

GOSPEL CAMPAIGN

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? SIN AND PLAN OF SALVATION

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GREETINGS

Good Evening to the multitude of people listening to us in Ghana and across the Globe! May The Peace of God be with you ALL!

We bring you the peace of our Lord Jesus and express our gratitude to everyone who has made it possible for the start of this Great Gospel Campaign for Christ!

Today is the 1st Day of our 6-Days Gospel Campaign Program. This Preaching Program will be on your radio from today till Saturday, each evening 7pm GMT!

Our subject is **What Must I Do To Be Saved? Focus:** God's Plan of Saving Man from Sin.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY AND OUR PLEA

Today we are discussing the topic: **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Areas:

- The coming Wrath of God and the Sinful State of Mankind
- The Problem of Sin and the Sinful Heart of Man
- The Various Types of Sin
- Effects of Sin and the condition of the Sinner
- The Gospel message and the Power of It
- The Steps To Salvation That We must take to be Saved

OUR PLEA

We plead with you **Not** to be like the Jews in Jeremiahs time, who were not ready to study and to know the old path of salvation. **Jer. 6:15-16**

But you would rather be like the Bereans, who will listen, take notes and will later cross check whether the message is true. **Acts 17:11**

NOW TODAY'S MESSAGE:

INTRODUCTION

Every person whether small or big, rich or poor, learned or unschooled, male or female wishes to leave forever. However we all know that leaving forever in this world is not possible.

➤ THE COMING WRATH OF GOD AND THE STATE OF MANKIND

It is for that reason that people are curious as to what will happen to us after we die. The scriptures give us a little picture that; **It Is Appointed Unto Man To Die Once, After That Judgment. (Heb. 9:27),**

Again, the scriptures pointed out that; **We Shall All Appear Before The Judgment Seat of Christ to Render Account on What We Did in The Flesh. (2 Cor. 5:10).**

Owing to this, it has become everyone's effort to know what to do in order to be saved from the **wrath that is coming. (Matt. 3:7-8).** Therefore today we want to share with you from the Bible; **What We Must Do To Be Saved** from the wrath to come.

But Before We get to know that, We must know **The State of Our Affairs.** What is our state? How do we look like before God? We have All Sinned and Fall Short of God's Glory. **Rom. 3:23. Rom. 2:5-8, Col. 3:5-6**

➤ THE PROBLEM OF SIN AND THE SINFUL HEART OF MAN

THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Sin from the days of Adam entered the world. Through sin, God took away the tree of life from mankind. **Gen. 3:22-24**

Yes, through Adam sin entered the world, but we are not sinful people because of Adam's sin, we are sinful because; **"Individually" we have indulged in sin!** Because of;

➤ BIBLE DEFINITION OF SIN

- i. **LAWLESSNESS (GK. Anomia):** We have transgressed the laws of God.

1 John 3:4, Gen. 3:3-6, Num. 3:4

- ii. **WRONG DOING/UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (GK. Adikia):** All the unrighteousness we have done are sinful. **1 John 5:17**
- iii. **FAILURE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT:** We knew what was right and yet did not do. **James 4:17**

For these are things that have made us gone astray like sheep! **Isaiah 53:6**

These are the reasons why God will judge us individually and not because of Adam, or Our Parents sins, for the Soul that sin, the same shall die! **Ezek. 18:20-23**

THE SINFUL HEART OF MAN (ROOT OF ALL SIN)

Beloved, our hearts are darkened; We sin with no fears, we commit disgraceful things that cannot be mentioned. We do all of them because our hearts are full of sinful thoughts.

Rom.3:9-18 (The heart: Jer. 17:9)

Nowadays, the sins we commit are uncountable and so abominable.

➤ THE VARIOUS TYPES OF SIN

ALL SINS COULD BE SEEN OR LIKENED TO THE LIST AT Rom. 1:22-32. Which can be categorized as: Sexual Sins, Religious Sins, and Other Moral Sins (All Immoral)

I. SEXUAL SINS: 1 Cor. 6:18, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Matt. 5:27-30

This refers to all sexual related sins which are abominable before the Lord!

Flee Fornication is the Warning the Scriptures give to all!

