

The truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

We live in anxious times, people worrying about all manner of things.

Money
environment
War
Scams
Conspiracies

Where do you go to find peace?

The internet? YouTube. Facebook.
TV?
Family?
Friends?
Church?
Politicians
So called experts

We live in a time when there is very little information we can rely on.

It seems someone is always trying to scam us, trick us into believing something is true when it's not.

Jesus warned us of false Christs and false prophets, He repeatedly said do not be deceived.

So it's important to know our bible.

2Tim 4:-4

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Or should that be conspiracies?

Christians have their favourites, speakers, podcasts, etc. . . .Check what they say with scripture.

Learn your bible for for yourself.

The Holy spirit brings to remembrance scripture. . . To build your faith. . . To keep you steadfast.

How much quicker a problem or hurt or self damming thought can be dismissed and peace restored.

I know it's not easy
Too busy

Too tired
Don't understand it.

Try listening to Read the bible in a year Audio book.
Find an Interesting subject. Jesus is in most scripture.

Media are trying to corrupt God's word
Moral Standards have dropped.

Discover as much of God's word for yourself.
Meat not milk. No fluffy, or comfort blanket stuff.

If you know the truth you can make informed decisions.

Example:-

What is the mark of the beast.

Elim HQ had a panel of speakers discussing the Covid vaccine

What is the mark of the beast?

The mark of the beast has 4 main traits, if something doesn't have all four then it's not the mark.

1. Worship the beast and his image.
2. Mark, name or number of his name.
3. Received in the right hand or forehead.
4. Cannot buy or sell without it.

Worship

The antichrist wants the world to worship him and his image and he makes it hard for those who are not willing to worship him by forcing everyone to receive a mark.

Rev 14:9 *If any man **worship the beast and his image**, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God,*

Rev 14:11 ***who worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.*

*Rev. 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which **worshipped his image**.*

*Rev 19:20 With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and **worshipped its image**.*

*Rev 20:4 They had not **worshipped the beast or its image** and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.*

Mark, name or number of his name.

The mark could be a logo or emblem that is instantly recognisable as representing the beast's name or his system. His name, is obviously what he wants to be called, this might be only used when worship is required. The number of his name is taking his name in Hebrew or Greek and using gematria ie. using the numeric value of each letter and adding it together to get the sum of 666.

Received in the hand or forehead

Notice the mark has to be in or on the right hand or the forehead.

Rev 13:16-17 And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Cannot buy or sell

If you don't have the mark or the name or the number of his name, you cannot buy anything and it will be illegally to sell anything.

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Conclusion

So the mark of the beast has to be all four signs together, the antichrist has to be revealed, worshiped and the acceptance of his mark or the name or the number of his name in the right hand or forehead and no one can buy or sell.

Revealed
Worshiped
Except his mark
Can't buy or sell

You can't accidentally take the mark and worship someone without knowing.

The vaccine

Let's test the COVID 19 vaccine against what we know about the mark.

The Antichrist has not been revealed yet. You can't worship an unknown.

We are not asked to worship anyone.

There is no mark representing the antichrist's name or number of his name,

The Vaccine is in the upper arm.

We've not been told, get the Vaccine, or you can't buy or sell.

So the vaccine is NOT the mark of the beast.

Being sure of your salvation

How did you get saved?

This scripture says it all.

Rom. 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom. 8:31

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

The bible tells us we were known of God before the world was created, that He would choose us and call us to Himself to be brothers and sisters of His son Jesus. But not only this He would fashion us to be like Him, forgive our sin to make us righteous in His sight, give us the free gift of eternal life, promise to keep us and seal us (Pay a deposit) with the Holy Spirit as a promise to redeem us (Pay in full), then for those who are still alive at His coming, in the twinkling of an eye our bodies will be changed to be like His glorious body and we would dwell with Him forever. And He would accomplish all this through the sacrifice of His son for our own and Adam's sin.

It's not about you

Not about what you've done,

Your Good deeds

Reading your bible, Brownie points

Attending church,

Gifting

You're not helping Jesus to save you.

He has and continues to do it all.

There is nothing you can do to save yourself.

God calls/chooses us

Eph. 1:4

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.

1Cor 1:8

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

2Tim 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

God will keep us

Phil 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Jude 24

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Heb 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Heb. 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

A Gift of God

Grace:-God's unmerited favour. It is kindness from God that we don't deserve.

Eph 2:8

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Eph 2:5

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Grace is:- The unmerited gift of salvation from God to the undeserving.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Not of works

ESV Rom 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

ESV Rom 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

Explain:-

If you work for someone you expect to be paid for doing the job. It is due to you. That is not a gift.

ESV Rom 11:6

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Heb 7:19

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw near unto God.

What happens when you ask Jesus to be your saviour?

You become a son/daughter of God.

John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

You become a new creature, old things are passed away, everything is new.

2Cor. 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

You are no longer under the judgement of God.

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

You have the gift of eternal life, you have been made perfect.

John 10:28

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of your redemption.

Eph. 1:13b

In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

2Cor. 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. (Earnest = a pledge, i.e. a deposit given in advance as security for the rest:)

2Cor 5:5

Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Eph. 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (Redemption = Payment in full)

You will be kept safe in Jesus by God.

1Peter 1:5

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Cor 1:8

He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb 10:14

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy

Jesus will give you peace so you will not be afraid or troubled in your heart.

John 14 :27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

How we should live our lives

Things we should do

We should continue always to believe in Jesus.

John 6:28

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Rom. 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Let the world see Jesus in you by how you treat others and serve God with all that you can do.

Do the good works that God has prepared for us beforehand.

Eph 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Abide in Jesus so you can bare fruit.

John 15:4

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. See below Abide.

Abide 1 John 3:22

and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is **HIS** commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Gal 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Love the other brothers and sisters of Christ.

John 15:12

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Meet with other members of the church.

Heb. 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

These are not good works unto salvation, Jesus has done that for us.

Things we should not do.

Gal 5:19-

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Col. 3:8

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (Be mindful for what you say)

How do you know you're saved?

We know we are saved because we love our fellow Christians.

The Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit.

Rom. 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

1John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

1John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

Will many be saved

Luke 13:23

Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved?

Luke 13:24

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

Matt. 7:13

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matt. 7:21

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

John 6:40

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Matt 13:37

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

At first it seems very few will be saved, but read the following verse.

Rev. 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

A 1000 years

2Pet. 3:8

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Psa. 90:4

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Isa. 46:10

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure

This puts God outside of time, He can see through all eternity.

That means He knew us before the world was made, He knew we would become His children, He knew we would keep the course till Jesus comes to collect us. He maybe be able, *right now*, to enjoy those that are saved after the judgement and the world has been remade and we live with Him forever in glory and peace.

Worry not our salvation is eternally secure. It's a done thing!