

The Doctrine of Salvation

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Is it faith? Or faith and works? Or faith plus something else? What is the Good News?

Ac 10:43 "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission (freedom; pardon;--deliverance, forgiveness, liberty) of sins."

I. The condition for Salvation

A. Salvation is solely on faith in Jesus Christ

Ro 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Ro 3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

Ga 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Php 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Col 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

B. Nearly 150 times faith, or simply believing, is stated as the SINGLE condition in the NT Out of all these repentance in NOT even mentioned ONCE IN THE SAME CONTEXT

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- Think another way (than the Law) Simply believe the good news!
- Good news "God accepts a person on the basis of faith alone" –this is His grace
- This passage is stated in a way as to say that the kingdom of God is near you but you will have to change the way you are thinking in order to be "born again" in order to "see it" (*experience it*).

Joh 1:12 But as many as received ("*accepted*", or more accurately "*accepted when called*") Him, to them He gave the right (in the sense of ability or privilege, capacity, freedom, or (objectively) mastery, superhuman ability, liberty, power, and strength) to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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Joh 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- C. **It is not easy to believe someone whom you have never seen about the most important matter of eternal destiny, but this and only this is the way to be saved.**

II. False additions (teachings) to Faith

A. *In order to be saved you must surrender your life to the lordship of Christ*

1. Jesus must be lord ONLY in the sense that ONLY He is qualified as Savior

Ro 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

B. *You must make Jesus Lord is not a condition to salvation – “faith alone is through grace is not enough”*

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

C. *You must be baptized?*

1. Baptism is a visible testimony of one being saved but not a condition for it
2. **Ac 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
3. Acts 22:16 –Baptism follows the arising in the same way forgiveness followed the calling on the name of the Lord. The two are distinct.

Ac 22:16 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Mr 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

- Being baptized is an outward act of one WHO HAS RECEIVED salvation; it is a testimony to others that the person has accepted salvation by faith
- Some are taught that baptism saves and therefore there may never be a true conversion in the heart – They are accepting salvation based on their performance versus their faith
- Being baptized and accepting the finished work of the cross are not the same.
- Being baptized in the Holy Spirit is also an outward sign of one being saved but it is not the basis of being saved. Many people are saved but not baptized in the Holy Spirit.

D. *You must repent?*

1. This is valid when understood as a synonym for faith

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“Repent” or Repentance” in scripture is always a “declaration to change your thinking. It simply means “because I am going to tell you something different than your current way of thinking you have to change the way you are believing”

E. *You must make confession?*

1. No where is public confession required.
2. Confession is a way to establish your heart when receiving the word of salvation but not necessary to be saved. It is a result of an inward witness.

Ro 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (confession is the result or “fruit” of receiving)

Lu 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Results of Salvation

A. Blessings of Acceptance

- a. Redeemed Rom 3:24
- b. Reconciled 2 Cor 5:19-21
- c. Forgiven Rom 3:25
- d. Delivered Col 1:13
- e. Accepted Eph 1:6
- f. Justified Rom 3:24
- g. Glorified Rom 8:30

B. Blessing of Position

- a. Citizen of Heaven Phil 3:20
- b. Member of holy & royal priesthood 1 Pet 2:5,9
- c. Member of the family of God Eph 2:19
- d. Adopted Gal 4:5
- e. Member of a peculiar people 1 Pet 2:9

C. Blessing of Inheritance

- a. Is complete in Christ Col 2:9-10
- b. Possesses every spiritual blessing Eph 1:3
- c. Is an heir of heaven 1Pet 1:4

D. Blessing of Enablement

- a. Under grace Rom 6:14
- b. Freed from the Law 2 Cor 3:6-1-13
- c. Indwelt by all persons of the Godhead Gal 2:20; 1 Cor 6:19

The Condition of Salvations

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. {again: or, from above}

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. {again: or, from above}

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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Mt 19:25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

Mr 10:26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

Lu 1:71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

Lu 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Lu 13:23 ¶ Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

Lu 18:26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 5:34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Ac 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Ac 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Ac 11:14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Ac 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Ac 15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Ac 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Ac 27:20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Ro 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Ro 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

Ro 10:1 ¶ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Ro 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Ro 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Ro 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 10:33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1Th 2:16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

1Pe 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

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