

# **What must I do to be saved?**

## **A Savior is Needed / A Savior is Sent**

**A review of the Old Testament and God's Covenants with man. ( Man must see the need for a savior, a permanent sacrifice for sin. God's plan to save man preceded man.)**

**In the beginning God created -- (Gen. 1:1-2)**

**God created man in His own image. (Gen. 1:16-28)**

**It is not good for man to be alone. (Gen. 2:18)**

**God told man not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gen. 2:15-17)**

**Man disobeys God and eats of the tree. (Gen. 3:1-7)**

**Man is removed from the garden. The way to the tree of life is guarded by the flaming sword. (Gen. 3:20-24)**

**In time the earth is filled with wickedness. God decides to destroy the earth and its inhabitants but spares Noah, a righteous man, and his family and commissions them to repopulate the earth. (Gen. 6:5-8)**

**The flood destroyed everyone not on the ark. (Gen. 7:17-24)**

**Abraham is born through Noah's son Shem's line and is blessed by God. Through the call of Abraham the nation of Israel is set apart as God's chosen people. (Gen. 12:1-2) (Gen. 15:1-6) (Gen. 17:15-22) (Gen. 35:9-15) (Gen. 36:22-26)**

**The Israelites are made slaves in Egypt, so God raises up Moses to lead the people out of bondage into the promise land. (The land of Canaan.) (Ex. 1:1-14) (Ex. 3:7-8) (Ex. 5:1-9) (Ex. 12:37-42) (Ex. 13:17-14:31)**

**During their journey through the wilderness to the promised land, the Israelites grumbled and complained. They were impatient with God and were short on faith in God. When they got there, some were not allowed to enter in because of unbelief.(Num. 13:25-14:3) (Num. 14:20-38) (Num. 15:22-31)**

**God gave them prophets, priests, and kings but they still slipped away from God. Man needed a one time perfect sacrifice that could take away sin, and an example of love and obedience to guide him in how to walk righteously with God. Man needed our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**old sacrifices rolled sins over - Christ died once for all - Old Testament individuals died in faith not having reviewed the promise - not made perfect without us (Heb. Ch. 9, 10,11)**

**prophesy of Christ's perfection and sacrifice (Isaiah 53:1-12)**

**prophesy of an everlasting kingdom (Dan. 7:9-14)**

**the geneology of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:1-17) (Luke 3:23-38)**

**the birth of Christ (Luke 2:4-14)**

**Christ was born to die (I Peter 2:21-25)**

**the crucifixion of Christ (Mark 15:16-37)**

**the hope of the resurrection (I Cor. 15:1-4 & 12-21)**

**the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 28:1-6)**

**joining Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection -**

**obeying from the heart the gospel (the doctrine delivered)**

**(Rom. 6:1-6 & 17-18) (II Thess. 1:7-**

**9) the gospel preached - the gospel obeyed (Acts**

**Ch. 2)**

**Phillip and the Eunich - the gospel preached - the gospel**

**believed - the gospel confessed - the gospel obeyed**

**(Acts 8:26-40)**

**In the beginning was the Word. (John 1:1-19)**

**purpose and grace, given us in Christ Jesus before the world**

**began - bought life and immortality to light through the gospel**

**(II Tim. 1:6-**

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**the tree of life in heaven - no more curse**

**(Rev. 21:22-22:5)**

## The Knowledge of Christ / A Change of Heart

### An Erring Heart

the Israelites erred in their hearts (Heb. 3:7-19)  
 people's hearts waxed gross (Matt. 13:10-17)  
 Jesus said, "People honor me with their lips but their  
 heart is far from me." (Matt. 15:1-9)  
 The evil thoughts that come from the heart defile a  
 man. (Matt. 15:16-20)

