

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

### **Lesson 1 -- The Need for Salvation**

This lesson is designed to help you come to a better understanding of God's plan to save man from sin. It begins from the creation and continues through the coming of Jesus. This lesson is very general. Later lessons will be more specific on what exactly is necessary for salvation.

If we are going to begin at the beginning, then open your Bible to the first chapter of Genesis. Read Genesis 1:1.

1. In the beginning God created the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

For most of the first chapter, we can read about God's creation of various things for the earth. He made light and darkness, the sun and moon and stars, and the plants and fishes and birds and animals. After He had finished those creations, God decided to make man. Read Gen. 1:26-31.

2. God said, "Let us make man in our \_\_\_\_\_, after our \_\_\_\_\_."(v.26)
3. When God looked at everything He had made, it was \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.31)

Read Genesis 2:15-17.

4. God told man not to eat of which tree?
5. If man did eat, then man would \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Bible the word "die" or "death" means "separation". We usually think of death as the separation of our spirits from our bodies. To God the worse death is the separation of your spirit from Him. When He tells man that he will die if he commits sin, He is referring to the fact that He will separate Himself from a sinful man. Read Isaiah 59:1-2.

6. What has separated man from God?

Iniquity is another word for sin or unrighteousness. In the third chapter of Genesis, man breaks the one command God had given him. That means man committed sin. God then throws man out of the garden to separate Himself from man. Read Genesis 22:15-18.

7. God promises that in Abraham's seed all the nations of the earth would be \_\_\_\_\_.

The blessing God promised to Abraham was a Savior who could restore man to his proper relationship to God. The decision of God not to destroy man for his sins, but instead to send a Savior, shows the love and mercy of God. The only way a Savior could restore man would be to take away the sins of man because God had already set the punishment for sin as death. So the Savior (Christ) would have to pay the penalty that God had set for sin.

Before God could send the Savior to restore man to a right relationship with Him, God had to show to man how sinful man was. Read Romans 7:7.

8. The law made \_\_\_\_\_ known to man.

God added the law of Moses to show man what was sin and what was righteousness. Or, more simply, the law of Moses was to show man the difference between good and evil. The law of Moses also contains many ritual sacrifices. These were the killing of animals and offering them to God on an altar in order to have sins forgiven. Read Hebrews 9:22.

9. What was necessary in order to have remission of sins?

God used this ritual to show man how bad it was to sin. It cost life to be forgiven of sins. The penalty that was due to man for being sinful was death. God, during the time of the Old Testament, chose to allow animals to be substituted for the death of man, but the death of animals was not enough to pay for the sins of man. So God sent His Son to be the perfect sacrifice for sins. Read Hebrews 7:27. This is comparing the high priests under the law of Moses to Christ.

10. How many times would Jesus have to offer His sacrifice?

So God's Son died because man was sinful. It was God's way of fixing the relationship between Himself and man. But not everyone will be restored to God by the Savior, because with His Son's death, God established a new covenant (agreement) with man.. That means that God requires man to be obedient to His new covenant in order to be saved by Christ's sacrifice. Read Matthew 7:21-27.

11. Will everyone be accepted by God into the kingdom of heaven?

12. Who will be accepted by the Savior (Christ) into the kingdom of heaven?

13. Will everyone who believes in (calls upon) Jesus be accepted by Jesus? (verses 22-23)

14. Someone who hears Jesus words but does not do them is like a \_\_\_\_\_ man who builds his house upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

The next lesson will begin to show you how you can do God's will and be accepted by Christ into the kingdom of heaven. Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions in the space below or include a note.

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### **Lesson 2 -- Hear and Believe**

This lesson is about the first thing one *must do* in order to be saved. By "must", I mean that these are things that are essential. The word is not "should" or "could" because those words imply that there is a choice about how to be saved. We are going to discuss only those things that are required for salvation. Notice also that this lesson covers only "the first thing". Many things are involved in your salvation. They will be discussed one-by-one, but ALL of them must be done in order to be saved. Also notice that this is a discussion about what you must "do". "Do" means that there are some actions required by you. Salvation is not passive (You will not be saved if you do nothing).

Read Romans 10:12-17. Here is a part of what Paul tells the Romans is essential to their salvation. Let's answer some questions based on this passage.

