

## TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR SELF

2 Corinthians 13:5

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** There are countless people who went into eternity thinking all was well with them and God but were not. They lived and died under the false thinking that all was well when actually nothing was well. There are still people like that here today, living in "peace," confident that all is well between them and God. They are religious, outwardly righteous appearing, but inside their hearts, they are without the Lord Jesus and the wrath of God awaits them. If a person is not saved, then he/she is lost. One needs to make sure that he/she is saved, and not just religious.

### I. SAVING FAITH CONFESSES ONE'S TOTAL DEPRAVITY BEFORE GOD

1. *Psalm 51:3; Luke 18:13; Romans 7:18; 1 John 1:9*
2. Faith confesses:
  - the deed of sin
  - the nature of sin
  - the sinfulness of all deeds of personal righteousness.

### II. SAVING FAITH LOOKS TO THE BLOOD OF CHRIST ALONE FOR SALVATION

1. Saving faith sees everything it needs, everything God requires in the blood of Jesus Christ alone.
  - Redemption - *Ephesians 1:3-7*
  - Forgiveness - *Colossians 1:14*
  - Justification - *Romans 3:23-26*
  - Sanctification - *Hebrews 10:10-14*
  - Reconciliation - *Colossians 1:20-21*

### III. SAVING FAITH KNOWS THAT SALVATION IS BY GRACE ALONE

1. *Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Galatians 5:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:10*

### IV. SAVING FAITH WILLINGLY SUBMITS TO THE DOMINION OF JESUS CHRIST AS LORD

1. *Luke 14:25-33*
2. Faith gives up total control of one's life into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - *Mark 8:34-35*

### V. SAVING FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

1. Without Christ, good works gain nothing and the lack of good works prevents nothing, however in God's kingdom, faith which works by love means everything.
  - *Galatians 5:6*

### VI. SAVING FAITH IS INVOLVED IN CONSTANT BATTLE

1. The flesh and the Spirit are constantly at war within the believer's heart and the flesh never surrenders.
  - *Galatians 5:17; Romans 7:14-24*

## **VII. SAVING FAITH KEEPS TO THE END**

1. True faith just never quits nor fails.  
- *Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 10:38-39*

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Most people think that they are going to heaven some day however not everyone is actually prepared for that moment even if they think they are.
2. There is but only ONE way into God's heaven and that is God's way.  
- Belief in God's only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the ONLY way one can ever see eternal life in God's prepared heaven.
3. Faith is necessary and that involves the total person all the time.
4. God has done everything to get a person into heaven EXCEPT one thing and that is what each person has to do him/herself. Believe, have FAITH.
5. Where is YOUR faith? In What is YOUR faith?
6. Are you sure that when you die, you are going to heaven?