

What Must I do to be Saved?

One of the greatest questions ever asked in the Bible came from a Gentile prison guard. He asked Paul and Silas, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? That's a pretty good question huh? I would say it is an extremely important question. Many different religions and teachers have all kinds of answers to this question. Some say you need to have good works and maintain them. Some say you need to be baptized. Some say you have to have faith and works. But what does the Bible have to say about this?

The Bible is clear on what a man must do in order to be saved. What is the answer? According to scripture, the answer is Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and thou shalt be saved. You are saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, plus/minus nothing.

Notice the prison guard asked, what must I **do**. Many people think that way. They believe they have to do x, y, and z in order to be saved. This comes from the false belief that your own works and righteousness justify you before God. This is not so. The fact is, all of us have sinned at some point (Romans 3:23) and if you offend in one point you are guilty of all (James 2:10).

It is kind of like a glass of pure water. It remains pure until one drop of poison is added unto it. All it takes is just one drop of poison to change the content of the water. It is never the same after that. So it is with sin. If only one sin is committed, it changes the content of our spiritual state and standing before God. The only way for that glass of water to be pure again is if that poison is removed. This is where Christ comes in. He through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot or blemish to God. His holy blood was able to take away sins and purge our conscience. Also, his shed blood was able to appease the wrath of God and satisfy his holiness. His blood mingled with the water can remove the poison of sin from our hearts and minds (Hebrews 10:17-22) and change our spiritual state and standing before God.

Keeping the law could not give you life and make you righteous if you broke one single commandment. Granted, if you kept the whole law and did no sin, you'd get eternal life. Even Christ said, keep the commandments and you'll get eternal life (Matthew 19:16-22).

But here is the catch; no one has kept them always all the time perfectly. So the disciples naturally asked, Who then can be saved? Jesus said with men it is impossible (Matthew 19:25-26). I'll say that again, with men it is impossible. Men cannot save themselves, it is impossible for them, **BUT WITH GOD**, all things are possible. Amen to that! **BUT WITH GOD**, salvation is possible. Without God, salvation is not possible. God must do something in order for a man to be saved.

If righteousness comes by the law then Christ is dead in vain (Galatians 2:21). But he is not dead in vain, his death brought eternal life to all that believe on him.

So back to the question what does a man need to do in order to be saved? He must simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and he will be saved.

Belief on the Lord Jesus Christ is what saves you, not reciting a particular prayer, or acknowledging certain facts about the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is a matter of the heart. Romans 10:9-13 tells us if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. The scripture says again, that if you believe that Christ died on the cross for your sins according to scripture, and was buried and rose again on the third day according to scripture, you will be saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Also, in order for salvation to happen, you must go to God about it. Naturally, if you believe on Christ, you will call upon his name. The scripture even says, how can they call upon him in whom they have not believed (Romans 10:14). If you truly believed on Christ, you would come to him and call upon his name. Believing on Christ leads you to call upon him for salvation.

The scripture is clear that it requires you to call upon the name of the LORD. For instance it says, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13). It says again, wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16). The scripture says you must personally receive him. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13).

What must a man do in order to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that he died for our sins and rose again from the dead, and call upon his name and you will be saved.