

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO REMAIN SAVED?

Upon obeying the gospel of Christ, ones sins are forgiven, becoming a Christian—one must “keep on keeping on” walking and living as God desires.

Many of the books of the New Testament address what we are to do to please God. One must *put on* and *put off* (Colossians 3:1-8), what we must *deny* and how we should *live* (Titus 2:11-12), that we *walk* in the light (1 John 1:7-9), what we are to *flee*, what we are to *fight* and who we are to *follow* (2 Peter 2:20-22).

Colossians 3:1-8 reads, *“If ye then be raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things’ above, not on things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ is our life, shall appear, then ye shall also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these things; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”*

Titus 2:11-12 reads, *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world...”*

1 John 1:7-9 reads, *“...but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ HIS Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

2 Peter 2:20-22 reads, *“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it has been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandments delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb. The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire;*

One, not knowing or obeyed the truth, may ask, “Is it even possible to be saved? The answer is, “Yes absolutely, it is possible to be saved!” Paul erupted in his thanks to God for the victory in Christ Jesus, (1 Corinthians 15:57) reads, *“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Jesus died that we might be saved eternally, (Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10) reads, *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

Consider though dear reader that no one can live “good enough” to be saved! All are sinners (Romans 3:10, 23) reads, *“There is none righteous, no, not one...; for all have sin, and come short of the glory of God.”* Without the grace and mercy of our Father, none could ever be saved.

Notice the truths and exciting facts we find in (Titus 2:11... (1) The grace of God brought salvation to all. (2) The Word of God teaches us the way of righteousness. (3) Those who are willing to cease their sinful ways and live soberly, righteously and godly will be saved.