

Salvation

A. Introduction:

1. In this lesson, we will overview salvation.

B. God's eternal plan:

1. God planned man's salvation from before the creation of the world (Eph. 2:10; 3:11).
2. God wants everyone to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9).
3. God loves everyone (Jn. 3:16), but He will only save the people who obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9; cf. 2 Th. 1:8-10).

C. If we love God, we will obey.

1. If we love God, we will obey Him (1 Jn. 5:3).
2. If we love Jesus, we will obey Him (Jn. 14:15; 15:10).

D. What does Jesus teach us to do, to be saved?

1. Believe in Him (Jn. 6:29; 8:24).
 - a. People who believe, obey the gospel (2 Th. 1:8-10).
 - b. People who have a disobedient faith (dead faith) are not saved (Ja. 2:14-26).
2. Repent (Lk. 13:3, 5).
 - a. To repent means to have a change of mind resulting in a change of action (cf. Lk. 3:8; 2 Cor. 7:9-10).
3. Confess Jesus to be God's Son (Matt. 10:32-33; Lk. 12:8-9).
4. Be baptized (Matt. 28:18-19; Mk. 16:16).
 - a. "Baptize" is a transliteration of a Greek word meaning to dip, to immerse. Baptism is a process of immersion in water and emergence out of water.
 - b. Only men and women (not babies) were baptized (Acts 8:12; cf. Acts 5:14).
5. Remain faithful (Rev. 2:10).

E. The apostles teach salvation, exactly as commanded by Jesus!

1. Obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9).
2. Believe (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:16; 10:17).
3. Repent (Acts 17:30).
4. Confess Jesus to be God's Son (Acts 8:37; cf. Rom. 10:10).
5. Be baptized:
 - a. in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:18-20).
 - b. for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
 - c. to wash away sins (Acts 22:16).
 - d. to be saved (1 Pet. 3:21; cf. Mk. 16:16).
 - e. into (to be united with) Christ (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:9-13).
6. Remain faithful (1 Cor. 15:2; Rev. 2:10).

F. The nine conversions in the Bible:

1. **Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:5-47)** People who believed (Acts 2:44), asked Peter what they should do (Acts 2:37). Peter commanded them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). The people who obeyed Peter were saved and added to the church (Acts 2:40-47).
2. **Samaritans (Acts 8:4-13)** Men and women who believed Philip's preaching (Acts 8:4-5, 12-13) were baptized (Acts 8:12).
3. **Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)** The eunuch believed Philip's preaching concerning Christ (Acts 8:35, 37). He believed, confessed Jesus to be God's Son, and was baptized (Acts 8:36-39).
4. **Paul (Acts 9:1-20; 22:16)** Paul saw the Lord in a vision. Afterwards, he was blind for three days during which time he prayed (Acts 9:3-9, 11). Paul was commanded to be baptized, and wash away his sins calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16).
 - a. From Paul's conversion, we learn that we cannot be saved by praying. And, we learn that we must be baptized to wash away our sins calling on the name of the Lord.
5. **Cornelius (Acts 10:34-48)** Peter preached to Cornelius and his household the things commanded by the Lord (Acts 10:33). He commanded them to be baptized (Acts 10:48).
 - a. From Cornelius' conversion, we learn that someone can be a good person (Acts 10:1-2, 22), but he must believe and be baptized to be saved (Acts 10:43, 48).
6. **Lydia (Acts 16:13-15)** Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15).
7. **Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:25-34)** The jailer asked Paul what he must do to be saved (Acts 16:30). Paul told him to believe in the Lord Jesus (Act 16:31). Then, Paul spoke the word of the Lord to the jailer and his household after which they were immediately baptized (Acts 16:32-33).
8. **Crispus, Corinthians (Acts 18:8)** Those who heard and believed the gospel were baptized (Acts 18:8).
9. **Ephesians (Acts 19:1-7)** Paul preached the gospel to men who had been baptized into John's baptism (Acts. 19:3). After hearing the gospel, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 19:5).
 - a. From the Ephesians' conversion, we learn that people who have been baptized with a baptism other than Christ's must be baptized with Christ's baptism to be saved.

G. Today is the day of salvation.

1. The day of the Lord will come like a thief and the world will be destroyed (2 Pet. 3:10).
 - a. We must be ready at all times for the destruction of the world (2 Pet. 3:10-14) and the judgment (2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27).
2. Now is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2).
 - a. Today might be our last chance to obey God.