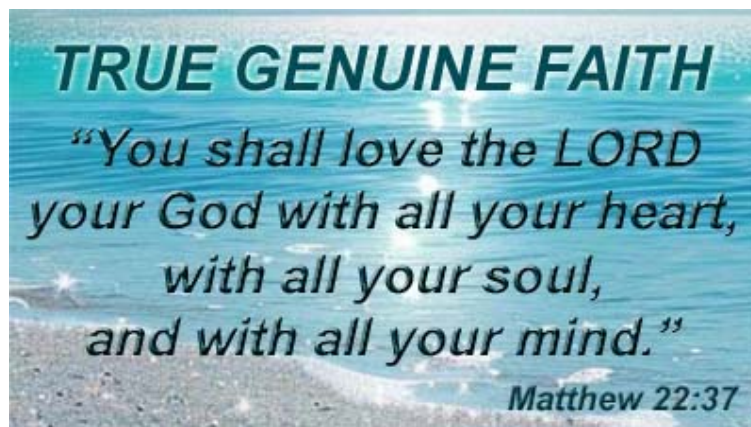
1 John 3:18, “Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

What’s more?

Ephesians 6:24, “Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.”

How sincere am I when I say I love God?

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What does Jesus declare that we must do if we say we love Him?

John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

Why?

Philippians 1:9, "That your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment."

1 Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

What's more?

2 Chronicles 16:9, "The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him."

As such:

1 John 4:16, "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."

1 John 4:19, "We love Him because He first loved us."

Ephesians 6:24, "Grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Matthew 5:8, "Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Therefore:

James 4:8, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded."

Romans 12:9, "*Let* love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good."

1 Thessalonians 5:21, "Test all things; hold fast what is good."

How does my life testify to truly love God, in steadfastly following Christ as Lord?

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“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”

2 Corinthians 13:5

Why must we examine ourselves to see if we are truly in the faith?

1 Samuel 16:7, “For *the LORD* does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

As such Jesus said:

Luke 6:40, “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.”

Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.”

Luke 9:62, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

What’s more?

Jeremiah 17:9, “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

James 1:23-24, “If anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.”

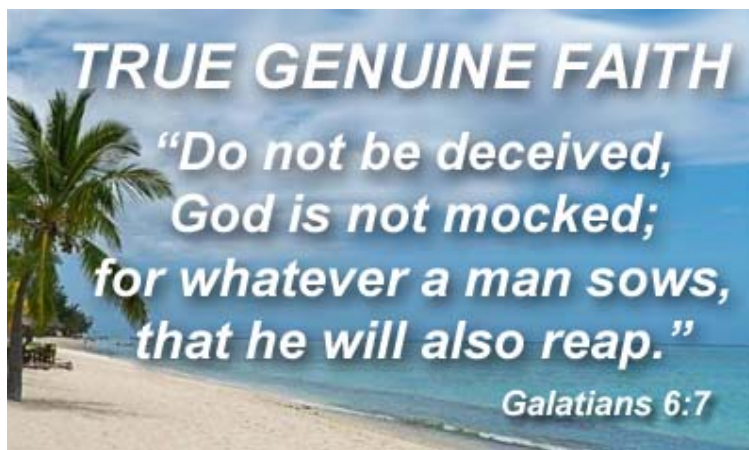
James 2:17, “Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

Therefore:

Psalms 139:23-24, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Lamentations 3:40, “Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.”

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How are we warned against being deceived by the world?

Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

2 Peter 3:17, "Beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked."

Why?

1 Peter 5:8, "Because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Matthew 24:24, "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

As such:

James 4:4, "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

What's more?

John 3:36, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"

1 Corinthians 16:13, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

Am I always on guard against the deceiving spirits of the world?

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