

Are You Saved According to the Word of God, the Bible?

“Are you saved”? Have you received the Holy Ghost? There is a way that seems good to a man,

Acts 8:5-8

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:12

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

1. Philip **preached Jesus Christ.**
1. With one accord they gave heed.
2. There was great joy in that city.
3. They believed and were baptized.
4. Apostles sent Peter and John.
5. They prayed that the believers might receive the Holy Ghost.
6. **Receiving the Holy Ghost is not necessarily automatically given to the believer when he accepts Christ.**
7. Peter and John laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost.

Water Baptism is an absolute essential step in God's plan of Salvation.

Mark 16:15-16

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

He that believeth and is Baptized, shall be saved. Are you saved according to the Word of God?

Acts 10:1-6

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

- 1. Cornelius was an Italian (a Gentile).**
- 2. He was a devout man-who feared God**
- 3. He sent for Apostle Peter, because he could tell him what he must do to be saved.**

Acts 10:29-48

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

4. Tell us the things commanded of us from God.

5. While Peter spoke the Words of God, The Holy Ghost fell on all of them that heard the Word.
6. They spoke in tongues and magnified God.
7. Can any man forbid water—so these can be baptized that have received the Holy Ghost as well as we.
8. They were baptized in the name of the Lord.

Once a person repents of their sins- God can give them the gift of the Holy Ghost before water baptism-like He did Cornelius and his family, or He (GOD) can give them the gift of the Holy Ghost after water baptism like He did the Samaritans after Peter and John laid hands on them. But in both cases-Water Baptism was an Essential Step-in God's Plan of Salvation. And in Both Cases Receiving the Holy Ghost Was A Confirmation of Salvation.

Acts 16:23-33

- 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:**
- 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.**
- 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.**
- 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.**
- 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.**
- 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.**
- 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,**
- 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**
- 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**
- 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.**
- 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

- 1. Paul and Silas was cast into prison.**

2. The jailer asked, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**
3. Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Paul and Silas baptized the jailer and his family—**Baptism is Essential TO BE Saved!**

Are You Saved According to the Word of God?

Acts 19:1-6

- 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
- 2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
- 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

1. Apostle Paul-speaks to certain disciples at Ephesus.
2. Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?
3. They didn't even know if there was a Holy Ghost.
4. When they heard Paul preach Jesus Christ-They were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus-**Water baptism is essentials in God's plan of salvation.**
5. Paul laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost on them and they **spake in tongues and prophesied.**

Why Is Water Baptism in Jesus Name Necessary?

Romans 6:3-14

- 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
- 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

1. We are baptized into Jesus' death.
2. Our old man (the sinful man) is crucified with him.
3. **The body of sin is put to death.**
4. We became dead to sin in the Baptism.
5. You are under grace—

What price are you willing to pay for salvation?

“He that **will save his life shall loose it**”...That is those who refuse to repent and be baptized”—

“But he that will loose his life for Jesus Christ and the Gospels sake” shall save it. That is those that repent and are baptized into Jesus' death. **They become alive unto God—Saved!**