

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

There are five acts of obedience that one must be diligent to manifest in their life and to answer the question, "What must I do to be saved?" They are:

1. Hear God's Word, (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:23).
2. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. Repent of passed sins. (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. Confess Christ as the Son of God. (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37).
5. Be baptized (immersed) into Christ for remission (forgiveness) of past sins. (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; and Romans 6:3-4).

****NOTE**:** After obedience to the above five steps live faithful unto death and He will give you the crown of life (1 Peter 2:11-12; Revelation 2:10).

Framing of these acts are listed below for learning and obeying, and for teaching of obedience.

1). HEAR GOD'S WORD: (Romans 10:14, 17), *"How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?"*

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Faith developed by hearing the Word precedes all acts that one must do to be saved.

Faith is our confidence in and the realization of our dependence on and great need to be obedient to the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

To attain those attributes one must hear the Word and gain knowledge from the Word so as to know one's duty and responsibility.

This is such a great blessing! Always covet this great blessing when being taught to gain knowledge for obedience and teach this great-coveted blessing to others after their obedience.

Anytime the New Testament speaks of being saved "by faith," it is referring to a faith that includes whatever action God specifies as necessary. This is made clear in James 2:22: *"Do you see that faith was working together with His works, and by works faith was made perfect?"* Notice his concluding remarks in James 2:24, 26: *"You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."*

2). BELIEVE: (Mark 16:16; Acts 16:30, 31; Romans 10:10), Faith alone will not save.

Faith in JESUS CHRIST developed into confessed belief is just the beginning. If you confess with your mouth the LORD JESUS and believe in your heart and faith that GOD has raised CHRIST from the dead, you will be saved.

3.) REPENT: Man is a sinful creature! (Acts 17:30) teaches us that, *“In times past, time of ignorance God overlooked, but now HE commands all men everywhere to repent.”* Repentance is expressed by remorse or regret for past wrongful acts done or of the failure of not doing, and with determination changes to one’s heart to do good and to do GOD’S will.

4.) CONFESS: (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32, 33), JESUS said, *“Who ever confess HIM before men, HE will confess them before MY FATHER who is in Heaven.”* The confession one makes is the belief that JESUS CHRIST is the Son of God. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

5.) BE IMMersed- (BAPTIZED) (Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-5). After the acts of 1 through 4 above one is baptized into Christ. Jesus died, was buried, and was resurrected on the third day. The act of baptism symbolizes a *death, a burial, and a resurrection*. So the question, *“Why be baptized?”*

- A). for the remission of sins and to receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT;
- B). to be saved;
- C). to put on CHRIST in baptism; and
- D). to be added to the church, THE BODY OF CHRIST!

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Jesus came from heaven for the express reason to *“seek and save the lost”* (Luke 19:10). Paul declared, *“all have sinned and came short of the glory of God”* (Rom. 3:23). Everyone needs Jesus and without Him, there is NO salvation (Acts 4:12; John. 14:6).

Therefore, those that *“obey him”* (Heb. 5: 9) are saved. Obeying Jesus involves, *faith* (John. 8:24), *repentance* (Luke 13:3, 5), *confession* (Mark 10:32, 33) and *baptism* (Mark 16:16). We must also remain faithful to Him (Revelation 2:10).

Remember, God is *“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9). Jesus died for you and me.

These are TRUTHS’ of the Bible. These are words of truth to hear, or read, study, learn, accept, and obey, then live by them. May GOD bless us in our diligent effort in learning, obeying, and teaching these great truths to others and enjoying the blessings of them in our lives!

Please use this outline and build on it when teaching others. Fold it up and keep it in your Bible. Please, pray always for the success of all our efforts in teaching and serving others, and in doing God’s Will.