



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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When it comes to the question, “What must I do to be saved?” it is perhaps the single most important question one could ask. It is a question that would receive many different answers in our world today; however, there is only one answer that matters, and that is God’s answer. The Bereans were commended because they “...received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11). As Paul instructed, let us “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (I Thess 5:21). Jesus said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matt 28:18). When it comes to matters of religion, Jesus has all authority; therefore, to **correctly** answer this question, let us turn to the Bible and see what Jesus has to say.

Jesus impressed upon those of His day the importance of **Hearing** (read Luke 8:11-21). We must hear the Word of God (or the gospel). That involves a proper understanding of what God would have us to do (John 6:44-45). Jesus also emphasized the importance of **Faith** or **Belief** (read John 8:24); but He never taught salvation came at the moment of faith or belief with no further acts of obedience (read Matthew 7:21-23). Jesus taught the necessity of **Repentance** (read Luke 13:1-5). For one to repent means they turn from their sins, not just feeling or being sorry for their sin (read II Corinthians 7:1-12). Jesus clearly stated that one must **Confess** Him before others (read Matthew 10:32-33). We must confess that He is the Son of God (read I John 4:15) not only with the mouth, but also in the way we live.

Although all these steps listed are important to obtaining salvation, it is not all that Jesus taught. He also taught that one **MUST** be **Baptized** in order to obtain salvation from their past sins (carefully read Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38, Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12, I Peter 3:21).

