

The TRUTH about SALVATION

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One of the greatest questions ever asked was by a jailer overhearing Paul and Silas praying in the prison: "*Sirs, what must I do to be saved*" (Acts 16:30)? This jailer had heard the gospel through these holy men that persuaded him to inquire about saving his soul.

Even one of the thieves during his own crucifixion heard enough to ask Jesus, "*Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, TODAY shalt thou be with me in paradise*" (Luke 23:42-43).

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God is the only name that brings salvation: "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12).

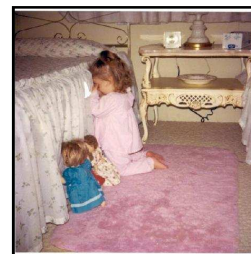
Before anyone can be saved, he or she **MUST** believe that God exists by faith: "*But without faith it is impossible to please [God]: for he that cometh to God MUST believe that [God] is, and that [God] is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*" (Hebrews 11:6).

Then you must humble yourself as you diligently seek God by hearing His Word. His word declares that "*...all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). "Sin" is breaking God's commandment, and sin brings death.

If you've ever told a lie, no matter how small or big, you have sinned. God said, "*...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death*" (Rev. 21:8).

There is only one way to erase your sins before you die, "*...except ye repent, ye shall...perish*"

(Luke 13:3). When you repent to God, humble yourself before Him as a little child would before his or her parents.



Jesus said "*...Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 18:3-4).

When the Jews heard Peter preach, they asked 'What shall we do?' Peter replied, "*...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise [of the Holy Ghost] is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are AFAR OFF [you and me, TODAY], even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he [Peter] testify and exhort, saying, SAVE YOURSELVES from this untoward [warped, winding and perverse] generation*" (Acts 2:38-40).

Through the disobedience of one man, **Adam**, many were made sinners. Likewise, by the obedience of one man, **Christ Jesus**, many are made righteous, through **FAITH** in his finished work (Romans 5:19).

"*For whatsoever is born of God OVERCOMETH THE WORLD: and this is THE VICTORY that overcometh the world, even OUR FAITH*" (1 John 5:4-5).

We use the OLD King James Version:

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."