

## Now What?

Once a person becomes a Christian some very significant things happened to them. In our time today we are going to look at what happened to you spiritually at the moment that you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins.

**There are four significant spiritual events that happened to you at the moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins.**

**The first significant spiritual event that happened to you at the moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins is that you became a child of God.**

**The moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins you were born spiritually as a child of God.**

“<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”  
John 1:12–13 (NIV)

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“<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4–5 (NAS)

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“<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.”  
Galatians 4:6–7 (NAS)

**The second significant spiritual event that happened to you at the moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins is that you are part of the body of Christ.**

**The moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins you were baptized by the Holy Spirit and placed in the body of Christ.**

“<sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” 1 Corinthians 12:13

**Because you are a member of the body of Christ you have been given Spiritual Gifts to serve.**

“<sup>4</sup> Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup> If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:4–8

**The third significant spiritual event that happened to you at the moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins is that the Holy Spirit now lives in you.**

“<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.” John 7:37-39 (NIV)

**The fourth significant spiritual event that happened to you at the moment you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to pay for your sins is that the Holy Spirit has sealed you until the day of redemption.**

“<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30 (NIV)

**The outcome of these events is that a person who has truly placed their trust in Jesus Christ to pay for their sins now has a relationship with God that can never be ended.**

**You can never be separated from God.**

“<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father’s name speak for me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my

hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.'” John 10:25–30 (NIV)

“<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38–39 (NIV)

### **In God's eyes we are already living with him in heaven.**

“<sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,” Ephesians 2:6

### **God's power is protects our salvation all the way to the end.**

“<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3–5 (NIV)

### **God will not stop working in our lives until they end.**

“<sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

### **God will discipline his children but never disown them.**

“<sup>5</sup> And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” <sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:5–11 (NIV)