

## ARE YOU SAVED?

Has anyone ever asked you this question? This question is one which is often asked by someone trying to find out the spiritual condition of someone else. If given the opportunity, the person asking the question will tell you what they believe it takes to be saved. Unfortunately, when you ask different people what they believe it takes to be saved, you will usually get many different answers. So how can we know if we are saved?

### INFORMATION SOURCE

It becomes quickly apparent that the more people you ask, the more opinions you will get about what it takes to be saved. The only way to know what God says it takes to be saved is to ask Him. Fortunately, He has revealed to us what He requires for us to be saved. The Bible is His revealed will. It is His word to us that identifies Who He is and what He desires from His people. Let's take a look at the Scriptures to see what they say it takes to be saved.

### SCRIPTURES

**Matthew 1: 21** "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

**Matthew 10: 22** "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved" (see also Matthew 24: 13; Mark 13: 13).

**Matthew 16: 25** "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (see also Mark 8: 35; Luke 9: 24; Luke 17: 33).

**Matthew 18: 11** "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost" (Luke 19: 10).

**Mark 16: 16** "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

**John 3: 16, 17** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

**John 10: 9** "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

**John 12: 46 - 49** "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak."

**Acts 2: 21** "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

**Acts 2: 37 - 40** "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.' And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation.'"

**Acts 16: 30 - 33** "And he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.' Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to

all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized."

**Romans 5: 8 - 10** "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

**Romans 10: 8 - 13** "But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'"

**1 Corinthians 1: 18** "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

**1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 2** "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain."

**Ephesians 2: 4 - 10** "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you

have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

**1 Corinthians 1: 21** “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

**1 Timothy 4: 16** “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

**Titus 3: 4 - 8** “But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.”

**Hebrews 5: 9** “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

**James 1: 21** “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

**James 2: 14** “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?”

**1 Peter 3: 21** “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

## WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

Now that you have had the chance to see what the Scriptures say, what is your answer to the question, “Are you saved?” Are you looking to Jesus and following His example to be saved? Do you believe He is the Christ, the Son of God, Who came in the flesh to save us from our sins? Have you confessed Him with your mouth, calling upon the name of the Lord? Have you repented of your sins and sinful lifestyle? Have you been baptized to wash away your sins? Are you continuing to obey God and do good?

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