1. Everyone who calls on the name of \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. No-one can call on Him if they have not \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. (verse 14)
3. No-one can believe in Him if they have not \_\_\_\_\_ about Him.
4. Faith comes from \_\_\_\_\_ the message. (verse 17)
5. The message is heard through the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

"Faith" and "believe" refer to the same thing. "Faith" is a noun; something that you can possess. "Believe" is a verb; something that you do. When you believe, then you have faith. The passage said that in order to be saved you must call upon Jesus. "Call upon" means that you must put your trust and hope for salvation in Him. You must call upon Him to save you. The writer makes it clear that you can not really "call upon" Jesus unless you believe in Jesus. There is no sense in thinking that Christ will save you if you do not believe that He is the Son of God and that He arose from the grave and is living now in heaven.

Of course, it would be impossible to believe on Christ if you have never heard about Him. If you do not know who Jesus is or do not believe that He is the Savior of the world, then you should learn more about Him. The accounts of His life are recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. You could study these accounts with me in the series "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" if you like.

Hearing and belief are always the first steps toward salvation. Read Acts 16:25-34. Here Paul and Silas are in prison because of their teaching about Christ and performing miracles. The jailer is a non-believer. He has never heard about Christ. When he thinks all hope is gone, he asks, "What must I do to be saved?"

6. What does Paul tell the jailer to do to be saved? (verse 31)

7. In order for the jailer to believe on Christ, Paul and Silas have to first tell them "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."(verse 32)

In verse 33, we read that the jailer was baptized when he believed. We will discuss baptism in a later lesson, but you should realize that the jailer was baptized when he believed so that he could be saved.

Read Acts 8:34-39. Here the eunuch asks Philip to explain a passage from the prophet Isaiah. The eunuch did not know anything about Christ.

8. Philip began at that Scripture and preached about \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 35)

9. When he had heard about Jesus, the eunuch wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 36)

10. Philip told the eunuch he could be baptized if he \_\_\_\_\_ with all his \_\_\_\_\_.

Again we see, from this account, that the first thing someone needs to be saved is an understanding of who Jesus is. That is why Philip told the eunuch about Jesus. When the eunuch believed what he heard, then he was baptized.

Many people in the world will claim that all you have to do to be saved is believe. They think it is a one step process. But let's take a look at what the Bible says about those who only believe. Read James 2:19-26.

11. The demons (devils) \_\_\_\_\_ and tremble. (verse 19)

12. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ must work together. (verse 22)

13. You are justified by what you \_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (verse 24)

14. Faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is dead. (verse 26)

15. Read Mark 1:23-28. The unclean spirit (demon) confessed that Jesus was "the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." Since demons will not be saved there must be more to salvation than belief and confession.

16. Read Matthew 7:21-23. On the judgment day, many will tell Jesus that they believed on Him, but He will tell them that He never knew them because they did not do the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father in heaven.

Our next lesson will be about the necessity of repentance. Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions in the space below or include a note.

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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?****Lesson 3 -- Repent**

This lesson is about repentance. Repentance is another thing that is essential in order to be saved.. We will first define repentance, then we will discuss why it is necessary to repent in order to be saved.

Before we discuss repentance, let's review for a moment. In the last lesson you learned about hearing and believing. You cannot believe unless you first hear about Christ. Then you must believe what you heard. Read John 1:12.

1. To those who believe on Jesus, He gave them the power to \_\_\_\_\_ children of God.

By saying that faith (belief) will give you "power to become" children of God, the writer is saying that you are not yet a child of God when you believe on Jesus. I could say that you have the power to become the president of your nation, but that does not mean that you are already the president. There is more to do. Likewise, there is more to becoming and remaining a child of God than just believing, but believing is essential.

Many people in the world have their own definition for repentance, but we will use Jesus' definition so that we are certain that we are following the teachings of the Bible. Read Matthew 21:28-30.

2. The man asks his first son to go and work, the son said, "\_\_\_\_\_."
3. Later the son \_\_\_\_\_ and goes to work.

Repentance is when one changes his will. For us to repent we must change our will. The obvious result of repentance is doing the will of another. In Jesus' example, the son repented and did the will of his father. When we repent of sins we will change our will and start doing the will of our Father in heaven. Some would say that repentance is only sorrow for sin. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10.

4. "Godly \_\_\_\_\_ works \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_"
5. "Sorrow of the \_\_\_\_\_ works \_\_\_\_\_."

There are two kinds of sorrow in the Bible. Godly sorrow results in repentance. Godly sorrow is sorrow that rests upon the assurance that God will be merciful and forgive. Worldly sorrow has no assurance. So if you are sorrowful because you have sinned and trust that God has a way for you to be forgiven, then you are on your way toward repentance. All you need to do is change your will from desiring to continue in sin to desiring to live for God and do His will; that is repentance.

