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At that Church you went to (are going to) did anyone ever take the time to show you from the Bible how you could know for sure you are saved and going to heaven when you die? Could I show you right now, with just a few verses, out of this 400 year old English Bible how you could know that? John 3:16-18, 36 says God loved, and God gave, and if you believe what he did for you, you can be saved and have (present tense) everlasting life. God wrote out what you need to believe about his Only Begotten Son in what we call the Roman's Road. First, Romans 3:10, 23 says ALL have sinned, ALL come short. Romans 5:8 says while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; He died in our place. Verse 12 tells how we got like this, we are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. Now verse 18 shows that Adam brought us into condemnation, and only one man, Christ Jesus, can bring us out. Look here at Romans 6:23. Eternal death looms over us because of sin, but God, because he loves us, offers a gift. A gift has a giver and a receiver. The receiver does not pay for the gift, does not purchase the gift, and does not work for the gift; that's why its a gift. The giver has purchased the gift are a great price, all the receiver has to do is accept the gift, no strings attached. But the gift may be turned down. One could say to the giver, "I'll not accept this gift from you." The thing about salvation is, there is a formal method for accepting and receiving God's gift. Religions tell us we must work, be good, do penance, attend church, build karma, or change our life to deserve salvation, but look in Romans 10:9-13 what God says you must do to receive his gift, and look too, who all can receive it. Would you pray right now and accept God's gift? That is all it takes to receive eternal life. You could show this Roman's Road to your neighbor and lives would change. An Essay for week #34 Aug 20, 2017 Msg in audio at www.GSBaptist

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