

"The Salvation Which is in Christ Jesus"

(2 Timothy 2:10)

Lesson Three: What Must I Do to Be Saved? – Conditions of Salvation (2)

Introduction. In our previous lesson we began consideration of the conditions under which God grants salvation to human beings. In answer to the question, **"What must I do to be saved?"** (Acts 16:30) so far we have seen that faith in Jesus as the Son of God—which comes from the hearing of God's word—together with repentance (or turning away) from sin are necessary conditions of the gift of salvation. In this lesson we will consider some additional conditions necessary for salvation.

I. Confession of Faith in Jesus.

A. While Jesus was on earth many began to believe in Him as the Messiah. Among these were some Jewish leaders. (Read: John 12:42-43) What did these leaders fail to do?
   1. Why does the Holy Spirit say they did this?_____
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B. Read Matthew 10:28-32. Whom does Jesus teach men should not fear?

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   1. What does Jesus teach we must do to show we fear God? _____
   2. What if we do not do this?_____
   3. In light of Jesus' teaching here, was the faith of the Jewish leaders in John 12:42 a saving faith? _____

C. Years after the events recorded in the two passages above the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome about what they had already done in putting their faith in Jesus. (Read: Rom. 10:8-11). In this text what two things does Paul say they had done to be saved? 1)_____
   2) _____
   1. What does Paul say they believed and confessed? _____
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   2. Unto what does he teach confession is made? _____

D. From this we can see that confession is also a necessary condition we must meet in order to receive salvation.

II. Buried with Christ in Baptism.

A. We noticed in our previous lesson what Mark 16:15-16 teaches about faith. What else does it teach must accompany faith? _____
    1. Does your Bible have any footnote about Mark 16:9-20? What does it say?
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    2. Early church writers who lived before the earliest surviving manuscripts of Mark were copied quote this passage. What does that indicate about its inclusion in the original text? _____
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    3. When people on the Day of Pentecost asked Peter, "What shall we do?" what were they told? (Read: Acts 2:37-38) _____
    4. What does Peter say is the purpose of baptism? _____
B. The word "baptism" has come directly from the Greek language. It means immersion. What does the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch indicate about it? (Read: Acts 8:38-39) _____
    1. How does Paul describe what the Romans had done when they were baptized? (Read: Rom. 6:1-7) _____
    2. To what does he compare baptism? _____
    3. What does Paul tell the Galatians about baptism? (Read: Gal. 3:26-27)
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    4. According to Peter, is baptism necessary for salvation? (Read: 1 Pet. 3:21)
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C. We have seen from these passages that immersion for the remission of sins is another condition of receiving salvation.

III. Faithfulness to Christ.

A. Read John 8:31. What does Jesus say determines who is truly His disciple? _____
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    1. What does John teach those who "know" Jesus do? (Read: 1 John 2:3) _____
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    2. What does Paul say is required of a steward? (1 Cor. 4:2) _____
    3. Unto what does Jesus tell the church in Smyrna they must be "faithful" to receive the "crown of life"? (Rev. 2:10)_____
B. Faithfulness does not mean flawlessness. What does John say we do if we say we have no sin? (Read: 1 John 1:5-2:2)_____
    1. What does John teach Christians must do when they sin?_____
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    2. What was Simon told to do when he sinned? (Read: Acts 8:22) _____
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Conclusion. We have seen that in addition to faith and repentance, God also commands any who would desire salvation in Christ Jesus to confess faith in Him, be immersed in water (as a symbol of being buried with Christ) for the remission of sins, and continue to live in Christ, striving always to abide in His word. In our next two lessons we will begin to examine examples of conversion to Christ in the New Testament.