### Pure in Heart

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.  
 (Matt. 5:8)  
 adoption as sons - the Spirit of Christ will dwell in your  
 hearts (Gal. 4:4-7)  
 I will put My laws in their hearts. (Heb. 10:1-18)  
 Wife ordain yourselves with a pure heart - a meek and  
 gentle spirit (I Peter 1:3-5)  
 Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.  
 (Matt. 6:19-21)  
 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our  
 heart, and knoweth all things. (I John 3:11-14)  
 I am crucified with Christ. (Gal. 2:20)  
 If any be afflicted let him pray. If any be merry let him  
 sing psalms. (James 5:13)  
 Sing and make melody in your hearts to the Lord.  
 (Eph. 5:19-20)  
 love the Lord with all your heart, soul (Matt. 22:34-40)

## Growing A Soul

- I. Why should our souls grow?
  - A. Christ Will Come again -- Grow In Grace And Knowledge (II Peter 3: 8-18)
  - B. What Does It Profit If You Gain The Whole World But Lose Your Soul (Matt. 16: 22-26)
  
- II. Lessons about growth.
  - A. Parable Of The Sower (Luke 8: 9-18)
  - B. Sincere Milk Of The Word (I Peter 2: 1-3)
  - C. Should Be Teachers But Still Need Milk (Heb. 5: 11-14)
  - D. Come Into Unity Of The Faith -- Speak The Truth In Love (Eph. 4: 11-16)
  - E. Parable Of The Talents -- Christ's Judgement (Matt. 25: 14-46)
  - F. Faith Without Works Is Dead (James 2: 14-17)
  - G. If You Know To Do Good But Don't You Are Sinning (James 4: 11-17)
  - H. God's Love Is Refreshing -- Green Pastures Still Waters (Psalms 23)
  
- III. We need to grow in all aspects of our life.
  - A. ABOVE -- Set Your Affections On Things Above (Col. 3: 1-4)
  - B. ABOVE -- Look To Christ For An Example (I John 2: 1-6)
  - C. INWARD -- Check Out Yourself -- Continue In The Doctrine (I Tim. 4: 11-16)
  - D. Do Good To All Men -- Restore Souls (Gal. 6: 1-10)
  
- IV. How do we know that we are growing?
  - A. Keep Commandments -- Love God -- Believe In Jesus (I John 5: 1-5)
  - B. Resist Temptation -- Outward Man Perish Inward Man Renewed Day By Day (II Cor. 4: 16-18)
  - C. Men Will Know That We Are His Disciples When We Are Loving People (John 13: 31-35)

## What is Faith that Leads to Salvation?

- I. What is the Bible's definition of Faith?
  - A. Substance Of Things Hoped For, Evidence Of Things Not Seen (Hebrews 11: 1-10)
  
- II. What will Faith do for you?
  - A. Jesus Told The Sinful Woman That Her Faith Had Saved Her (Luke 7: 36-50)
  - B. The Blind Man, Having Only Heard Of Christ, Believed, And Jesus Said, Recieve Thy Sight ,Thy Faith Has Saved Thee (Luke 18: 35-43)
  - C. If You Have Faith As A Grain Of Mustard Seed, You Can Move Mountains (Matthew 17: 14-21)
  - D. We Are Justified By Faith, Therefore We May Have Access To The Grace Of Christ (Romans 5: 1-2)
  - E. By Grace Are Ye Saved By Faith, Not Of Works Lest Any Should Boast, It Is A Free Gift From God (Eph. 2: 1-10)
  
- III. What works have no bearing on ones salvation?
  - A. Man Is Justified By Faith Without The Deeds Of The Law ----- The Law Of Moses (Jewish Law) (Romans Chapters 2-6)
  - B. Man Is Not Justified By The Works Of The Law But By The Faith Of Jesus Christ (Galatians 2: 11-21)
  - C. Blessing Of Abraham Came To The Gentiles Through Faith, Not By Keeping The Jewish Law (Galatians 3: 1-14)
  
- IV. What does being a Christian impell us to do?
  - A. Saved By Grace, But Created In Christ Unto Good Works (Ephesians 2: 8-10)
  - B. Paul Upon Being Baptized Straightway Preached The Gospel (Acts 9: 17-19)

