

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

Confess CHRIST

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

Be Baptized Into CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1st Peter 3:21

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

Continuing the theme of our relationship to God as children, the new memory assignment is: *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God”* (Romans 8:14).

Commit this to memory by reading it, writing it, hearing it, and saying it.

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

AFTER BAPTISM

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Trusting that God’s word means exactly what it says, you have obeyed the gospel by being baptized into Christ to gain salvation (Mark 16:16; 1st Peter 3:21). Now what?

Rejoice. After Philip the evangelist baptized the treasurer of Ethiopia, *“he went on his way rejoicing”* (Acts 8:35-39), and after Paul and Silas *“spoke the word of the Lord to him”*, the prison keeper in Philippi *“and all his family were baptized... and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household”* (Acts 16:32-34). Joy is the most appropriate reaction to one’s baptism because baptism brings about salvation, and there can be no greater event in any person’s life than to be saved from the condemnation of hell. Neither material success, nor marriage, not even the birth of one’s own children or grandchildren merit as much delight as the knowledge that God’s grace has spared you from the consequences of sin. Even the angels of heaven thrill at the news of one repentant sinner (Luke 15:7, 10).

Enjoy the company of other disciples. After appearing to him on the road to Damascus, the Lord sent Ananias to Saul, who *“arose and was baptized... then Saul spent some days with the disciples”* (Acts 9:18-19). Peter went to the household of Cornelius in Caesarea, *“And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days”* (Acts 10:48). In Philippi, the merchant Lydia believed the gospel when she heard Paul preach it, *“And when she and her household were baptized,*

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“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Various Studies

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

Friday

7:00 pm.....Ladies’ Study

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Sunday.....Mark 11-13

Monday.....Mark 14-16

Tuesday.....Luke 1-3

Wednesday.....Luke 4-6

Thursday.....Luke 7-9

Friday.....Luke 10-11

Saturday.....Luke 12-14

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she begged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.' So she persuaded us" (Acts 16:15). After the Philippian jailor was baptized with his family, he "brought them", that is Paul and Silas, "into his house" (Acts 16:33-34). "Many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized", whereafter Paul "continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them" (Acts 18:8, 11). Although baptism is the culmination of several steps leading to salvation, it is merely the beginning of one's life as a Christian. Those formative days, weeks, and months following baptism require nurturing from other disciples. The scriptures teach that Christians are and ought to be dependent on one another, "so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Romans 12:5; cf. 1st Corinthians 12:13-27).

Continue steadfastly. On the day of Pentecost following Christ's ascension, Peter preached repentance and baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), adjuring his audience to be saved (Acts 2:40). "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:41-42). We reiterate: although baptism is the culmination of several steps leading to salvation, it is merely the beginning of one's life as a Christian. With baptism, the new Christian commits to a life of faithfulness thereafter. Paul exhorted, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1st Corinthians 15:58).

Lead others to Christ. After Saul "arose and was baptized" (Acts 9:18), and "spent some days with the disciples" (Acts 9:19), "Immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). Don't be satisfied with your own salvation while others perish! Jesus taught, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

What have you been doing since you were baptized?

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Author Unknown

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. For three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He did not go to college. He never visited a big city.

He never traveled more than two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He had none of the accomplishments one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away.

He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. After He died, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROMPTNESS

1. Get everyone's wardrobe ready and laid out on Saturday night, including socks, shoes, and all accessories.
2. Set the breakfast table on Saturday night.
3. Go to bed thirty minutes earlier than normal on Saturday night.
4. Get up fifteen minutes earlier than normal on Sunday morning. Give a five minute warning before it's time to be in the car.
5. Gather Bibles and other necessary materials near the door on Saturday night.
6. Plan to arrive ten minutes early on Sunday morning.