

## How Are We Saved?

God tells us what He wants.

### 1 Timothy 2:3-4

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

### 1 Corinthians 14:33

**For God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

How can we know what it means to be saved? There are many ways to be saved in the Bible. This is where rightly dividing the word of truth comes in.

### 2 Timothy 2:15

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

To rightly divide God's word, you must determine who wrote a particular passage and to whom they wrote it. You must also decide whether or not it applies to you.

#### 1. Matthew 10:22

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that endureth to the end shall be saved.**

#### Matthew 10:1

*And when **he had called unto him his twelve disciples**, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*

#### 2. Mark 16:16

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

#### Mark 16:9, 14

*Now **when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week**, **he appeared first to Mary Magdalene**, out of whom he had cast seven devils.*

<sup>14</sup>***Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.***

Why doesn't baptism apply to us? We have already been forgiven of every sin.

Acts 2:37-38

37Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto ***Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?***

<sup>38</sup>Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

Jesus Christ called this being "born again," born of water and of the Spirit.

3. John 3:3,5

<sup>3</sup>**Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

John 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup>***There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:***

<sup>2</sup>***The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.***

4. Acts 15:1,5

<sup>1</sup>***And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.***

<sup>5</sup>But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

Genesis 17:14

*And the **uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.***

5. Acts 16:27-31

<sup>27</sup>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.**

<sup>28</sup>But **Paul cried with a loud voice**, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

<sup>29</sup>Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

<sup>30</sup>And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

<sup>31</sup>And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

6. Romans 10:9

**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

Romans 1, 6-7

1Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

6Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Ephesians 2:8

**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

Ephesians 1:1

**Paul**, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, **to the saints which are at Ephesus**, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Because God is not the author of confusion, He does tell us exactly what it means to be saved for those of us living today.

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

**2 By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

The really good news is that once you are saved, you are sealed until the day of redemption, the Rapture. "Sealed" means you can never lose that salvation.

### 2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also **sealed us**, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

### Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.

The Holy Ghost actually lives in the believer's heart, 24/7. He never moves out!

### 1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

### 2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

### 2 Timothy 1:14

That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by **the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.**

We rightly divide the Bible when we study. The passage below was given by Jesus to His followers. This is something that applies to us today, too. No one, not even we, ourselves, by what we do, can pluck us out of Jesus' hand.

One big difference: we have the Holy Ghost indwell us as soon as we believe in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jews were required to confess their sins, repent and be baptized to receive the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 3:6

**And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.**

Mark 1:5

And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were **all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.**

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John 10:28-30

<sup>28</sup>And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup>My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup>I and my Father are one.