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“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

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IT IS WRITTEN, BUT MANY REJECT THE TEACHING

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Many who claim to believe the New Testament recognize Jesus as Lord and will reject many things that are written in the NT. Here are some of the things that are written in the NT that many “believers” reject.

1. John 8:32- **“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** Do *you* reject this? Read 1 Pet. 1:22-23; 2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Tim. 2:4 & 2 Thess. 2:8-12.

2. John 4:24- **“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”** Do *you* reject this verse? See Matt. 15:7-9; John 4:23 & 9:31.

3. Matt. 7:21- **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** Do *you* reject this verse? Also read Heb. 5:9; Rom. 6:17-18; Rev. 22:14.

4. Matt. 7:13-14- **“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”** Do *you* accept or reject this?

5. Matt. 7:15-16- **“Beware of**

false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits...” NOTE:

A false teacher will claim to be a true teacher. He will be a wolf dressed in sheep’s clothing. He will appear as a sheep! If he teaches denominations are right, he is a wolf! If he teaches one can “pray thru”, be saved by faith only, etc., he is a wolf in sheep’s clothing! Beware! Do *you* accept Matt. 7:15-16, etc.?

6. Matt. 5:34-37- [Jesus said]: **“...Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.”** Do *you* reject this plain simple passage? Do you try to make exceptions to it? Also read carefully James 5:12.

7. Luke 4:4- [Jesus said]: **“It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”** Do *you* accept this? NOTE: We are to live by all that applies to us! All! [To be continued] (CRS)

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Editorial...

“WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”

In Acts 2:36 the Jewish crucifiers of Jesus who were pricked in their heart said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”** Saul of Tarsus, a persecutor of disciples of the Lord, trembling and astonished said: **“Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”** The Lord said, **“Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do”** [Acts 9:6]. The trembling Philippian jailor fell down before to Paul and Silas and said, **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”** [Acts 16:30]

In each of the above cases, the question is basically the same although worded slightly differently. Before we consider the question as to what one must do to be saved, let us first consider:

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED? It Means:

A. Deliverance from darkness to light!

---Col. 1:13 says **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”**

---See Acts 26:17-18; 1 Peter 2:9; John 3:19; Eph. 5:8-11.

B. No longer condemned for past sins!

---Rom. 8:1- **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”**

---2 Tim. 1:9- **“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...”**

---Col. 1:14- **“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”**

---See Acts 22:16; 26:18; Rom. 6:17-18, 22; Eph. 1:7.

C. Justification and peace!

---Rom. 5:1- **“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

---Rom. 5:9- **“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him”.** V 10- **“...we shall be saved by his life.”** NOTE: Since He ever lives to make intercession for us as our High Priest, we can be saved by His life! [See Heb. 7:24-25]

---Phil. 4:7- **“And the peace of God that passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”**

---Also see Col. 3:15; John 14:27.

D. *We are new creatures!*

---2 Cor. 5:17- **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”**

---Gal. 6:15- **“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.”**

---Also read Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 3:9-10.

E. *We are God’s children!*

---Gal. 3:26-27- **“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”**

---Eph. 5:1- **“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.”**

---1 Pet. 1:14-15 - **“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance...”**

---Also read 1 John 3:10; Matt. 5:9, 44-45; John 3:3-5.

F. *We are heirs of God!*

---Rom. 8:17- **“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”**

---Gal. 3:28-29- **“...For ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

---Gal. 4:7- **“Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”**

II. CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF OUR TEXT.

A. It is **personal!** It is **“What must I do...”** It is not what did those who lived in the days of Abraham have to do? It is not what did those who lived in the days of Moses or those who lived in the days of David have to do or even what “the thief on the cross” had to do? It is not “what did others who lived prior to the death, resurrection and the ascension of Christ into heaven had to do, but **“what must I do to be saved?”**

B. It is **simple & practical!**

The question is not “what must God do or Christ do or what must the Holy Spirit do” that I might be saved? Provisions have already been made for my salvation.

The question is not “what must I get to be saved?” It is not what or how must I feel in order to be saved?

The question is: **“What must I do ...?”** NOTE: The lost ones inquired about **doing** something? It was not about **getting** or **feeling** something!

C. It is **imperative!** It is **“What must I do...?”** Without question, there is something that **must be done** by a person who is going to be saved! One can know what **must be done** to be saved by learning that which is taught in the word of God, the faith, the gospel, the perfect law of liberty, the New Testament of Jesus Christ!

III. WHAT IS THE LORD’S ANSWER TO THE QUESTION? A Sinner Must:

A. **Believe!**

---Mark 16:15-16- Jesus said: **“...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believ-**

eth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

---Acts 16:31- To the Philippian jailor Paul & Silas said: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house.”**

---Also read Jno. 20:30-31; 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:16, etc.

B. Repent!

---A. Acts 2:38- **“...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”**

---Acts 3:19- **“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins maybe blotted out...”**

---Also read Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10; 2 Pet. 3:9, etc.

C. Confess!

---Rom. 10:9-10- **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, & believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...”**

---Also see Mt. 10:32.

D. Be baptized into Christ!

---Mk. 16:16- **“He that believeth & is baptized shall be saved...”** The jailor was baptized about midnight [Acts 16:25-34]

---The crucifiers of Jesus were told to **“Repent, & be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remissions of sins...”** [Acts 2:38]. About 3,000 of them did that day [v 41, 47].

---Saul of Tarsus was told: to **“Arise, & be baptized, & wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”** [Acts 22:16]. Gal. 3:27 & Rom. 6:3 says we are **“baptized into”** Jesus Christ!

---Also Eph. 1:3; Acts 8:12; 8:26-39; 18:8. (To be continued) (CRS)

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To receive the message of saving truth, we must tune in and listen to the New Testament!

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Life is a burden, bear it! Life is a duty, dare it & do it! Life is a "crown of thorns", wear it! Rejoice!

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You can never get lost if you get in the strait and narrow way and never depart from it! Try it!

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Since Christ died for us, we should die to sin and we should live for Christ! Salvation if we do!

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