



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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This is one of the greatest of all questions! It was asked of Paul by a jailer in Acts 16:30. No doubt, it has been asked by many people down through the ages. Countless others may have pondered its meaning in their hearts and minds without ever expressing it verbally. The Bible gives the full answer to this question. The purpose of this brochure is to offer basic Bible facts about this subject.

When Paul answered the Philippian jailer, he said: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” It was a simple answer which the jailer believed, and he was saved. God never intended for the message of salvation to be complicated. Great things can be simple, and there is nothing greater than the knowledge of one’s salvation. The message of how to get it is so simple that we can all understand it.

Reading through the pages of the Bible one can find easily and often the subject of being saved. It occurs throughout the Scriptures, and some of the simple rules to follow are included in this brochure. Not all Scripture pertaining to this subject is included, but there is enough to help one find the Lord and be saved.

1. Hear The Word – Hearing the Word, and hearing it properly, is important. One can “hear” by reading the Scriptures or by hearing them taught or preached. Someone other than a minister may explain the message of salvation. Regardless of how the message is communicated, God honors His word, and it will never return to Him void.

Of all the wonderful things one may learn from the Bible, nothing is more gratifying than to understand that God loves us, and wants us to be saved. Provision has been made by Jesus Christ to include everyone in His kingdom, and that inclusion is realized simply by our asking Him to save us and then believing that He has saved us.

Jesus taught, “He that heareth My word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” John 5:24. “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.” Matthew 7:24. “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” James 1:22.

2. Believe The Word And Act Upon Its Teachings – Believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He is the only Savior and that He is anxious to save everyone. He died for us all. Paul in Hebrews 11:6 says, “He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” In 1 John 2:2 we read, “And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” In Acts 4:12 Peter stated, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”

3. Repent Of All Sin In Your Life – Repentance is a basic part of the salvation message. There is no substitute for repentance. It means: “To turn, to have another mind.” It indicates expressing a Godly sorrow for our sins. The need to repent is realized when the Holy Spirit moves upon the human heart and creates in us a desire to change and to

follow Christ. Jesus taught us that: “No man can come to him except the Father draw him.” In Romans 8:9, Paul states, “If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” The Holy Spirit begins work in our hearts when we hear the word of the Lord and He makes our hearts sensitive to the message of salvation.

Jesus taught and preached repentance from the beginning of His ministry. John the Baptist preached it, too. In fact, the Bible is full of such references. Mankind needs to repent, turn to God, and confess all our sins to Him. Confession of sins is a private dialogue between man and his Savior, Jesus Christ. No person, church, or mediator belongs in this private dialogue. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9.

4. Ask Jesus Christ To Come Into Your Life And Be Both Savior And Lord – Not only is Jesus Christ the only Savior of mankind, he is Master and Lord of the universe and is the creator of all things. He must become both Savior and Lord to the person who wishes to follow Him. Matthew 16:24.

The invitation for Jesus Christ to live in one’s life must be made by the individual. No other person can make that decision for you. It is clear, from the teachings of the scriptures that everyone can be saved and that God wants everyone to be saved. This is what John 3:16 tells us, “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.”

5. Confess To Others That Jesus Christ Is Your Savior And Lord – In Romans 10:10, Paul says, “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” It is exciting to be saved and exciting to share one’s faith with others.

6. Unite With A Bible Believing Church Which Believes And Teaches All The Bible – When uniting with a local church body, one should bear in mind that the local church is only a part of the total body of believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Regardless of claims and teachings of selfish persuasions, no church body is singled out by God as being the ONLY one. God’s people are God’s people wherever they worship and Jesus told us, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24. After much prayer and soul searching, unite with the church of your choice. Be faithful to attend services, and be a diligent church worker. God will bless you for it.

7. Be Baptized In Water – Water baptism is taught in the scriptures and every believer should be baptized in water, if possible. Matthew 3:1-17; Matthew 28:19. The ordinance, ‘baptism’, is coupled along with repentance in many places in the Bible. In some places it is not, but there is strong support in the scriptures that believers should be baptized. Baptism shows clearly the symbolism of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It’s inspiring to follow the Lord in this wonderful experience.

8. Follow Jesus Christ Daily – A daily walk with Jesus Christ is important. Every believer will do well to read a portion of the Bible every day. There can be no substitute for a healthy spiritual diet of Bible reading. Prayer is a must, too. Start daily prayer by thanking God for His love and goodness and then present your request to Him.

There is much more in the Bible about what one must do to be saved, but the heart of this brochure contains the basic Scriptures which will lead one to being born again and then toward a progressive walk with our Savior. If you have never been saved or would

like to be saved today, why not ask Christ to come into your life now? He will forgive your sins when you ask Him and you will experience a new life in our Lord.

The Lord Jesus Christ wants us all to be in His kingdom, both now and in the hereafter. There are no exceptions. None is excluded. Today, if you have not already done so, please come to Him and be saved. You will be glad that you did.

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