- V. Must our Faith include New Testament works?
- A. One Lord One Faith One Baptism One God (Eph. 4: 1-6)
  - B. Faith Without Works Is Dead (James 2: 14-26)
  - C. Not All That Call Me Lord Lord Shall Enter, But He That Doeth The Will Of My Father (Matthew 7: 21-23)
  - D. We Do Know That We Know Him If We Keep His Commandments Walk Even As He Walked (I John 2: 1-6)
  - E. Rich Young Ruler --- Jesus Asked Him To Give Up His Possessions And Follow Him (Mark 10: 17-22)
  - F. They Profess That They Know Him, But In Works They Deny Him REPROBATE (Titus 1: 10-16)
  - G. Men Of Corrupt Mind, Reprobate Concerning The Faith (II Timothy 3: 1-9)
  - H. They Did Not Like To Retain God In Their Knowledge, So God Gave Them Over To A Reprobate Mind (Romans 1:18-32)
  - I. Examine Yourselves; Whether Ye Be In The Faith Prove Yourselves Christ Is In You Unless You Are Reprobates (II Corinthians 13: 5-10)
- VI. Will God test your Faith?
- A. God Will Shake Heaven And Earth---Those Things Not Shaken May Remain----Let Us Have Grace Whereby We May Serve God Acceptably With Reverence And Godly Fear (Hebrews 12: 23-29)
  - B. Jesus Says To The Churches---I Know Thy Works (Revelation Chapters 2-3) Jesus Will Allow Us To Sin And Then Judge Our Works (Rev. 2: 18-23)
- VII. Do we earn our salvation by doing New Testament works?
- A. Saved By Grace Through Faith----Not Of Works Lest Any Man Should Boast----It Is A Free Gift From God (Ephesians 2: 1-10)
  - B. If We Say We Have Sinned Not We Make Him A Liar The Blood Of Christ Cleanseth Us From All Sin (I John 1: 5-10)

- C. Paul Said, God Judges The Inner Man And The Spirit  
Paul Said, I Do What I Don't Want To And Don't Do  
What I Want To (Romans 7: 15 - 8: 4)
- VIII. Do our works get us into Christ and keep us in Christ so that our names will be in the Book of Life and we will be saved by the Grace of Christ?
- A. Those Judged From The Books According To Their Deeds Will Be Found Guilty----Those Not Found In The Book Of Life Will Be Cast Into The Lake Of Fire (Rev. 20: 11-15)
  - B. Workers For Christ's Names Were Written In The Book Of Life (Philipians 4: 1-3)
  - C. Walk Worthy Or Be Blotted Out Of The Book Of Life (Revelation 3: 1-6)

### Calling on the Name of the Lord

- I. What is the result of calling on the name of the Lord?
  - A. Whoever Shall Call On The Name Of The Lord Shall Be Saved (Acts 2:21)
  - B. Stephen, After Serving The Lord To The Point Of Death Said. "Lord Recieve My Spirit." ( Acts Chapters 6 & 7 )
- II. Did God call us?
  - A. God Called Us Through Christ ( II Tim. 1: 7-10 )
  - B. Called By The Grace Of Christ ( I Cor. 1: 1-9 )
  - C. Whom He Did Foreknow He Did Predestinate Whom He Did Predestinate He Did Call ( Rom. 8: 28-31)

III. Do we have to answer God's call? How do we answer God's call?  
How do we call on the name of the Lord?

- A. Hear, Believe, Confess, Faith, ---- Call On The Name Of The Lord And You Shall Be Saved ( Rom. 10: 8-16 )
- B. Confess That Christ Is The Son Of God ( Matt. 22: 34-46 )
- C. Believe Through Grace You May Be Saved ( Acts 15: 7-11 )
- D. Arise And Be Baptized And Wash Away Thy Sins Calling On The Name Of The Lord ( Acts 22:16 )
- E. Repent And Be Baptized----As Many As The Lord Our God Shall Call Save Yourselves----Baptized &Added Added To The Church Such As Should Be Saved ( Acts 2: 37-47 )