Everyone needs to repent of their sins. Read 2 Peter 3:9-10.

6. God has not yet come to judge everyone in the world because He does not want anyone to \_\_\_\_\_, but He wants all men to \_\_\_\_\_.

But even if all men do not repent, God will return. Those who have not repented of their sins will be punished for their disobedience. Read Acts 3:19. This is in a sermon preached by Peter.

7. Peter commands his listeners to " \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so that your sins may be \_\_\_\_\_."

Of course, since Peter was preaching about Jesus, his listeners would first have to believe what Peter said about Jesus being the Christ, the Son of God, before they would obey his command to repent. Read Acts 2:36-38. Here Peter is finishing his first sermon.

8. Peter concludes his sermon (verse 36) with the statement that God has made Jesus both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The crowd believes that Jesus is Lord and Christ because they were " \_\_\_\_\_ in their heart" and asked, "What shall we \_\_\_\_\_?"

The crowd was afraid because they now believed that they had murdered the Son of God. They knew that God would punish them for that sin as well as their other sins. They had not believed in their Savior while He was on the earth, but they believed on Him now and wanted to be saved.

10. Peter tells them to " \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_" in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Just like we noticed when we studied hearing and believing, more is required to be saved (have your sins forgiven) than just believing or just repenting. Peter links repentance with baptism and links both repentance and baptism with forgiveness of sins. We will look at baptism in a later lesson because it is also essential for salvation. Read Luke 13:1-5.

11. Twice in these verses, Jesus tells his listeners that they must \_\_\_\_\_ or they will also \_\_\_\_\_.

If we want to be saved, we must repent of our sins. That means we must change our will from being self-serving to God-serving, from being sinners to being godly. Our next lesson will be about confession. Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions in the space below or include a note.

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### **Lesson 4 -- Confess**

This lesson is about confession. The word "confess" means to "speak openly" or to "acknowledge". In the area of salvation, confession means to acknowledge openly that Jesus is your Savior. Read Matthew 10:32-33.

1. If we \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ before men, then Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ us before His \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.

2. If we deny Christ before men, then Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ us before His \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wants those who would be saved by Him to speak openly about their source of salvation. We must not be afraid to let others know that Christ is our Savior and that He wants to be their Savior too. If we confess Him, then He will tell the Father that we are one of His followers. It is only the true followers of Christ who will enter heaven. If we deny that Christ is our Savior (we can deny Him simply by not telling anyone that He is our Savior), then He will tell the Father that we are not one of His followers and we will be excluded from heaven. Read Romans 1:16-17.

3. Paul, the writer, says that he is not \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.

We must follow in the footsteps of Paul and not be ashamed of telling people about Christ. The "gospel" is the "good news" that salvation is available to all men. Read Romans 10:9-13.

4. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus.

5. And you must \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ that God has \_\_\_\_\_ Him from the \_\_\_\_\_, and you will be \_\_\_\_\_.

6. With the heart a man \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_.

7. And with the \_\_\_\_\_ confession is made unto \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Whoever will \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord will be \_\_\_\_\_.

We must not take Paul's statements here in Romans out of their context. Paul is not teaching that all you have to do is say that Jesus is your Lord. He also taught that there must be belief in the heart. In another passage in Romans (which we will examine in the next lesson) Paul says that baptism is also needed for salvation. And we learned in our last lesson that we must repent of our sins before we can be saved. To be certain that this was Paul's understanding of salvation let's read about Paul's own conversion into a follower of Christ. Read Acts 22:6-16.

9. After Jesus identifies himself to Paul (also called Saul), Paul says, "What shall I do, \_\_\_\_\_?"

By calling Jesus "Lord", Paul has confessed Him and shown belief in Jesus as being alive again.

10. When Paul is met by Ananias, he is told to "Arise and be \_\_\_\_\_, and wash away your \_\_\_\_\_, calling on the name of the \_\_\_\_\_."

Since Paul had to be baptized in order to have his sins washed away, everything Paul did before his baptism was not enough to save him. That is, although Paul had already believed in Jesus and had confessed Him, Paul still needed to have his sins forgiven. He was not saved by belief and confession alone.

But confession is not simply a one time event. You must confess Jesus before baptism, but you must always confess Him. Remember that if you do not confess Him or if you deny Him, then He will deny before the Father that you are His follower. Read 1 John 2:21-23.

