

## How Is Man Saved?

To many this is a very difficult question! Of course man has devised many answers to appease his particular ideals, family history or desires. We hear of being saved by sincerity, faith only, baptism of the Holy Spirit and many more. But what is God's answer? Of course this is the only answer that matters since HE will be the one before whom all will one day stand in judgment (Hebrews 9:27; Romans 2:2-6).

### God says we are saved by . . .

#### 1. Jesus

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. – Matthew 1:21 (also Luke 19:10; John 10:9; 1 Timothy 1:15; etc.)

#### 2. Endurance

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. – Matthew 10:22 (also Matthew 24:13)

#### 3. Calling on the name of the Lord

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. – Acts 2:21 (also Romans 10:13)

#### 4. Ourselves

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. – Acts 2:40

#### 5. Words [of God]

Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. – Acts 11:14

#### 6. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. – Acts 15:11

#### 7. Believing

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what

must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. – Acts 16:30-31

#### 8. Christ's life

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. – Romans 5:9-10

#### 9. Hope

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? – Romans 8:24

#### 10. Confess with thy mouth Lord Jesus and believe His resurrection

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 10:9

#### 11. Preaching and belief

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. – 1 Corinthians 1:21

#### 12. The gospel and keeping it in memory

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. – 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (cf. 1 Thess. 2:16)

#### 13. Grace

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) – Ephesians 2:5

#### 14. Faith

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: – Ephesians 2:8

#### 15. Loving the truth

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. – 2 Thessalonians 2:10

#### 16. Taking heed to and continuing in doctrine

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. – 1 Timothy 4:16

#### 17. God

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, – 2 Timothy 1:9

#### 18. Mercy

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; – Titus 3:5

#### 19. Washing of regeneration

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; – Titus 3:5

#### 20. Renewing of the Holy Ghost

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; – Titus 3:5

#### 21. Coming to God by Christ

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. – Hebrews 7:25

#### 22. The engrafted word

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and

superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. – James 1:21

**23. The lawgiver**

There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? – James 4:12

**24. Being converted**

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. – James 5:20

**25. Baptism**

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: – 1 Peter 3:21

**Some Observations...**

Did you notice how many times God used the word “only” in regard to that by which we are saved – ZERO! Any time one begins to proclaim we are saved by anything “only” we ought to flee from the sure false teaching about to be proclaimed (Romans 16:17).

A passage that may shed light upon how we can be saved by so many things ( and this is a partial listing!) Is Luke 17:10:

*So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.*

There are three important concepts in this passage ...

*First, God gives each of us commands (“all those things which are commanded you”).*

*Secondly, when we do those things God tells us to say we are yet “unprofitable.”* It is clear then that obedience to His will does not result

in what many condemn as meritorious salvation.

*Third, if we are ready to approach God as his “unprofitable servants” we will do what He says – all of it!*

Sadly there are many who think we have the right to “pick and choose” from the above list as if it were some kind of menu! The truth is though, when we take that approach we cease to be servants and make ourselves the master – a tragic path that some have taken before (Romans 1:22-25; Luke 6:46).

It is no wonder, in light of these passages, that God tells us that Jesus “... became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Hebrews 5:9).

Are you willing to accept ALL of the above and more? ***Then and only then will you be His servant ... then and only then will you be saved.***

When Jesus gave the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20 He emphasized this very thing. Based on His having “all power,” all nations are to be taught “to observe all things whatsoever” He commands. He also notes that this new life as a servant begins with being baptized. Paul also demonstrated that the act of obedience in baptism marks the time at which one is transformed into God’s servant (Romans 6:16-18; 1-4). ***Whose servant are you? Are you ready to become a servant of God so that you can be saved?***

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