

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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THESIS: To show what a person needs to do in order to be saved.

INTRODUCTION

1. Every human being has asked or will ask “what must I do” at a point in time. It is a common question which we ask ourselves or people in relation to our jobs, marriages, businesses, parenting, education, career, etc.
 1. We asked such questions when we are not sure of what need to be done.
 2. We ask our doctors, counselors/attorneys, professors, etc. “what must we do” with all readiness and sincerity to do exactly what they tell us to do.
2. It is in this same spirit, that I implore you to reason from the scriptures with me as we ask a similar but the most important question What Must I Do to Be Saved? This question has been asked specifically three times in the Bible;
 - a. The Jews asked Peter and the rest of the apostles on the Pentecost day (Acts 2:37).
 - b. Saul (Paul) asked Jesus upon his encounter with Christ (Acts 9:6)
 - c. The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas (Acts 16:30)
3. In this lesson I will share with you three main things;
 - I. **WRONG MAN-MADE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION**
 - II. **CORRECT BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION**
 - III. **BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF CONVERSIONS TO SALVATION**

DISCUSSION

I. **WRONG MAN-MADE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION**

A. **Offering of the sinner prayer**

1. The denominational world believes that confessing of one’s sin in a prayer will make that person a born again.
2. They quote; “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:10)
 - a. The interpretation given to this passage does not agree with multiple passages of the scriptures.
 - b. Example God does not hear the prayers of a sinner (Isa 59:1-2, John 9:31)

c. Is God the author of confusion that He may give different means by which a person could be saved?

B. The practice of infant of baptism

1. This is a practice where babies are “baptized” by pouring or sprinkling
2. The origin of this practice is the results of John Calvin’s doctrine of total depravity and the Adamic/original sin.
 - a. These false teachings suggest that after the fall of man, every person born into the world is enslaved to the service of sin.
 - b. This false man-made teaching has no biblical basis and it is contradictory.
3. The Bible teaches that children will not bear the iniquities of their parents, how then would they bear the sin of Adam? (Ezek. 18:20)

C. The believe of Living a righteous life.

1. Several religions believe in the teaching that righteousness is all what a person needs to be saved.
2. This teaches ignore grace and the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. However, the power of God to save is in the Gospel of Christ Jesus (Rom. 1:16-17).
4. For There is no name under heaven by which a man can be saved. (Acts 4:12)
5. We are saved by Grace through obedience to the gospel and godly living (Titus 2:11-14)

II. CORRECT BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION

These can be referred to us God’s plan of salvation (or steps to salvation).

A. Man Must Hear and know what God has done in order to bring humanity salvation

1. Jesus came into this world to other Himself as a propitiation for man’s sin.
 - a. That, God has showed His love toward us through the atonement of Jesus’ blood for our sins (John 3:14-18, Rom. 3:24-26)
 - b. That God will set us free and give us rest (John 8:34-36, Matthew 11:28-30)
 - c. That Jesus has died for us and pay our debt which we could never pay (1 Pet 1:18-19)
2. Jesus’s Sacrifice reveals the Power of God to Save and the weakness of sin to withhold man
 - a. The form of doctrine that can save us was delivered to us.
 - b. It is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16-17)
 - c. It makes us children of God (Gal. 3:26-27, Gal. 4:6-7)
 - d. It reconciles mankind to God (Col. 1:19-23)
 - e. It cleanses us from sin and creates us anew (2 Cor. 5:17-19)

3. We must hear this glad tiding for Faith comes by hearing this message (Rom. 10:17)

B. Man Must Believe (Trust) in Jesus Christ

1. As the Son of God whom the Father sent because He loved us (John 3:16-18)
 - a. Believe that while we were still sinners God sent His Son to die on the cross for cleansing (Rom. 5:6-18)
 - b. Believe the gospel message or perish with the world (John 8:24)
2. As the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) offered by God for sins (1 John 4:9-10)
3. Whose blood provides redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7)
4. The Samaritans confessed that they believed Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world (John 4:42)
5. Paul declared the gospel by which they will be saved, unless they believed in vain. What he preached was Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and appearances. (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)
6. Man must trust in Jesus and His sacrificial death for our salvation
7. The Jews believed for when they heard Peter the apostle, they were cut to the heart (Acts 2:37).

C. Man Must Repent from his sins

1. On the day of Pentecost, Peter declared to the believers to repent (Acts 2:38)
2. For Jesus is coming to judge the world (Acts 17:30-31)
3. Repentance is turning from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God (Acts 26:18)
4. If we don't repent, we shall otherwise perish (Luke 13:3)
5. A decision needs to be made to turn from our sins to serve the living God.
6. This is the time to repent that your sins may be blotted away (Acts 3:19)

D. Man Must Confess Jesus Christ as Lord

1. Man must confess his faith in the Lord (Acts 8:37)
2. If we want Jesus to confess us before His Father in heaven (Matt. 10:32-33)
3. If we want to receive the salvation that Jesus offers (Rom 10:9-10)
4. Confess to acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

E. Man Must Be Baptized

1. Baptism is immersion in water
 - a. Jesus was immersed for our example (Matt. 3:13-16)
 - b. Jesus taught that to be born again one needs to be immersed (John 3:3-5)
 - c. The apostles and the early church practiced immersion (Acts 8:38,39)
2. Baptism saves (Mark 16:16, 1 Pet 3:21)
3. The baptized receives the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
4. Baptism is done to be raised up with Christ from death to newness of life (Rom. 6:3-7)
5. The baptized are added to the church (Act 2:47,

F. Man Must continue to be Faithful to God in His church

1. Continue to learn from all that Jesus has commanded and obey (Matt 28:19-20)
2. Imitate Christ as our Mentor (Luke 6:40, 1 Cor. 11:1)
3. Continue steadfastly with the brethren (Acts 2:41-47, Eph. 5:23)
4. Remain faithful to Him even to the point of death (Rev. 2:10)

III. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF CONVERSIONS TO SALVATION

These are some of the examples Conversions in the bible as recorded in the Acts of the apostles.

- A. The Jews in Jerusalem on the Pentecost (Acts 2:36-41)
- B. The Samaritans (Acts 8:4-13)
- C. The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-39)
- D. Saul also called Paul (Acts 9:1-18, 22:16)
- E. The household of Cornelius (Acts 10:22-48)
- F. The Philippian jailer (Acts 25-33)
- G. The 12 disciples at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-7)

CONCLUSION

1. The world has its own man-made way of washing God. But that day Jesus will deny them (Matt. 7:21-23)
2. The Lord will return for His own, to whom He has promised to go and prepare a place for them in Heaven (John 14:1-6)
3. Why don't you follow the steps to salvation to join the saved?