

## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

### ➤ Intro:

- "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30)
- this lesson: review salvation - I love to tell the the old, old story

### ➤ Hear and believe

- R - Act 16:31 believe in the Lord, and you will be saved

### ➤ - What did Paul have to do before the jailer could believe?

- R - Acts 16:32 speak the word to him
  - the jailer couldn't believe until he heard the word of God, and knew what to believe
- R - Rom. 10:17 faith comes by hearing God's word
  - without hearing God's word (knowing it), you don't know what to believe, and can't be saved

### ➤ - faith in God demands obedience

- R - Heb. 11:6 impossible to please God without faith – walk by faith, not be sight - obey
- R - Heb. 11:8a by faith Abraham obeyed – left home and went to a place God would show him
- illus.: I'm spending the night at your house, and I run into your room in the middle of the night, tell you there's a fire in the house, if you believe me you'll get out of bed and flee to safety, but if you don't....

### ➤ - illus.: Moses and the bronze serpent – Jesus teaching Nicodemus

- R - Jn. 3:3 must be born again to see kingdom of heaven
- R - Jn. 3:5 born of water and Spirit to enter kingdom – this is how we are born again (vs. 3) – Acts 2:38
- R - Jn. 3:11-13 must believe Jesus – implication, act on what told to you by Jesus – must be born of water and Spirit
- R - Jn. 3:14-15 like Moses lifted up serpent in wilderness, Jesus be lifted up (cross), so whoever believes will have eternal life in Him
  - Israel had to believe God and obey, look upon serpent to be saved – story
  - we must believe God and obey, born of water and Spirit (Acts 2:38), to be saved
- R - Jn. 3:16 reason God sent Jesus, to be lifted up (cross), whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life – relate to bronze serpent, Israel, obey, saved
- R - Jn. 3:36 believe in Jesus has eternal life, not obey will not see life but wrath of God abides on him
  - Greek verb, *apeitheo* (ap-i-theh'-o): not obey (NASB), not believe (KJ)
  - one who does not believe does not obey; therefore, the Greek verb *apeitheo* is translated disbelieve, disobedient, not believe, not obey in NASB, KJV, NKJV

### ➤

- R - Rom. 2:8 "do not obey" (*apeitheo*) (NASB, KJV, NKJV)
- R - Rom. 10:21 "disobedient" (*apeitheo*) (NASB, KJV, NKJV)

### - God tells us that we'll be saved if we obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9)

- if we believe, we'll obey and be saved
- if we don't believe, we won't obey, we'll be lost for eternity

hear and believe

➤ **Repent – must change to obey**

- **define:** change of mind resulting in change of action
  - **illus.: two children at school**
    - **both stole** a piece of paper from their teacher
    - **the teacher asked** them if they stole the paper
    - **one child repented** (change of mind resulting in change in action), **confessed** to stealing the paper and **returned it**
    - **the other child felt sorry but didn't repent** – never told his teacher the truth, never returned paper
  - **repent: change of mind resulting in change in action**
- - **illus.: parable of the two sons**
  - **Jesus told this to Jews** who had questioned His authority
  - **R - Matt. 21:28-31a** two sons, one said he would but didn't, other said he wouldn't a did
  - **one who repented** (changed from doing the wrong to do the right) **did the will of His father**
- - **R - Lk. 13:3** everyone must repent, or they'll perish
  - **R - Acts 17:30** “. . . God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent,”
- - **R - Acts 26:19-20** Paul preached, should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance
  - **repentance is turning** from sin to God
  - **repentance is seen by** the changes we make in our lives
  - **illus.: John the Baptist, Jews came to him to be baptized, he demanded that they bear fruits** in keeping with repentance (**Lk. 3:8**)
  - **illus.: boys who stole paper, son who said he wouldn't go but did**
- - **R - Rev. 2:4-5** also repent (change) as Christian when we sin – repenting, pray for forgiveness, confess
  - **illus.: Simon the Sorcerer, Christian, tried to buy the ability to give people miraculous power, Peter told him to repent and pray for forgiveness** – Simon asked Peter to pray for him
  - **false doctrine: once saved always saved is a false doctrine if we believe Jesus' statements to churches in Revelation**