All kinds of sexual sins: Cohabitation, Adultery, Fornication, Homosexuality, Pornography, Masturbation, etc

II. RELIGIOUS SINS

These are the sins we commit as we try worshipping God but not according to His Command in the New Testament.

a. Idolatry; Statues (ie. Mary, Cross, etc), Calendars, Stickers, Wrist Bands, etc

OT. (Exodus 20:3-6), NT. (Acts 17:28-30, 1 Thess. 1:9-10, 1 John 5:21);

NOTE: The Foolishness of Idolatry – Is. 44:13-14, 17-19

b. Following False Prophets, False Teachings and man-made Doctrines.

Matt. 15:7-9, 13-14; Matt 7:21-23, 2 Tim. 6:3-5

c. Disobedience to the commands and Teachings of Christ.

2 John 1:8-9, 1 John 5:11-13, 1 Pet. 4:11

III. OTHER IMMORALS

a. Hatred and Murder etc. **Gal. 5:19-21**

b. Drunkenness and other intoxications. **Prov. 23:29-35**

c. Shameful Dressing - **I Tim. 2:9-10**

d. Gambling or Lottery, Envy, Gossips, Revenge and other many sins we can't talk of today.

IV. THOSE WHO PRAISE AND APPROVE SUCH SINFUL ACTS. Rom. 1:18, 29-32

God will not judge only those who practiced those sinful acts, but those who applauded them and energized them to continue in those sins.

This sin includes those who have been saying: "Thou shall not Judge" where they actually mean, don't preach or speak against my wrong doings. **"FREEDOM OF LIFE MOVEMENT"**

➤ EFFECTS OF SIN AND THE CONDITION OF THE SINNER

EFFECTS OF SIN

i. The wages of sin is death. **Rom. 6:23**

ii. It separates man from God and His kingdom. **Isa. 59:1-, I Cor.6:9**

iii. Physical effects

- Health problems: HIV, Cancer, Heart attack etc.

- Financial Problems etc.

CONDITION OF THE SINNER

Dead (Eph. 2:1-2),
Lost (Luke 19:10),
Slave (John 8:34, Rom. 7:14),
Blind in the Dark (Eph. 4:18),
Debtor (Rom. 14:12),
Rebel (Rom. 8:7-8)

➤ **THE GOSPEL MESSAGE**

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Because of the effects of sin and its consequences, God had mercy on us and **By Grace He sent Jesus to die for us**. Jesus died, was buried and He was raised the third day for our redemption. **1 Cor. 15:1-4, Luke 24:46-47**

➤ **GOD HAS FINISHED HIS PART**

God sacrificed His Son for the propitiation of our sins! He demonstrated His love by laying our sins on Christ Jesus! **Rom. 5:6-11**

God has then finished His part by Sacrificing Jesus on the cross, and calling us to come in freely! He has completed the work on our salvation. **Matt. 22:4-7**

➤ **JESUS IS THE WAY, THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION**

Everyone hearing me tonight must understand that Jesus is the only WAY to Heaven!

❖ **ALL PEOPLE MUST KNOW: That Without Jesus you have no salvation and eternal life!**

- Jesus is the way, the only way! – **John 14:6**
- Because **NO** name can save except **The Name JESUS!** – **Acts 4:10-12**
- Jesus is **THE LORD AND HIS NAME** is above all – **Phil. 2:8-13** (..v 11)

This is the only way, if you ignore Him, you will miss heaven.

❖ **Traditional people MUST know Jesus to be saved!**

If anyone had life, you would have known by now! Okomfo Anokye, Kwaku Firi, etc.

❖ **Islamic (Moslem) People MUST know and Obey Jesus:**

The **Quran** talks about Jesus so much and call Moslems to Obey Him!

- **Qur'an 19:20-22** - Jesus was born of a virgin (**Luke 1:26-32**)
- **Qur'an 3:49** - Jesus can create and give life (**John 14:6**)
- **Qur'an 4:171** – Messiah, Word & Spirit (**John 1:1-4, 41-42**)
- **Qur'an 3:45; 43:61** – Jesus Will come again (**John 14:1-5**)

God sacrificed Jesus for all irrespective of your Sins!

