

“WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?” (WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?) (ACTS 16:25-30) (VERSE 30)

I. Is There Anything That A Person Can Do?

A. No, Not To Deserve Or Purchase Or Earn It:

1. (Eph. 2:8-9) “. . . by grace are ye saved”
2. (Rom. 3:24) “being justified freely . . . “

B. Salvation Is Free - But It Is Also Conditional:

1. (Acts 2:40) “save yourselves.”
2. We can’t earn it, but must do something.

C. Some People Don’t Like The Word “Do.”

1. Christ said men must “do” something.
 - a. (Matt. 7:21)
 - b. (Luke 6:46)
2. Apostles taught we must “do” something.
 - a. (James 1:21-22)
 - b. (Rev. 22:14)

D. I’d Be Afraid To Teach People Otherwise?

E. So, At This Point, What Is Your Answer?

1. If someone asked, how would you answer?
2. Your answer must be 100% accurate.
3. A soul would be at stake for all eternity!
4. Can you give a New Testament answer?
5. Could you cite any of the following things:
Command? - Example? - Warning?

If You Have An Answer, You May Write It Below:

(Place New Testament Scriptures On Lines Below)

1. Command - _____
2. Example - _____
3. Warning - _____

II. The Various Answers Given By Religious People:

A. The Universalist - Gives This Answer:

(“It doesn’t matter, because everyone is going to be saved anyway.”)

1. He has no command - example - warning.
2. In fact, his answer violates the scriptures!
 - a. (Luke 13:23-24)
 - b. (Matt. 7:13-14)

B. The Calvinist - Gives This Answer:

(“Don’t do anything - you are either elect or non-elect. God has already decided.”)

1. He has no command - example - warning.
2. He infers it’s God’s will for men to perish!
 - a. (I Tim. 2:3-4)
 - b. (II Pet. 3:9)

C. The Moralist - Gives This Answer:

(“Live a good moral life, and all past sins will be forgotten.”)

1. He has no command - example - warning.
2. Bible says: none righteous - sin once, lost!
 - a. (James 2:10)
 - b. (Rom. 3:10, 23)

D. The Denominationalist - Gives This Answer:

(“Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and pray the ‘sinner’s prayer.’”)

1. He has no command - example - warning.
2. The passages he uses are not in context.
3. (I John 1:9) These people are Christians!
4. Here’s an example of the ‘sinner’s prayer.’

“Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner, and come into my heart and save me right now. I now receive Jesus as my Savior.”

5. The authority cited for this - (Rom. 10:13)
6. We call on the name of Lord in baptism.
7. Proof: (Acts 2:21) (Acts 2:38) (Acts 22:16)

III. New Testament Answer To The Question:

A. The First Step Is To _____

1. Command - (Acts 2:22-24, 36)
2. Example - (Acts 2:37)
3. Warning - (Acts 3:22-23)
4. Can we agree on this first step?
5. Proven scripturally in all three ways!

B. The Second Step Is To _____

1. Command - (Acts 16:29-31)
2. Example - (Acts 16:32-34)
3. Warning - (John 8:24, 21)
4. Can we agree on this second step?
5. Proven scripturally in all three ways!

C. The Third Step Is To _____

1. Command - (Acts 17:30-31)
2. Example - (Acts 16:32-33)
3. Warning - (Luke 13:3, 5)
4. Can we agree on this third step?
5. Proven scripturally in all three ways!

D. The Fourth Step Is _____

1. Command - (Rom. 10:9-10)
2. Example - (Acts 8:35-37)
3. Warning - (Matt. 10:32-33)
4. Can we agree on this fourth step?
5. Proven scripturally in all three ways!

E. The Fifth And Final Step Is _____

1. Command - (Acts 10:48)
2. Example - (Acts 2:37-41)
3. Warning - (John 3:5)
4. Can we agree on this fifth step?
5. Proven scripturally in all three ways!

Conclusion: We have answered this question by the scriptures. Will you obey the gospel, and be saved?

SCRIPTURES TO BE USED

- ACTS 16:25-30
 EPH. 2:8-9
 ROM. 3:24
 ACTS 2:40
 MATT. 7:21
 LUKE 6:46
 JAMES 1:21-22
 REV. 22:14
 LUKE 13:23-24
 MATT. 7:13-14
 I TIM. 2:3-4
 II PET. 3:9
 JAMES 2:10
 ROM. 3:10, 23
 I JOHN 1:9
 ROM. 10:13
 ACTS 2:21
 ACTS 2:38
 ACTS 22:16
 ACTS 2:22- 36
 ACTS 2:37
 ACTS 3:22-23
 ACTS 16:29-31
 ACTS 16:32-34
 JOHN 8:24, 21
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 ACTS 16:32-33
 LUKE 13:3, 5
 ROM. 10:9-10
 ACTS 8:35-37
 MATT. 10:32-33
 ACTS 10:48
 ACTS 2:37-41
 JOHN 3:5