

## How does one become Saved? - (Multiple Choice Test)

A. **The Miraculous Christian.** They reach a crisis when hope is gone (depressed). Life is empty. Things they tried did not fulfill. Then by visions or unique experiences a miracle happens which they attribute to God's power. In gratitude, they look for ways to serve this Power they forgot and some call Him King Jesus. The king is now their miracle vending machine to dispense wellbeing and wealth as they deposit faith and giving.

B. **The Love Christian.** They are taught by word and example the loving heart of Christ: forgiveness, meekness and kindness. They fall in love with Jesus. Their excited heart now tries to imitate and follow Jesus. They talk about His lovingness to others, believing they might fall into loving Jesus too as love can change a heart. Christ's death is emphasized more as a proof of love for my worth (as a soldier who dies for a good friend) than God's redemptive-love for enemies. Their image of the Lord's heart might not fully align with His Scriptures but more to what they think love looks like – for love changes everything.

C. **The Discipled Christian.** They are stirred by a message of heaven and Jesus. They realize the Lord has been missing from their lives as they have messed things up. They now *give their life to Jesus* for help. They raise a hand or walk forward to show their commitment to follow the Lord's ways rather than living life their way. Bible study and Bible church become important to them to be a disciple of the Lord's principles for life.

D. **The Religious Christian.** They are often born into a formal religion. As a baby they get dedicated without choice. They consider the religion their identity as much as they do their citizenship. Its teaching, worship and traditions, even if not fully understood, are family heritage and so respected. Holy days of Christmas and Easter are identity symbols.

E. **The Cultured Christian.** Family taught them the history about Jesus being the Son of God, dying for sins, and rising again. They are church and schooled in all manners and morality of how to live like a Christian (**What Would Jesus Do**). Spirituality is an educated Christian. They learn Christian family values, verses, praying, books, movies and music that they equate as worship. Naturally, they identify culturally as Christian.

F. **The Political Christian.** Due to religious upbringing they are conservative. They respect the Bible as the moral example to the liberal mindset of free license. Their hope is to bring their nation under God's righteous law – equating that with making it Christian.

G. **The Born Again Christian.** They reach a point when they realize they are a sinner under God's deserved judgment. Their wicked heart is not good or righteous. Their only hope for life eternal is salvation, not religious laws or ethics. They see they are without strength and can't save themselves. They see by repentant faith that the Son of God *gave His life* for their sin's punishment and rose again as Lord of all. They trust the Lord Jesus

Christ and are then righteous and saved – by grace! The Spirit of *life* and *love* enters their forgiven (clean) heart to change them. By water baptism they show this new identity.

Some things in A-F might have value but the Bible book of **Romans** teaches “G” as God’s saving Gospel.