

IS BAPTISM NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

What does the Bible Say?

AGENDA

- Recall How to determine Bible Authority
- Passages about Salvation
- Passages about Baptism
- What is needed to be Saved?
- Acts of Faith vs Works of Justification

RECALL HOW WE DETERMINE BIBLE AUTHORITY

- The basic principles (Command, Examples, Necessary Inference)
- Additional Principles (Silence of the Scripture, Incidentals, Expediency, & Order of Precedence)
- We must apply all of these all the time
- The Sum of God's word is truth. We must use all passages that apply
- Do not get overwhelmed, take your time, think, ask for another opinion
- Make pleasing God YOUR priority so you will always be able to see/find the truth.
- If you are wrong be ready to repent.

PASSAGES ABOUT SALVATION

ROM 10:8-17

- Rom 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; (10) for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."
- Rom 10:13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."
- Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

SAVED BY FAITH AND GRACE

- Joh 3:16 NASB "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- Eph 2:8 NASB For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
- Tit 3:5 NASB He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

WHAT DO THESE VERSES SAY

- All one needs to do is
 - Call on the name of the Lord (ask)
 - And Believe in Him
- Then
 - By your faith God's grace will save you
 - It is the gift of God
- Is there a problem here? If so, what?

SOME OTHER PASSAGES – PART 1

- Mat 10:22 NASB "You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.
- Mat 24:13 NASB "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.
- Matt 10:17-31 – Rich young man. Salvation requires a sacrifice of self.
- Luk 7:36-50 – Sinful woman. She showed fruits of repentance and faith. Was under OT.
- Luke 13:24-27, Matt 7:21-23 – Keeping law is required

SOME OTHER PASSAGES – PART 2

- 1Co 15:1-2 NASB Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, (2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 1Ti 2:3-4 NASB This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, (4) who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- There are other such passages that indicate that this believe/faith requires some actions
- But is there still a problem here?

CONCLUSION FROM THESE ADDITIONAL PASSAGES (PART 1&2)

- There is more than belief needed
- We will be hated and ridiculed/persecuted
- Sacrifice of self
- Repentance and fruits of that repentance.
- What else do we learn?

PASSAGES ABOUT BAPTISM

Passages about baptism talk about Salvation as well

PASSAGES ABOUT BAPTISM

- Mar 16:15-16 NASB And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. (16) "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.
- Act 2:37-40 NASB Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (38) Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." (40) And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

QUESTIONS

- When was Cornelius's family saved? Acts 10:36-48
- When was Saul/Paul saved? Acts 22
- When was the Ethiopian Eunuch saved? Acts 8:26-39
- When was the Philippian Jailor Saved? Acts 16:25-34
- When was Lydia saved? Acts 16:13-15

WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE SAVED?

- Hear the Word
- Believe the Word
- Confess Jesus is the son of God
- Repent of your sins
- Be baptized
- Live faithfully (this does not mean sinlessly but that you are making sacrifices putting God first)

IS THIS ACCURATE? WHY OR WHY NOT?



1. Listen to the first 45 seconds
2. Do you agree so far?
3. Skip to 9:10
4. Listen to 12:41
5. Do you agree?
6. Why or Why not?

WHY IS BAPTISM IMPORTANT?

- Acts 2:38 – it washes away our sins
- Col 2:11-14 – Thru baptism God cancels our debt of sin
- Rom 6:3-14 teaches what?
- 1 Peter 3:18-21 – Baptism now saves us. Which verses tell us how/why this is the case?

ACTS OF FAITH VS WORKS OF JUSTIFICATION

What is the Bible saying about acting on your faith vs performing works worthy or justification/payment?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN BY WORKS?

- Eph 2:8, Titus 3:5 – We are NOT saved by the deeds we have done. We cannot save ourselves
- Many want to stop with this passage
- We cannot understand works unless we understand the OT works of the Law and salvation.
- This understanding also helps us understand Eph 2:8 and Titus 3:5 better

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM ROM 3:19-31 & GAL 3:1-29?

- Rom 3:19-31
- Context v2-4: Jews had the oracles of God but if they did not believe (and act) accordingly God's faithfulness does not make them righteous
- V10-12,23,25: We are all sinners. No one (except Jesus) has been able to keep all the laws (works of the Law)
- V20: Hence, no one is justified. No one can earn salvation by perfect keeping of the works of the Law.
- V24-31: A man is justified by faith (he tried to keep them and repented) because Jesus paid the price for our sins

WHAT DOES WORKS MEAN IN ROM 3:19-31, GAL 3:1-29?

- Gal 3:1-29
 - V2 – Were you saved by faith or perfect law keeping (works)?
 - Abraham believed and acted (moved, sacrificed his son, etc) because he believed God
 - V10 - The only way to be justified by works of the Law is to obey ALL of them.
 - V12 – The OT Law granted salvation by perfect law keeping. Not faith
 - V13 – Jesus kept Law perfectly earning salvation under the terms of the OT. He died and left “salvation” to us if we keep the terms of His last will and testament (NT)
 - V27 – All who have been baptized (i.e. forgiven of your sins) has put on/clothed yourself with Christ. And belong to Christ (v29)

ROM 3:19-31, GAL 3:1-29

- What did the OT require for salvation?
 - It required perfect law keeping of every law
- Who sins?
 - All have sinned and fallen short
- Why was the OT provided? What did it accomplish?
 - It shows us that we need forgiveness. We are guilty
- Who kept the OT perfectly? What did this mean?
 - Jesus did as a man. He earned salvation and He “left” it to us thru his last will and testament
- In these passages what does “works” mean?
 - It is about perfect law keeping and hence earning salvation

WE ARE NOT SAVED BY WORKS!

- This is 100% correct.
- Is going to hear a sermon a work?
- Is going to church a work?
- Is confessing Jesus is Lord a work?
- Is repenting a work?
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ALL OF THESE ACTS OF FAITH PER THE NT

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- **The NT abolished the idea of works of justification to earn salvation**

HOW DOES GRACE, FAITH AND WORKS FIT TOGETHER?

- Faith demands obedience to the Laws.
- We know and God knows that we cannot keep the law perfectly/completely so we cannot earn salvation. Salvation is gift from God.
- Thru His son's death, He has provided a means for forgiveness so that His grace can saves us.
- The terms of Jesus's last will and testament (i.e. NT) must be met to receive the inheritance (i.e salvation)
- Bottom-line, every person should do their best to keep the law perfectly but when we sin, we repent so that God's grace can save us.