➤ **THAT IS THE GOSPEL (Good News) THAT EVERYONE MUST KNOW....**

Because of Our Sins Jesus Came:

- That he might bring light to us. **John 8:12, 12:45**
- That He will bring us back to life, even the tree of life: **Rev. 22:12-14**
- That He will let us pass over death to life. **Rom. 8:1, John 5:24-29**
- That, God will show His love toward us and Atone for our Sins. **John 3:14-18, Rom. 3:24-26**
- That He will set us free and give us Rest. **John 8:34-36, Matthew 11:28-30**
- That He will die for us and pay our debt

➤ **THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL**

- It is the power of God unto salvation - **Rom. 1:16**
- It makes us children of God – **Gal. 3:26-27, Gal. 4:6-7**
- It reconciles mankind to God. **Col. 1:19-23,**
- It cleanses us from sin and creates us anew. - **2 Cor. 5:17-19**

➤ **WHAT THEN MUST WE DO TO BE SAVED?**

Having heard the grace of our God by bringing the Christ to suffer for us, what should we do that we might benefit from His (Jesus') sacrifice? **WHAT MUST I DO?**

Nicodemus supposedly "asked" Jesus, the same question; **John 3:2-7**

The Jews on the Pentecost Day – **Acts 2:36-37**

The **Philippian jailer** asked the same about **2000 years ago!** **Acts 16:30-33**

ANSWER:

➤ **FOLLOW THE STEPS UNTO SALVATION FOR ALL MANKIND**

1. HEAR THE GOSPEL

Listen to the sound teachings of Christ! **Rom. 10:14, 16-17**

2. BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus died for you as you have heard. **John 8:24, Mark 16:15-16**

What if they do not believe? **Rom. 3:3-4**

3. REPENT

What should we do? The Jews asked! Peter said **Repent** from your past sins **Acts 2:36-38,**

Repentance from adulterous marriages, Cohabitation, and all sins! **Be a disciple! Matt. 28:18-20, Luke 24:46-47**

Turn from your wickedness and Disobedience **Acts 3:18-20**

Don't just believe, because **Satan even believes!** **James 2:19-20**

4. CONFESS

Confess that Jesus is the son of God **Acts 8:36-37,**

People do not want to confess Jesus publicly. **John 12:42-48 (cf. Matt. 10:32-33)**

5. BAPTIZE

- ✓ **Be Baptized:** Immersed once in water; **Mark 16:15-16**
- ✓ **The Greek Word for Baptism is Baptimal (verb: Baptizo) – Immerse, Submerge**
- ✓ **The GK word for; Sprinkle is “Rhantizo”, Pour is “Cheo” – To Pour or Sprinkle**
- ✓ **When and Who?- When One has been preached to and believed! He who believes!**
- ✓ **How, where, and types: Immersion in water! River, Sea, Lake, Pool?**

Check or NOTE THESE EXAMPLES OF BAPTISM:

Jesus - **Matt. 3:13-16,**

Nicodemus - **John 3:1-5;**

Ethiopian Eunuch- **Acts 8:38-39,**

Romans - **Rom 6:1-4**

The scripture does not describe the nature of water for baptism, but only the quantity. **John 3:22-26**

- ✓ **Remember that baptism saves**
- Jesus said so. **Mark 16:15-16**
- The Holy Spirit through:
- Paul said so. **Gal. 3:26-27**
- Peter said so. **Acts 2:37-41, 47, 1Pet. 3:21**
- Philip said so. **Acts 8:10-14, 36-39**
- Ananias said so. **Acts 22:16**

NB-ONE: Children (Infants) are not part because they can't follow the steps to salvation! They don't need baptism. **Matt 18:2-3**

NB-TWO: What about the thief on the cross? No one can say He didn't baptize! If No, Why and how did you know? (cf. **John 3:22-26**)

6. LIVE FAITHFULLY IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST – Rev. 2:10

After baptism what next?;

- Stay in the church of the saved. **Acts 2:47**
- The church Jesus purchased with His blood. **Acts 20:28**
- WHAT CHURCH IS THAT?
Since we have several different churches in our world today?

TOMORROW WE SHALL DISCUSS THAT!

➤ **CONCLUSION**

Now you have heard the truth that you deserve, God is not going to overlook your sins any longer! **Acts 17:30-33**, He who has ears let Him Listen! **Rev. 3:13**

➤ **QUESTIONS TIME!**