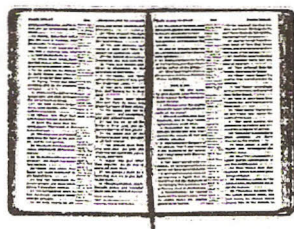


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for *reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*" (2 Timothy 3:16)

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SOME THINGS THAT MAN CAN NOT PROVE! (NO. 3)

Let us continue our study of some things that are often taught or preached that man can not prove by the Scriptures.

5. "*Believers today receive Holy Spirit baptism like the apostles did on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2.*"

REPLY: The above statement is often asserted by many people as if all who read and believe the New Testament should accept it without question and should teach it to others. However, when it comes to **proving by the Scriptures** that believers today receive Holy Spirit baptism as the apostles did on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, that is a task that *no one is able to do.*

NOTE: Some Pentecostals (& neo Pentecostals) will cite verses like Luke 11:13 which says: "...how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him" and then say or imply that this proves that believers today receive Holy Spirit baptism. NOTE: *There is not one word here about Holy Spirit baptism for anyone!*

Some people will cite John 14:26; 15:26 & 16:7-13 where Jesus promised to send the Comforter

(which is the Holy Spirit) *to the apostles* and *pervert* them in an effort to have Jesus making the promises in these verses to **all** believers. NOTE: *There is no proof* that these verses apply to anyone *except* the apostles! *They do not apply to anyone living today!*

Acts 2:39 which says "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" does *not prove* that the promise is Holy Spirit baptism! Pentecostals merely assume and assert that it is, but *they do not & cannot prove by the Scriptures* that it is!

Acts 19:1-6 indicates there were twelve men (who were disciples) at Ephesus who had received John's baptism after it was no longer in effect had not even heard of the Holy Ghost. Paul taught them the truth and they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul laid his hands on them, "the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." *This was not Holy Spirit baptism! Christ was the administrator of H.S. baptism* according to Mt. 3:11, not the apostles! (To be continued) (CRS)

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Editorial...

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? (Concl.)

In our prior article we pointed out "What it means to be saved" and "How we can know that we are Saved." Let us continue our study of the very important question: "What must I do to be saved?"

III. CONSIDER QUESTION OF OUR TEXT!

1. It is personal! The question is "What must I do to be saved? It is not simply an abstract question about salvation or a question that would affect some people, but not me. It directly affects me. It indeed is personal! "What must I do...?"

2. It is practical! The question is "What must I do to be saved?" There is something that must be done in order for me to be saved and I must do it!

3. It is imperative! The question is "What must I do to be saved"? It is not what must God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit do for me to be saved. The question is not what options do I have in order to be saved or do I have the right to devise a plan to save myself, but the question is "what must I do to be saved?"

NOTE: The question is not:

(1) What must I get to be saved or (2) What must I feel to be saved or (3) How must I feel to be saved. The question is simply "What must I do to be saved?"

IV. WHAT IS THE LORD'S ANSWER?

1. I must believe!

Mark 16:15-16 says: "...he that believeth not shall be damned."

John 20:30-31 says: "...that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Acts 16:31 says: "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Also see Romans 10:9-10.

2. I must repent!

Acts 3:19 says: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Acts 2:38 says: "...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."

Acts 17:30-31 says: "Now the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

2 Cor. 7:10 says: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

3. I must confess!

Mt.10:32-33 says: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Romans 10:9-10- "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Also see Acts 8:36-38 (NKJV).

4. I must be baptized INTO Christ!

All spiritual blessings are IN Christ. Eph. 1:3 says: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blest us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

We are baptized INTO Christ. Paul said: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death." (Rom. 6:3-4).

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."

NOTE: Since salvation is a spiritual blessing, it is "in Christ". In view of the fact that a penitent believer who has confessed his faith in Christ, is then "baptized INTO Christ", it necessarily follows that a person *must be baptized* in order to receive salvation!

Mark 16:15-16 says: "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be

saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." NOTE: In this passage "shall be saved" (salvation) is promised by Jesus after "believeth and is baptized". Since Jesus placed it after belief and baptism we dare not change it and place salvation before believing and being baptism!

In Acts 8 Philip preached the gospel in Samaria. Verses 12-13 says: "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both man and women. Then Simon himself believed also, and when he was baptized..." NOTE: Simon the sorcerer heard the gospel preached by Philip and he believed it and was baptized! Thus he was saved!

Saul of Tarsus was a praying, penitent, sinner when Ananias said unto him: "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16). Also see Acts 9:1-20; Acts 22:1-16 & Acts 26:9-20.

The first recorded sermon preached after Jesus ascended into heaven is recorded in Acts 2; In answer to the question by the Jews (men and brethren what shall we do), Peter commanded them to "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,..." (verse 38). NOTE: Baptism (as well as repentance) is "for the remission of sins". It is not because you have already had your sins forgiven. Remission of sins comes after repentance and baptism! Read carefully and study diligently the conversion of the jailor in Philippi in Acts

16:30-34. 1 Pet. 3:21 says: **"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us..."** NOTE: You may not appreciate this truth but it is a part of God's Word. NOTE: An alien sinner is forgiven at this point! He is washed in the blood of Christ! He is thus saved by grace through faith from his past sins! He is *in Christ!*

V. WE MUST LIVE A FAITHFUL, DEVOTED CONSECRATED LIFE, OBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, TO BE SAVED FOR EVER IN HEAVEN! The Hebrew writer said: **"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey**

him." (5:8-9) In Rev. 2:7 Jesus said: **"...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."** In Rev.2:10 Jesus said: **"...Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."** Read and consider very carefully the following passages: (Rev. 22:14; Eph. 4:20-32; 5:1-21, etc). Have you been saved from your past sins? Do you now have eternal life in promise and in hope? If not, why are you waiting about believing and obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ? (CRS)

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The sun light of love will kill all the germs of jealousy, hatred, ill will and bitterness!

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Always remember that **what you are in the sight of God**, that is what you **really** are!

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If you sincerely believe it, you will sincerely endeavor to live it!

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God will forgive those who start late in life to serve Him, but He will not forgive those who quit early.

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