11. John says that the one who denies Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_.

12. And he that denies the Father and the Son is \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 John 4:13-16.

13. Whoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, then God dwells in him, and he in God.

14. Are you willing to tell everyone that Jesus is your Savior and that He can be their Savior too?

Our next lesson will be about baptism. Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions in the space below or include a note.

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### Lesson 5 -- Be Baptized

This lesson is about the need for baptism. Before we look at the need, we need to understand the word "baptism". Baptism means immersion. In Greek there are three different words for how you can apply water to a person. *Rhantismos* means to sprinkle. *Proschusis* means to pour. *Baptizo* means to immerse. Every time in the New Testament that you read "baptism" it is the word in Greek for immersion. Read Matthew 28:18-20.

1. Jesus commanded His disciples to teach (make disciples of) all \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read Mark 16:15-16. He that \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved.

Jesus' final commands to His disciples reveal that He considered it essential that those who believe in Him should be baptized (immersed). But you may be asking yourself, "Why does He require baptism?" Read Galatians 3:26-27.

3. Those who have been \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ have \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

So now we can see that the act of baptism is the way in which we put on Christ, but what does it mean to put on Christ? Read Romans 6:3-6

4. When we are baptized into Christ Jesus, we are \_\_\_\_\_ into His \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We are \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in baptism into \_\_\_\_\_.
6. As Christ was raised up from the dead, we will also be raised to walk in \_\_\_\_\_.

Baptism is the way that God has given us to accept Christ's sacrifice. Christ literally died on the cross. When we are to be baptized, we must die to our sins. We saw this idea earlier -- we called it repentance. When we repent of our sins, we change our will. We no longer desire to continue to sin, we want to serve God. So we die to our sins by placing them on Christ's cross.

Then we are buried with Jesus in baptism. As Jesus was buried in the earth, so we must be buried in the water. This idea of burial also would require an immersion in water even if the Greek word did not make it clear. But Christ did not stay buried, He rose again. He now lives with God forever. In that way also, we do not remain forever immersed in water, but we must rise up from the water and live a new life. This life will be devoted to serving God rather than serving sin.

Let's take a look at some passages from Acts to see if all the believers were required to be baptized. Read Acts 2:37-41.

7. Peter told them to \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 38)

8. Those who accepted the word were \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 41)  
9. Read Acts 8:12. Those who believed the teaching were \_\_\_\_\_, both men and women.

10. Read Acts 8:35-39 Philip and the eunuch go down into the water and Philip \_\_\_\_\_ him.

11. Read Acts 16:30-34. When the jailer believes in Christ, he was \_\_\_\_\_ immediately (verse 33).

Now we will read the story of the conversion of Saul (who we know better as Paul) as Paul later described the events. Read Acts 22:1-16.

12. Ananias told Saul to "Arise and be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your sins" (verse 16)

Here we also find another idea associated with baptism. That is, in baptism we wash away our sins. We know that we must die to sins, but at the point we are baptized, God forgives all of our past sins. If you think of sin as a stain on your clothes, then baptism is the washing that removes the stain. Remember from our first lesson in this series that your sins are what separates you from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). After baptism there is no sin in you, so you are no longer separated from God. The Bible often refers to this as God's grace, but we can lose that grace after we have been baptized. We will discuss falling from grace in our next lesson.

13. Read 1 Peter 3:21. Baptism does now save us by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

14. Read Colossians 2:12. We are \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in baptism and also \_\_\_\_\_ with Him through our faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God who raised Him from the dead.

15. Are you ready to be baptized and have your sins washed away? \_\_\_\_\_

Our next lesson will be about the consequences of sin after you have been baptized. Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions in the space below or include a note.

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### Lesson 6 -- Obedience and the Problem of Sin

This lesson is about what happens after baptism. The earlier lessons talked about the way to have your sins forgiven. The last lesson pointed out that the sins are removed when you are baptized. They have been washed away. But what comes after baptism? That is the question this lesson is designed to answer.

#### OBEDIENCE

The first thing we must realize is that we must try to please God after our sins are forgiven. He did not have to forgive our sins, but when we were baptized after believing, repenting and confessing, then God did forgive us. He wants us to then live like people who have been forgiven. Read Romans 6:3-18. I know that this is a long reading, but take your time and read it all, then answer the questions.

