

What Saves?

There is a grave misconception among a lot of people that one solitary act saves us from our sins. Most of the time, the act put forth is faith. We dare not isolate or tell God the means by which we will be saved! If and when we do, we are not properly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). When we "*twist the Scriptures, it is to our own destruction*" (2 Peter 3:16). Which of the following are true? What truly saves us?

- Man is saved by hope (Romans 8:24).
- Man is saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8).
- Man is saved by faith (Acts 16:31).
- Man is saved by mercy (Titus 3:5).
- Man is saved by words (Acts 11:14).
- Man is saved by baptism (1 Peter 3:21).
- Man is saved by the word (James 1:21).
- Man is saved by the truth (John 8:32).
- Man is saved by hearing (John 5:24).
- Man is saved by obedience (Hebrews 5:9).
- Man is saved by the gospel (Romans 1:16-17).
- Man is saved by knowledge (1 Timothy 2:4).
- Man is saved by belief and baptism (Mark 16:16).
- Man is saved by belief and confession (Romans 10:9).
- Man is saved by repentance and baptism (Acts 2:38).
- Man is saved by calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:13).
- Man is saved by the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5).
- Man is saved by being born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5).
- Man is saved by faithfulness (Revelation 2:10).
- Man is saved by God (1 Timothy 2:3-4).
- Man is saved by Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:21).
- Man is saved by the Holy Spirit (2 Thessalonians 2:3-14).
- Man is saved by the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:28).

Every one of these elements, and some that are not even mentioned, are essential to one's salvation! Why so many people are guilty of believing what one passage says about salvation while ignoring others is amazing! There is no passage which teaches that man or woman is saved by "faith alone," or "at the point of faith." Many passages say we are saved by faith and my brethren and I accept every one of them and believe them wholeheartedly. If there was a passage that taught faith alone saves men and women we would believe it, but it cannot be found. The closest one to saying such says it is not so (James 2:24). You see that a man or woman cannot be saved by faith alone any more than a man or woman can be saved by baptism only. Read

again carefully the list of elements by which we are saved. If you take one to the exclusion of others, you negate parts of the Bible's teachings and cause the loss of your own precious soul. It will be up to you (Acts 2:40; Philippians 2:12).

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