IV. Will all who call on the name of the Lord be saved?

- A. Why Call Me Lord Lord And Do Not What I Have Commanded --- The Fall Of That House Will Be Great ( Luke 6: 46-49 )
- B. Not All That Sayeth Unto Me Lord Lord Shall Enter--But He That Doeth The Will Of My Father ( Matt. 7: 15-23 )
- C. Bear Much Fruit Or Be Cast Out -- Wither And Die-- Then Be Burned ( John 15: 1-17 )
- D. The Righteous Of God Are Scarcely Saved---Judgement Begins With The Household Of God ( I Peter 4: 12-19 )

V. Whom of those who call will be saved?

- A. Keep The Commandments Of God ( I Cor. 7: 17-20 )
- B. Walk Worthy Repentance Continue In The Hope Of Your Calling ( Eph. 4: 1-6 )
- C. Blessed Are They That Do His Commandments, That They May Have Right To The Tree Of Life ( Rev. Chapters 21&22 )



## Baptism

### Baptism - A Command

I have a baptism to be baptized with. (Luke 12:41-53)  
go - preach, baptize, teach (Matt. 28:18-20)  
repent and be baptized every one of you (Acts 2:36-47)  
arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins (Acts 22:10-16)  
born of the water and of the spirit (John 3:1-24)

### Water and Salvation

eight souls saved by water - baptism saves (I Peter 3:13-22)  
sanctify - washing of the water by the Word (Eph. 5: 25-27)  
Jesus came by water and blood (I John 5:1-12)  
Jesus pierced - forthwith came there out blood and water (John 19:28-37)

### Baptized? What happened?

joined Christ in the gospel - obeyed the gospel (Rom. 6:1-6)  
I declare unto you the gospel. (I Cor. 15:1-4)  
vengeance on those who obey not the gospel (II Thess. 1:7-9)  
baptized into one body (I Cor. 12:12-13)  
The Lord added to the church daily -- (Acts 2:36-47)  
fellow laborers' names in the book of life (Phil. 4:3)  
put on Christ (Gal. 3:22-29)  
new creature (II Cor. 5:11-21)  
crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20)  
sins washed away (Acts 22:10-16)  
repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:36-38)

## **Baptism - Circumcision - Seed of Abraham**

**faith - grace - works - circumcision - blood of Christ**

	<b>(Eph. Ch. 2)</b>
<b>God's covenant with Abraham</b>	<b>(Gen. Ch. 15)</b>
<b>the covenant of circumcision</b>	<b>(Gen. 17:1-14)</b>
<b>the Passover feast - no uncircumcised shall eat</b>	<b>(Ex. Ch. 12)</b>
<b>Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us</b>	<b>(I Cor. 5:7)</b>
<b>baptism - the circumcision made without hands</b>	<b>(Col. 2:8-15)</b>
<b>the Lord's supper</b>	<b>(I Cor. 11:17-30)</b>

## **Some Example of Baptism in the New Testament**

**they that gladly received his word were baptized (Acts 2: 36-42)**  
**many Corinthians believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8)**  
**Philip said, If you believe you may - be baptized (Acts 8:26-40)**  
**Cornelius - the first gentile converts (household) (Acts Ch. 10)**  
**children baptized - no examples - but a statement - except you  
become as a little child ----- (Matt. 18:1-6)**

## **Re-baptism?**

**Paul re-baptizes people in the name of the Lord (Acts 19:1-7)**

## **Why Tarry?**

**arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins - calling on the  
name of the Lord (Acts 22:16)**  
**the spirit and the bride say come - let he who is athirst say  
come - let him take of the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17)**

## Can a Christian lose His Salvation?

- I. Must Christians live their lives (walk) a certain way?
  - A. Make Your Calling And Election Sure ---- Put On Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance (II Peter 1: 3-11)
  - B. The Time Is Now --- Awake And Walk Honestly --- Put On Jesus Christ (Romans 13: 11-14)
  - C. Walk In The Light As He Is In The Light And The Blood Of Cleanses Us From All Unrightousness (I John 1: 5-10)
  - D. Run So As To Recieve The Prize (I Cor. 9: 24-27)
  - E. Walk After The Spirit Not After The Flesh (Romans 8: 1-17)
  - F. We All Sin But God Judges Our Hearts (Romans 7:15- 8:4)
  