1. When we are baptized we die with Christ, if we died then we have been \_\_\_\_\_ from sin. (verse 7)
2. We who have been baptized should consider ourselves to be dead to \_\_\_\_\_ but alive to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus. (verse 11)
3. Therefore do not \_\_\_\_\_ your body to sin as an instrument of \_\_\_\_\_, but offer yourself to \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 13)
4. If you obey sin, then you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. (verse 16)
5. Being a slave to sin leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 16)
6. When we are freed from sin, we are to become slaves of \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 18)

Here is the summary of what has happened. While you are a sinner, you are the slave of sin. You can not escape on your own. That slavery leads you to death. That is not just your physical death, but sin leads you to spiritual death. You become separated from God. If the situation is not corrected then you will never be able to be with God after you die. When you accept the price that God paid for your freedom from sin (the death of His Son which you accept as your own death through baptism), then you become the slave of God. He bought you, so now you are His, and He has promised a reward for those that obey Him. Read Matthew 7:21-23.

7. Those who do the will of (obey) the Father will enter \_\_\_\_\_.

There will need to be a change in our lives. We will need to become more like Christ in order to please God. Read 1 Peter 1:13-16.

8. We are to be as \_\_\_\_\_ children of God, not conforming to our evil \_\_\_\_\_ we had before we became children of God (verse 14)

9. We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ because God is \_\_\_\_\_. (verses 15-16)

#### THE PROBLEM OF SIN

That brings us to a possible problem. You may be thinking, "What happens if I sin again after I've been baptized? Do I get baptized again?" That is a good question and we do have the answer in the Bible. Read 1 John 1:5 - 2:6.

10. If we walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ as He is in the light, then the blood of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us from all sin. (verse 7)

11. If we claim to be without sin, we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us. (verse 8)

12. If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, then He is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins. (verse 9)

13. John does not want us to sin, but if we do sin we have \_\_\_\_\_ who speaks to the Father in our defense -- Jesus Christ. (1 John 2:1)

14. If you know God then you will \_\_\_\_\_ His word. (2:3-5)

So you must first get into the light. In order to do that your sins must be forgiven, because God is the light and He has no sin. Then we must try with all of our ability to walk in the light. That means we need to walk like Jesus (1 John 2:6). But we will occasionally sin. When we do sin, it is not necessary to be baptized again. All we need to do is confess our sins to God. Since we have already accepted Christ's death (His blood) through our baptism, then that blood will still take away that sin. That does not mean that we should just continue to sin, because that would mean that we have left the light and are walking in darkness.

So God requires us to keep trying to be holy. We will grow towards holiness. It will not happen immediately, but if we keep trying we will grow more and more like Christ, because Christ will be helping us. He knows what it is like to be tempted to sin, but He did not ever commit a sin. So when we are tempted, He knows what it is like. He will help us if we let Him. If we fail and confess our failure (which means we must genuinely be sorrowful that we did not resist as we should have and be determined to succeed if that temptation should occur again) to Him, then He is willing to forgive and we continue to walk in His light.

I hope this quick explanation was helpful. If you still have question, please ask. Our next lesson, which is the final lesson in this series, is about growing as a Christian. Please feel free to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions in the space below or include a note.

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### Lesson 7 -- Christian Growth

This lesson is about growing as a Christian. In our last lesson we talked about the need to be obedient to God's commands and about how we can be forgiven when we fail to meet the requirements of God. But in order to know what God expects of us, we must grow in our knowledge. When you become a Christian (by belief, repentance, confession and baptism), you will not know everything that God expects of you. But we can not be content with not knowing. Read 1 Peter 2:1-3.

1. A Christian should \_\_\_\_\_ pure spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ like a newborn \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 2)
2. The spiritual milk will allow the Christian to \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_.

When you are baptized, you are like a baby again. A baby has to have milk in order to grow. But you are not physically a baby, rather you are a spiritual baby. You need to learn the will of God. Notice that Peter says that you have to crave (desire) to have the milk. No one will force you to learn more about God. You have to want to learn. But what is this "spiritual milk" that we need? Read Hebrews 5:11-14.

3. The people being addressed in Hebrews should have been \_\_\_\_\_, but they needed someone to teach them the \_\_\_\_\_ truths of God's \_\_\_\_\_ all over again. (verse 12)
4. The writer says that they need \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 12)
5. Solid food (meat) is for the \_\_\_\_\_, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

Now we learn from this passage that "milk" is the "elementary truths of God's word". Since solid food is for those who have already learned how to tell good from evil, we can realize that some of the elementary truths that we need to learn is what is good and what is evil. As a newborn Christian, we need to first spend time studying the word of God in order to find out what is pleasing to God and to see what actions God considers sinful. Then we have to put those lessons into practice. Remember, Hebrews 5:14 said that we must put what we learn into constant use to train ourselves.

