

Lesson 3 Salvation

In the preceding lesson we learned that:

- *Christ died for us.*
- *He rose again.*
- *He has done all that is necessary for salvation.*
- *In order to receive this salvation, we must believe in Christ.*

1. What great question must we all answer sooner or later? (18:38)

2. What did Christ say in answer to this question? (17:17)

Jesus Himself gives us the reason for all error. He told the false religious leaders of His day: "...Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." (Matthew 32:29)

3. When I understand God's Word, what effect will it produce in my life? (8:32)

4. What attitude is required if we are to grasp the truth? (7:17)

5. What can permanently satisfy the thirst of the soul? (4:14)

6. What is the only source of this water: (1) the pleasures of this world: (2) the practice of a religion: (3) Jesus Christ: (4) riches? (4:14) Write the correct answer.

7. Who is the main theme of the Scriptures? (5:39) _____

8. Who are those whom Jesus invites to come to Him? (7:37) _____

9. Is eternal life a gift, or must it be earned by good works? (10:28) _____

10. If we do not receive this life, what can be the only reason? (5:40)

11. What is the normal use of a door? _____

12. Who is the only door to Heaven? (10:9) _____

13. What will happen to the one who enters in by Him? (10:9) _____

14. In John 14:6, what is the first of three titles given to Jesus? _____

15. Did Jesus mention any other intermediary between the Father and man, except Himself? (14:6) _____

St. Paul expressed it this way: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5)

16. Will anyone succeed if he attempts to go to God through any other mediator? (14:6)

From our studies thus far we have seen that the heart of the Gospel is the good news that, Christ died for our sins." In this single phrase we have summarized the facts God wants us to know and accept—that is: (1) that we are sinners; (2) that the penalty for sin is death; (3) that Jesus Christ, through the shedding of His blood on the cross, paid this death penalty for us.

Christ has done everything that is necessary for salvation. It is for this reason that the one thing that God commands us to do if we are to receive His salvation is: "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ..." (Acts 16:31)

But some will say, "I believe already." However, the word "believe," as used in the Bible, does not mean simply a mental assent to certain facts or doctrines, but rather a complete trust in a Person. To believe in Jesus Christ in the Biblical sense, then, is something quite different from believing about Napoleon. It is an act of the will, and not of the intellect only.

Jesus told certain Jews: "...Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life,; To "believe" then, means to come directly and personally to Jesus Christ for salvation.

17. After telling Thomas to put his hand in His side, what did Jesus ask him to do? (20:27)

18. Did Thomas believe? (20:29) _____

19. Can you believe in the Lord even though you have not seen Him? (20:29)

20. Who was the first person to whom Thomas spoke when he believed? (20:28)

21. Who is the first person to whom we should speak when we believe?

22. What did Jesus ask the man whom He had healed from blindness? (9:35)

23. After Jesus had identified Himself as the Son of God, what did this man say? (9:38)

24. Who was the first person to learn that this man had believed? (9:38)

25. Suppose that you say to Christ: "Lord Jesus, I believe that I am a sinner and condemned of God, and I believe that you died for all my sins. I now receive you as my personal Savior." If you "come" to Him in this manner will He save you? (6:37) _____

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