- II. Will God justify New Testement Christians if they have turned away from Him and let them enter His promise, or will He punish them like in the Old Testement?
  - A. Do Not Fall Away As The Israelites -- Or Be Punished As They Were (I Cor. 10: 1-13)
  - B. Hold To Beginning Confidence Or Do Not Enter Like Israelites (Hebrews 3: 7-19)
  - C. Those Who Deny Christ Will Be Punished Worse Than Those Who Despised Moses (Hebrews 10: 26-30)
  
- III. Can a person's name be taken in and out of the Book of Life?
  - A. Christ Added Baptized Believers To Church (Acts 2: 37-47)
  - B. Workers Names Were In The Book Of Life (Phil 4: 1-3)
  - C. Parable Of The Tares and Explanation (Matt 13: 24-30 & 36-43)
  - D. Jews vs. Gentiles -- Cut Off -- GraftedIn -- Grafted In Again (Romans 11:11-25)
  - E. Walk Worthy -- Overcome -- Or Be Blotted Out Of The Book Of Life (Rev. 3: 1-6) SEE (Revelations 2 & 3)
  - F. Those Not Found In The Book Of Life Will Be Cast Into The Lake Of Fire (Rev. 20: 11-15)
  - G. Judgement Begins With The Household Of God (I Peter 4: 12-19)

- IV. Must we try to convert a lost Brother? Will it be easy?
  - A. In The Later Times Some Shall Depart (I Tim. 4: 1-5)
  - B. Brethren, If Any Err From The Truth And One Convert Him, He Hath Saved A Brother And Hid A Multitude Of Sins ( James 5: 13-20)
  - C. Those Wo Knew Christ But Turned Away Are Like A Dog Returning To Its Vomit (II Peter 2: 17-22)
  - D. Fall Away -- Crucify Afresh The Son Of God -- Its Hard For Them To Ever Repent (Heb. 6: 1-8)
- V. Does God expect us to obey the laws of the land? Does God expect us to live clean lives and love people?
  - A. Be Subject To Government Or Recieve Damnation (Romans 13: 1-7)
  - B. Love Keeps Us From Doing Bad Things To People -- Therefore Through Love We Fulfill The Law (Romans 13: 7-8)
- VI. How do we know, that we know and love God?
  - A. We Know That We Love Him When We Love The Brethren (I John 4: 7-11)
  - B. We Know Tht We Know Him When We Keep His Commandments (I John 2:1-6)
  - C. Some Will Say Lord Lord -- He Will Say, "Depart, I Know You Not." (Matt. 7: 15-23)

## Why the name Church of Christ?

### I. Who's Church is it?

- A. Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church (Matt. 16:13-20)
- B. The Church is Christ's Body (Colossians 1:24)

### II. Who is the Church?

- A. God Called Them They Saved Themselves By Submitting To Baptism The Lord Added Them To His Church Such As Should Be Saved (Acts 2:37-47)
- B. The Church Is The Bride Of Christ (Eph. 5:20-33)
- C. New Jerusalem Prepared As A Bride (Rev. 21:1-2)

### III. Where is the list of members?

- A. Fellowlabourers Names Are In Book Of Life (Phil. 4:3)
- B. Names Not In Book Of Life Shall Be Cast Into The Lake Of Fire (Rev. 20:11-15)

### IV. Who should the Church be named after?

- A. Whole Family Is Named After The Father Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:14-21)
- B. Christ Is Chief Corner Stone No Other Name By Which Men May Be Saved (Acts 4:10-12)

### V. What was the early Church called?

- A. The Church of God (1Cor. 1:1-3)
- B. The Church of Christ (Romans 16:16)

### VI. Are other Church names alright if you are worshipping God?

- A. Unity Is Important Appeal to Christians Not To Say That They Are Of Anyone But Christ (1Cor. 1:10-17)