After we have mastered the basics of good and evil, we will then be mature. As a mature person we no longer eat only milk. Instead we will look deeper into the Bible to learn more about how we should act. Also we will be ready then to teach others. We should all want to be teachers, but we should not try to be a teacher until we have learned the elementary truths and have been able to put them into practice in our lives.. Let's look at another passage about milk. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-3.

6. Infants in Christ are those who are not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 1)
7. Since there was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ among them, they were still worldly. (verse 3)

When you are baptized, you do not some how automatically become a better person. The infant in Christ has to learn the difference between being spiritual and being worldly. This is just another way of saying he must distinguish between good and evil. But remember, learning the difference between good and evil is of no value if you do not put that knowledge into use. Read James 1:22-25.

8. Do not merely \_\_\_\_\_ to the word. (verse 22)
9. The man who listens to the word but does not do it is like a man who looks at his \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ and then goes away and immediately \_\_\_\_\_ what he looks like. (verses 23-24)
10. The man who does not forget what he learns but does it will be \_\_\_\_\_ in what he does. (verse 25)

James is a very good book to study to learn some practical lessons about doing good. Let's look at another passage from this book. Read James 2:14-26.

11. If you claim to have faith in Christ, can your faith save you if the faith is not accompanied by action? \_\_\_\_
12. Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 17)
13. James says that he can show you his faith by "\_\_\_\_\_." (verse 18)
14. He uses the example of Abraham to show that a person is \_\_\_\_\_ by what he \_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (verse 24)
15. Faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. (verse 26)

You should now be convinced that it is essential to your salvation that you act upon your faith. Faith requires action in order to be true faith. Read Galatians 5:6.

16. The only thing that counts is \_\_\_\_\_ expressing itself through \_\_\_\_\_.

This passage is teaching the same thing as James taught. Faith must be accompanied by action, and the actions must be based on love. One last passage, read Matthew 5:6.

17. Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be \_\_\_\_\_

Now you know what God requires of you in order to be saved. The next page is a review of the first five lessons of this series. I sincerely pray that if you have not yet become a child of God that you will do so soon. If you have been baptized, then remember that you must study and learn and apply those things in your life. Also remember to pray for forgiveness whenever you commit sins.

I hope you have found this lesson, and especially this series, profitable. I am glad to have had this opportunity to share with you a little knowledge about how to be saved. Remember that all scripture is God-breathed (inspired) and should be studied. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Timothy 2:15). I hope you will continue to study. If you would like to study another series of lessons with me, please indicate a topic listed below or write down a topic of your own choosing on the blank line.

\_\_\_ What is Sin?

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## HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN SAVED?

Read Mark 16:15-16.

1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved.  
(Note: "Baptize" is the Greek word for immersion, not sprinkling or pouring).

Read Romans 6:1-14

2. You must be buried with \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ in order to have a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
3. You must no longer let \_\_\_\_\_ reign in your body.

Read Acts 2:36-47

4. You must \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Note: Repent means "to change", therefore to repent of sins is to decide that you no longer want to live in sin).
5. Baptism is for the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Acts 8:26-39

6. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_ before being \_\_\_\_\_.
7. To baptize it required both people to go \_\_\_\_\_ the water.
8. After his \_\_\_\_\_, the eunuch was rejoicing because he knew his sins were forgiven.

Read Acts 16:11-15

9. After her heart was opened, Lydia was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Paul considered her a \_\_\_\_\_ after her baptism.

Read Acts 16:22-34

11. Paul told the jailer he must \_\_\_\_\_.
12. As soon as he believed, the jailer IMMEDIATELY went to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Peter 3:21-22

13. \_\_\_\_\_ does now save us by the resurrection of Christ.
14. Baptism is the answer of a \_\_\_\_\_ towards \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Galatians 3:26-29

15. We become sons of God by \_\_\_\_\_ because we have all been \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ.

### ARE YOU SAVED?

Only you and the Lord know the answer.

If I can help in any way, please let me know. Remember you must be baptized for the right reason (for forgiveness of sins), in the right way (immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and with the right attitude (from faith in Jesus as the Son of God who died to take away your sins). If you believe in Jesus and have repented of your sins, then let me know if you want to be baptized so that all your past sins may be forgiven. Don't delay too long, we do not know when we will die or when the Lord might return and we want to be ready to meet Him.