- End Part 1

- SR=Acts 16:16-30

## Part II

- review charts from Part I - hear and believe, repent

### ➤ Confess Jesus before men

- illus.: churches, built on doctrines of men

- confess you're a sinner before being baptized

- confess you are saved before being baptized

- Jesus says something different, apostles taught something different

- R - Matt. 10:32-33 confess Jesus before men, Jesus confess us before Father

- rf - Matt. 10:34-39 context, Jesus, sword, love Jesus most of all, even more than your own life

- our confession continues for life

- if we confess Jesus, including His teachings, some people will not like it and become combative, many people will not like what we do – but most people will respect us

➤ - R - Acts 8:35-38 we confess Jesus as the Son of God before baptism (illus.: Ethiopian eunuch)

- shows you believe with all your heart

- rejoiced after baptism, not when he 1<sup>st</sup> believed, because not saved until baptized

➤ - R - 1 Tim. 6:12-14 Timothy made the confession before many witnesses, and Jesus made the confession before Pilate (and many others)

➤ - R - Heb. 4:14-16; 10:23-25a we hold fast our confession all our lives

- assembling together helps us – hold fast confession, more than just words

➤ - R - Rev. 3:2-5 we must live faithfully to hold fast our confession, and Jesus will confess us before His Father and His angels – rf Matt. 10:32-33

- imagine what that will be like, Jesus' confession of us after we die on earth

hear and believe, repent, confess Jesus before men

➤ **Baptized into Christ**

- **illus.: churches, built on the doctrines of men**
  - **baptized to join a church**
  - **baptized as an outward sign that you're already saved**
  - **Jesus says something different, apostles taught something different**
  
- **R - Matt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:16 Jesus, great commission**
  - **make disciples of Jesus, baptizing them in the name. . . .**
  - **believe and baptized to be saved – conjunction “and”, both equally important**
    - **rf - 2:26 faith without works (obedience) is dead**
    - **rf - Ja. 2:19 demons believe and shutter, but lost because not obey**
    - **can't be saved without obeying in baptism**
  
- - **illus.: Paul and the Philippian jailer**
  - **rf - Acts 16:31 believe and you will be saved**
  - **rf - Acts 16:32 Paul spoke the word to him – told him what to believe**
  - **R - Acts 16:33-34 baptized, immediately, having believed (rf - Mk. 16:16)**
  
- - **What happens when we're baptized?**
  - **R - Jn. 3:3-5 born again of water and Spirit (rf - Acts 2:38)**
    - **R - Jn. 1:12-13 born again of God, become child of God**
  - - **R - Acts 2:38 sins forgiven, receive gift of the Holy Spirit**
  - - **R - Acts 2:41, 47 added to the church by the Lord, baptized into the body (church) of Christ (rf - 1 Cor. 12:13)**
  - - **R - Acts 22:16 sins washed away in the blood of Jesus, call on name of the Lord (rf - Rev. 7:14)**
  - - **R - Rom. 6:3-7 baptized into (eis, movement and contact) Christ and His death (buried and raised), walk in newness of life, united with Jesus, old self crucified, freed from sin – illus.: put paper in pitcher**
  - - **rf - Eph. 1-2 (R - Eph. 1:3) receive all spiritual blessings in (en, relationship, contact) Christ, adopted by God, redeemed through His blood, forgiven all trespasses, obtain an inheritance, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, made alive together with Christ, seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, become fellow citizen with the saints and members of the household of God – illus.: paper in pitcher**
  - - **R - Col. 2:11-13 spiritually circumcised, buried with Christ, raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, made alive together with Christ (illus.: en, relationship with Christ), forgiven all transgressions**
  - - **R - 1 Pet. 3:21 saved (appeal, call on name)**
    - **R - Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21 – way we call on the name of the Lord (appeal to God) to be saved, obey and be baptized**
      - **many in the world are trying to call upon (appeal to) God in different ways, but all else fails**
    - **illus.: man at park with choo-choo train**
  
- **we are saved when we obey the Lord in baptism, into Christ, for the remission of our sins**

hear and believe, repent, confess Jesus before men, baptized

➤ **Serve God faithfully for life**

- R - Rev. 2:4-5, 7b Christians, repent of sins, overcome and live for eternity in the Paradise of God

➤ - R - Rev. 2:10b be faithful until death, Jesus will give you the crown of life

**Summary / Inv.**

- **What must I do to be saved?** hear and believe, repent, confess Jesus before men, be baptized, remain faithful

- **inv.:** Are you like the Philippian jailer? Are you lost and want to be saved?