

WHAT MUST I NOT DO TO BE SAVED? Pt. 3

{Examining Water Baptism, Asking Jesus into Your Heart, Giving Your Life to Christ, and Public Confession & Calling Upon the Lord}

- Do you recognize the importance of accuracy, clarity, and using contrast when understanding the Gospel for yourself and also presenting the Gospel to others?

What are Some of the WRONG RESPONSES to the Gospel Today?

1. Faith in Christ PLUS ... be WATER BAPTIZED to be saved.
 - a. Water Baptism is NOT part of the _____ of salvation. {1 Corinthians 1:17-21}
 - b. Water Baptism is a God directed _____, like CIRCUMCISION, which CANNOT save, justify, regenerate, wash away sin, etc. a sinner. {Rom. 4:1-12; Eph. 2:8-9}
 - c. Water Baptism must be _____ by faith in Christ alone to be biblical. {Acts 8:35-39; 10:43-48; 16:30-34}
 - d. Water Baptism acts as a symbolic means of _____ of a person's faith in Jesus Christ & spiritual identification with Jesus Christ. {Acts 18:8; Rom. 6:3-5}

SEVEN BAPTISMS OF THE BIBLE					
	BAPTISM	SCRIPTURE	SUBJECT	SPHERE	RESULTS
D R Y	Baptism of Moses	1 Corinthians 10:2	Israelites who fled from Egypt	Cloud and Sea	Identified with Moses (Sea) and the Lord (Cloud)
	Baptism of Cup	Matthew 20:22 Luke 12:50	Christ	Suffering	Christ identified with sins of mankind
	Baptism by Holy Spirit	Acts 1:5; Rom. 6:3-4 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5 Gal. 3:26-28;	All church-age believers	Body of Christ	Believers identified with Christ as His body
	Baptism of Fire	Matthew 3:11 13:25ff Luke 3:16b	All unbelievers	Judgment Fires	Unbelievers identified with God's judgment
W E T	Baptism of John	Matthew 3:1-11 John 1:25-33 Acts 19:2-4	John's and Jesus' Disciples (Israelites)	Kingdom	Disciples of John's or Jesus' message of repentance — Kingdom message
	Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus	Will of the Father	Personal identification with repentant remnant, national manifestation of Messiah to Israel, and divine coronation of the King
	Baptism of Believers	Matthew 28:19-20 Acts 2:41; 8:26-40 10:47-48; 18:8	Church-age believers	Public identification with Christ	Public proclamation of salvation, and identification with Christ and other believers

- e. Water Baptism is designed to be practiced _____ the Church Age by Jewish believers {Acts 2:47}, Samaritan believers {Acts 8:12-13} & Gentile believers. {Acts 10:43-48; 18:8; 19:5}

Clarification: Water baptism is a public means or external ritual for those who already have been saved by God's grace to publicly proclaim their faith & identification with Jesus Christ. What is Acts 2:38 teaching & not teaching?

- a. Let's examine the historical & immediate CONTEXTS of Acts 2:38.
 - What did Jesus Christ tell His disciples in Luke 24:46-49?
 - What did Jesus Christ tell His disciples in Matthew 28:18-20?
 - What did Peter preach in Acts 2:14-36?
 - What are these Jews asking Peter in Acts 2:37, and how does this differ from Acts 16:31?

b. Let's observe the **CONTENT** of Acts 2:38: *Then Peter said to them, {Command #1} "Repent {metanoeo, aorist tense, active voice, imperative mood- all of you change your mind – about what or who?} and {#2} let every one of you {who have changed your minds then} be {water} baptized {baptizo - aorist, passive, imperative, 3rd person singular – public identification – but WHY?} in {epi – upon, on, resting upon – 2:3, 17-19, 30, 9:42, 11:17, 16:31, 22:19} the name {4:12, 10:43} of Jesus Christ {His person & finished work} {Result #1} for {eis} the remission of sins; and {Result #2} you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

c. Let's **COMPARE** Scripture with Scripture: Consider Acts 2:41, 2:44, 10:43, 48, 11:17-18

a. Let's **CONCLUDE**: Acts 2:38 is Peter's _____ to these Jewish unbelievers' question as to what they should now ___ in light of them having murdered their Messiah which God the Father then raised Jesus Christ from the dead {2:36-37}. The command & invitation which is given to all would begin with _____ {from unbelief to belief; from rejection to receiving Him by faith as their Savior}, resulting in the forgiveness of their sins & the receiving of the Holy Spirit, which was then to followed by going from the public rejection to the public identification with Jesus as the Christ via _____ of which some 3000 individuals responded {2:41}.

2. Faith in Christ PLUS ... ASK or INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART to be saved. (John 1:12; Gal. 2:20; 4:6)

Clarification: _____ in Scripture are we told to ask/invite Jesus Christ into our hearts for He _____ comes in the moment we trust in Christ alone as presented in the Gospel {Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27} as does the Holy Spirit {Eph. 1:13}. To ask Jesus into your heart **CONFUSES** the Gospel as you do not ask for a free gift that God desires you to possess at infinite cost by the sacrifice of His Son. How do you explain Revelation 3:20?

3. Faith in Christ plus GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST to be saved.

Clarification: Salvation is ___ obtained by giving [your money, your commitment, or your life] but by _____ Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation through FAITH in CHRIST alone. (John 1:12; Rom. 5:11, 17; Col. 2:6)

4. Faith in Christ plus PUBLICLY CONFESS CHRIST or CALL UPON HIM to be saved. {Jn 12:42-43}

- What is the context of Romans 9-11? ISRAEL'S PAST NATIONAL ELECTION {9}, ISRAEL'S PRESENT INDIVIDUAL REJECTION {10}, ISRAEL'S FUTURE NATIONAL SALVATION {11}
- What was previously taught about justification before God in Romans 3-5, 9:30-10:4?
- Is Romans 10:9-10 requiring 2 conditions for personal justification / salvation?
- Observe the *confession of faith*. {10:9a}; the *condition of faith*. {10:9b}; the *clarifications about faith* in the order {10:10; in the Scriptures {10:11}, and its present availability, {10:12} and the *calling following faith*. {10:13-14}

Clarification: The confession of Jesus Christ as Lord is an _____ of faith in Him & calling upon Him are both the _____ of believing in Him and are _____ conditions for personal salvation. Yet all of this will transpire nationally when Israel in the coming Tribulation will change their mind {repent} and believe in Him as their rightful Messiah and then call upon Him to deliver them from their enemies & set up the Kingdom on Earth. {Rom. 11:26-27; Zech. 12:10; Isaiah 53:4ff}