

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

INTRODUCTION: (Acts 16:31). This question has been on the minds of people since Adam and Eve sinned and plunged the human race into sin. It has been worded differently by different people in different circumstances, but yet the answer has been the same. Jesus said that the reason that he came into the world was to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). What does it mean to be lost? What does it mean to be saved? What are we saved from? Is it necessary to be saved?

I. WHO NEEDS TO BE SAVED? (Romans 3:9-20, 23). Every man, woman and child born into the world. We are born with a sin nature and we choose to sin. Because we are sinners we are liable to God's judgment and are guilty before His sight.

II. WHAT CAN NOT SAVE US?

- A. Not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- B. Not by the deeds of the law (Romans 3:20).
- C. Not by blood (birth right)(John 1:13).
- D. Not by religious ceremonies (Romans 4:9-11).

III. HOW ARE WE SAVED? (Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9-13; Phil. 2:11).

- A. By simple faith.
- B. By confession with the mouth = belief in the heart(Rom. 10:9-10).

By calling upon the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13). In desperation a person must ask Jesus to save him from his sin.

By confessing Jesus as Lord (Phil. 2:11). Believe Jesus' claims to be God's Son.

IV. WHAT ARE WE SAVED FROM?

- A. From the punishment of Sin (John 3:16, 18). Those who are saved have everlasting life.
- B. From the power of sin (I Cor. 1:18; Phil. 1:6). Those who are saved are now able to have victory over sinful habits. They have a new power to do what is right.
- C. Someday from the presence of Sin (I Pet. 1:5). Indwelling sin will be eradicated and no sinner will be permitted into heaven to tempt the believer.