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- Have you determined to rest your entire hope of eternity *solely* upon the Lord Jesus Christ; looking to Him as the One who bore the punishment for your sin and rose from the dead?
- Have you willingly laid your life down and bowed your heart before Jesus Christ, the exalted Lord and Master of all?
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- Is the earnest and yearning desire of your heart to live righteously and to honor the Lord? Do you hate the presence of sin in your life?
- Since the time of your professed conversion, has there been a steady pattern of growth and continuance in the faith?

If this is not you, you are *not* a Christian. If this is not you, you are headed towards an eternity in the lake of fire. That is what you deserve. You have sinned against Holy God. Your only hope is in Jesus. If you will be saved, you must repent and surrender your life to Him in faith. You must bow before the Lord Jesus Christ. If you pridefully reject the Salvation that was purchased through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will die in your sins.

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KNOWLEDGE

A certain amount of knowledge is required before a person can and will savingly trust in the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 10:14-17). You may not understand everything (*you won't*); however, as you are instructed, you can not deny any of it. Answer honestly—your eternal destiny is in consideration. Check all that you can answer "Yes" to. Here goes:

- Do you believe that God created mankind for His glory and pleasure?
- Do you believe that mankind, because of willful sin, has become the enemy of God?
- Do you believe that mankind is deservedly under the pronounced wrath and judgment of Holy God?

- Do you believe that *you* are deserving of that judgment?
- Do you believe that apart from intervention by God that mankind is hopeless and unable to do anything to reconcile themselves to Him?
- Do you believe that apart from God's grace mankind is destined to be cast into the eternal lake of fire?
- Do you believe that Jesus is God the Son?
- Do you believe that Jesus entered this world being born of a virgin and conceived of God the Holy Spirit?
- Do you believe that Jesus lived a sinless life?
- Do you believe that when Jesus suffered and died upon the cross that He was being punished by God in the place of sinful mankind?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ was raised bodily from the dead by the power of God?

- Do you believe that your only hope of forgiveness of sin and reconciliation to God rests completely upon the finished work of Jesus Christ?
- Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has ascended to Heaven and has taken His place upon His throne as Lord of all?
- Do you believe that those who truly trust in the Lord Jesus Christ receive His Holy Spirit?

You may not understand all of these things; however, if you read these truths and find yourself repulsed and thinking "that's not *my* God" - I am not going to argue with you. I will tell you; however, that *your* "god" is not the God of the Bible. And since your god is not the only true and Living God, he can not give salvation. You are *not* a Christian.

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