

"The Salvation Which is in Christ Jesus"

(2 Timothy 2:10)

Lesson Two: What Must I Do to Be Saved? – Conditions of Salvation (1)

Introduction. In our previous lesson we found that Scripture teaches all accountable souls need salvation from sin and the fate of eternal punishment merited by sin. We also found that this salvation is available only in Jesus Christ, through His blood offered on behalf of sin. (Read: 1 Tim. 2:1-4). From this passage, whom does God desire will be saved?

(Read: Matthew 7:13-14). Will all people automatically be saved by Jesus' blood? _____

Under what conditions then, will some attain salvation? On two occasions, the New Testament records disciples of Christ being asked by those seeking salvation, **"What shall we do"** (Acts 2:37) or more directly, **"What must I do to be saved?"** (Acts 16:30). Over the next few lessons we are going to consider this last question, looking first at some conditions required to receive the blessing of salvation. We will then look at examples of those in the New Testament who turned to Christ in acceptance of the gift of salvation in order to help us understand what we must do today.

I. The Importance of Faith and Its Source.

A. What must we have if we are to please God? (Read: Heb. 11:6) _____
   1. What two things does this passage say must be believed? 1) _____
      2) _____
B. As we noticed in our last lesson, what does Jesus say is necessary to prevent one from dying in sin? (Read: John 8:23-24) _____
   1. What must one specifically believe about Jesus to prevent this fate? (1 John 5:4-5) _____
   2. What allows one to "overcome the word"? _____
   3. What does John call this thing? _____
   4. Whom did Jesus say will be saved? (Mark 16:15-16) _____
C. We see from these passages that faith in Jesus is a necessary condition in order for human beings to receive the gift of salvation. *How does the Bible teach that one may attain faith?* Some in the world have never heard about Jesus. Some have heard about Him but do not understand what the Bible truly teaches about Him.

1. The evangelist Philip once met a man who was studying an Old Testament prophecy about Jesus and he asked him if he understood the passage. What did the man ask Philip? (Acts 8:26-31)_____
   _____
2. Did the angel or Philip "guide" the man? _____
3. Whom does Paul say is needed for one to hear about Jesus? (Rom. 10:13-15)
4. Use a Bible dictionary or lexicon to look up the meaning of this word. What does this person do? _____
   _____
5. Read Romans 10:17. From what does Paul say faith comes? _____
6. From where does he say this thing comes? _____

D. Some teach that God directly causes people to have faith. From these passages do you see any problems with that teaching? _____
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II. "Unless You Repent…"

A. In our previous lesson we also looked at Luke 13:1-5. What did Jesus say one must do if he or she wants to avoid perishing? _____
   1. Using a Bible dictionary or lexicon look up this word and write its definition.
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      _____
   2. On the Day of Pentecost, we see people who first heard the message of salvation in Christ asking what to do. What did Peter tell them? (Acts 2:37-38) _____
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B. From these passages we can see that repentance is necessary as a condition of salvation. *What is involved in repentance—what does it require?* Let's consider some passages that describe repentance:
   1. Read Acts 26:15-20. What does Paul teach accompanies repentance? _____
      _____
   2. From this passage, can one be said to repent if he continues in sin?_____
   3. Read Luke 3:8-13. What does the teaching of John the Baptist show us about repentance?_____
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      _____
      Explain the phrase "fruits worthy of repentance." _____
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C. From these passages we see that repentance (with faith) is necessary to be saved. We see that repentance is a change of mind that must be accompanied by a change of action. It involves turning away from sin, toward God, and practicing deeds "befitting" or "fruits worthy" of repentance.

Conclusion. In our next lesson we will consider some other conditions the Bible teaches are involved in receiving the gift of salvation.