

“What Must I Do to Be Saved?”

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- Understand that the safety of our souls is at stake. Our salvation, not our personal comfort is our priority this day.
- Study the scriptures carefully; some examples give only a general summary of what occurred; others provide specific details
- Please do not be satisfied with what you think you know; study this matter honestly and diligently.

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- Quite often the New Testament uses a figure of speech called a synecdoche in which a term for a part of something refers to the whole
- Or a metonymy which is the substitution of the name of an attribute or adjunct for that of the thing meant; for example, suit for business executive, the pen for the written word, or the sword for military force.

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- The Jews on the Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:14-41
 - “...God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ” (v. 36).
 - “...when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (v. 37).
 - “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (v. 38).
 - “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized” (v. 41).

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- Other Jews in Jerusalem - Acts 3:1 - 4:4
 - “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” (3:19).
 - “...God raised up ... Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning you away from your iniquities” (3:26).
 - “... and the number of the men who believed came to be about five thousand” (4:4).

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- Still more Jews in Jerusalem - Acts 5:14
 - “And believers were increasingly added to the Lord...” (v. 14).
 - This happened in spite of the recent punishment of Ananias and Sapphira (v. 1).
- Priests and others were converted - Acts 6:1-7
 - “Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying...” (v. 1).
 - “...the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...” (v. 7).

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- The people of Samaria, including Simon the Sorcerer - Acts 8:5-13
 - “But when they believed Philip as he preached..., both men and women were baptized.” (vv. 12-13)
 - “Simon also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip...” (vv. 12-13).

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- The Ethiopian eunuch - Acts 8:26-40
 - Philip “preached Jesus to him” (v. 35).
 - “...the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’”
 - Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.”
 - The eunuch answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (v. 36-37).
 - “Both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him” (v. 38).
 - The eunuch “went on his way rejoicing” (v. 39)

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- Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9, 22, 26
 - Saul believed in Jesus after the Lord spoke to him on the road to Damascus.
 - He manifested repentance by asking, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” (9:6).
 - Ananias said to Saul: “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (22:16).
 - “And he arose and was baptized” (Acts 9:18).

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- The people of Lydda and Sharon - Acts 9:32-35
 - “So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord” (v. 35).
- The people of Joppa - Acts 9:36-43
 - “And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord” (Acts 9:42).

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- Cornelius and his household - Acts 10:1 - 11:18
 - “Send... for Peter..., who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved”
 - “Whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins” (10:43).
 - “Then God has also granted the Gentiles repentance to life” (11:18).
 - “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit...?”
 - “He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord” (10:48).

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- Gentiles in Antioch of Syria - Acts 11:19-24
 - “A great number believed and turned to the Lord” (v. 21).
 - “A great many people were added to the Lord” (v. 24).
- Sergius Paulus - Acts 13:6-12
 - “This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God” (v. 7).
 - “...the proconsul believed... being astonished at the teaching of the Lord” (v. 12).

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- The Gentiles in Antioch Pisidia - Acts 13:42-52
 - “Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.”
 - “And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed” (v. 48).
 - Jews and Gentiles in Iconium - Acts 14:1
 - “...and so spoke that a great multitude of the Jews and of the Greeks believed” (v. 1).

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- People in Derbe - Acts 14:20-21
 - “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples...”
- Lydia and her household - Acts 16:11-15
 - “The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul” (v. 14).
 - “... when she and her household were baptized...she begged us, saying... come to my house and stay’” (v. 15)

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- The Philippian jailer and his household - Acts 16:25-34
 - He asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (v. 30).
 - “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household” (v. 31).
 - “Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house” (v. 32).
 - “And immediately he and all his family were baptized” (v. 33).
 - “...he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household” (v. 34)

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- The Jews and Gentiles in Thessalonica - Acts 17:1-4; 1Thes. 1:5-10, 2:13
 - “Paul...reasoned with them from the Scriptures” (v. 2).
 - “And some of them (Jews) were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks...
 - “...and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas” (v. 4).
 - “They turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God...” (1Thes. 1:9-10).
 - “...you welcomed it, not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God...” (1Thes. 2:13).

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- The Jews and Gentiles in Berea (Acts 17:10-12)
 - “...they... searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so (v. 11).
 - “Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks...” (v. 12).
- A few of the Gentiles in Athens - Acts 17:22-34
 - “These times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men... to repent” (v. 30).
 - “Some men joined him and believed ... among them, a woman named Damaris, and others with them” (v. 34)

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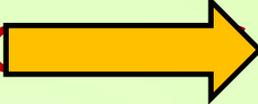
- Crispus and other Corinthians - Acts 18:1-8
 - “Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household...”
 - “...many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized” (v. 8)
- The twelve men in Ephesus - Acts 19:1-7
 - These men had only been baptized into John’s baptism.
 - “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (v. 6).

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- Some of the Jews at Rome - Acts 28:23-24
 - “...many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets” (v. 23).
 - And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken” (v. 24).

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Eunuch Acts 8:35-38	BELIEVED		CONFESS	BAPTIZED	REJOICED
Saul Acts 9:1-18				BAPTIZED	WASHED
Cornelius Acts 10:34-48	BELIEVED			BAPTIZED	REMISSION
Lydia Acts 16:13-15				BAPTIZED	
The Jailer Acts 16:25-34	BELIEVED			BAPTIZED	REJOICED
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FAITH

REPENTANCE

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BAPTISM

SALVATION

Salvation In The Word Of God

- In all of the examples of conversions in the book of Acts where any specifics are given, what one matter do they have in common?
- *Baptism*

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- What is the scriptural pattern?
 - Preaching and hearing
 - Believing and faith
 - Repenting and turning
 - Confessing the name of Jesus
 - Being baptized for the remission of sins
 - Resulting in salvation

What Did Jesus Command For Salvation?

- Hear the Gospel
 - Mark 4:9 - “He said to them, He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”
- Believe the Son of God
 - John 8:24 - “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”
- Repent of sins
 - Luke 13:3 - “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

What Did Jesus Command For Salvation?

- Confess His name
 - Matt. 10:32-33 - “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

What Did Jesus Command For Salvation?

- Be baptized
 - Matt. 28:18-20 - “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”
 - Mark 16:15-16 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

What Did The Apostles Command For Salvation?

- Hear the Gospel
 - Rom. 10:17 - “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- Believe the Son of God
 - Heb. 11:6 - “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

What Did The Apostles Command For Salvation?

- Repent of sins
 - Acts 3:19 - “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”
 - Acts 17:30 - “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent”
- Confess His name
 - Rom. 10:9-10 - “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

What Did The Apostles Command For Salvation?

- Be baptized
 - Acts 2:38 - “Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
 - Acts 22:16 - “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

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- And what will we teach regarding salvation in the Lord?
 - What Jesus Christ and His inspired apostles taught?
 - Or something developed by well meaning, but erring and misguided men?