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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Requirements Commanded

1. Believe, Acts 16:31; Mark 16:16; John 20:30-31.
2. Repent, Acts 17:30; Acts 3:19; Acts 2:38.
3. Confess Christ, Matt. 10:32; I Tim. 6:12; Rom. 10:9-10.
4. Be baptized, Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Heb. 10:22; Acts 22:16; Tit. 3:5.

The Philippian Jailor was told to believe, Acts 16:31. He was a heathen, absolutely without faith. He believed the Gospel as Paul preached it and was baptized. Acts 16:33.

The Pentecostians to whom Peter preached, Acts 2:38, were already believers. They stood convicted before Him, Acts 2:37. In answer to their question they were told to repent and be baptized, and 3,000 obeyed.

Saul of Tarsus was a penitent believer before Ananias came to preach to him. He had fasted and prayed for three days. Ananias merely told him to arise and be baptized. Acts 22:16.

The requirements mentioned above were met in every conversion recorded in "Acts of Apostles". **They Must Also Be Met Today.**

These divine terms or conditions of pardon from sin were essential in the days of the Apostles, after the day of Pentecost. The same is true today.

After obedience to these divine steps in the law of pardon, we are to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38; Rom. 5:5; continuing to lead a faithful, prayerful, fruitful Christian life. Col. 3:1-18; II Pet. 1st chapter.

What if I am Not Saved

Every person who has committed a sin, and has not had his sin cleansed by Jesus Christ, is lost and has need of SALVATION.

See II Thess. 1:8-9, also Matt. 25:41. If you deny Jesus Christ you are following the devil and if you follow the devil you will have to spend eternity in the place prepared for him and his angels.

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Is it because you are afraid of ridicule?

"Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed." Luke 9:26.

Is it because you are waiting for a special call?

"He called you through the gospel." 11 Thes. 2:14. "Come for all things are now ready." Luke 14:17.

Is it because there are so many hypocrites in the church?

"So then every one of us shall give an account of himself before God." Rom. 14:12.

Is it because you think you are good enough without Christ?

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jo. 3:3.

Is it because you think you are too great a sinner?

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 Jo. 1:7; See 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 15.

Is it because you fear you cannot hold out faithful?

"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." 1 Cor. 10:13; See 1 Pet. 1:5; Isa. 41:13.

Is it because you say, "Not now, I am not ready?"

"Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. See Lk. 12:19-20; Jas. 4:13-17.

Is it because you wish to continue in sin?

"The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23. See 1 Cor. 6:9-10.

The Church of Christ

ORIGIN

1. Time—Pentecost A. D. 34. Acts 2:1-15.
2. Place—Jerusalem. Acts 2:5, Luke 24:46, 47.
3. Founder—Christ. Matt. 16:18.
4. Foundation. 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:4-6.

THE ORGANIZATION

1. Head—Jesus Christ, Eph. 1:22, 23; Matt. 28:18; 17:5.
2. Immersed penitent believers. Acts 2:38-41.
3. Pastors and Evangelists. Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5.
4. Elders Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 5:17.
5. Deacons. I Tim. 3:8-13.
6. Congregational Government. Acts 6:3-5; 13:1-3.

THE NAME

1. Of Individuals—
 - Children, relation to God. Gal. 3:26.
 - Disciples, Acts 6:1; John 15:8.
 - Christians, Acts 11:26; 26:28, 29; 1 Pet. 4:16.
 - Brethren, 1 Cor. 15:6; 2 Pet. 1:10.
 - Saints, Rom. 1:17; Acts 9:13.
2. Of the Church—
 - Church of Christ. Rom. 16:16; Matt. 16:18.
 - Church of God. 1 Cor. 1:2.
 - Body of Christ. Eph. 1:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:27.
 - The CHURCH. Acts 8:1; 9:31.

DISCIPLINE

The Word of God only. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

THE CREED

- Faith in Jesus Christ. Matt. 16:16.
- Never changes. Heb. 13:8.
- Lord's Supper. Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:23-29; Acts 20:7.
- Baptism. Matt. 28:18, 19; Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38; Eph. 4:5.

THE SIN OF DIVISION

1. Christ prayed for unity. John 17:20, 21.
2. Paul pleaded for unity. 1 Cor. 1:10, 13; Rom. 16:17, 18.
3. The Scriptures condemn division. Gal. 5:19-21.
4. Division is carnal 1 Cor. 3.
5. Divine basis for unity. Eph. 4. Heb. 8.

Scriptural Baptism

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM

Eph. 4:5

Baptism is a positive command, Matt. 28:18-19
Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38.

Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say. Luke 6:46. If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments, John 14:15.

THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

Entering into the Kingdom, John 3:3-5.

Washing away of sins, Acts 22:16.

Remission of sins, Acts 2:38.

Putting on Christ, Gal. 3:27.

ONLY PENITENT BELIEVERS WERE BAPTIZED

Those who believed, Acts 5:14; Mark 16:15-16.

Those whose hearts were opened to the Lord, Acts 16:13-15.

Believers both men and women, Acts 8:12.

Those who hear and believe, Acts 18:8.

Those who repent, Acts 2:38.

WHAT SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM REQUIRES

Water, Acts 10:47; Acts 8:36-38.

Much water, John 3:23.

Going to water, Mark 1:9.

Going down into water, Acts 8:38.

Coming up out of water, Mark 1:10; Acts 8:39.

Born of water, John 3:5.

Form of burial, Col. 2:12.

Form of Resurrection, Romans 6:4.

Bodies washed, Heb. 10:22.

Immersion meets all the requirements of Scriptural baptism, while sprinkling only meets one—water.

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