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Salvation

In our first lesson we saw the drastic effect sin has on us. We learned that all people have sinned and that the penalty is the second death. We concluded that all people, regardless of how good they are, are bound for the second death because of sin. Not everyone realizes this, or they would be more inclined to try to do something about it. In our second lesson, we saw that God, in His love for us, has made a way that we can escape the second death through His Son, Jesus, the Savior of the world. Just how does a person receive the benefits of the Savior? In short, what must a person do to be saved from the second death? This lesson will guide to you the answers to this all important question. (Numbers in parentheses are page numbers for the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD NEW TESTAMENT, Paperback edition, published by the International Bible Society.

1. When we speak of salvation, from what are we speaking of being saved?

Romans 3:23 (167)

Romans 6:23 (170)

Revelation 21:8 (278)

Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46 (30)

2. Can we earn salvation ourselves by doing good deeds and living good lives?

Ephesians 2:8-9 (209)

3. Is a person passive or active in receiving salvation?

Matthew 7:24-27)

4. What must a person do to be saved?

a. The foundational response of salvation is _____

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Hebrews 11:6 (242)

John 3:16 (101)

Acts 16:30-33 (148)

b. Saving faith in God must be open and unashamed, not a secret. The Bible refers to this as _____.

Romans 10:9-10

Matthew 10:32-33 (11)

Matthew 16:16 (81)

c. Open confession of belief in Christ will lead to a willingness to _____.

Acts 3:19-20 (130)

Luke 13:3 (81)

d. A repentant believer must be _____ to have all sins forgiven and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 (129)

1 Peter 3:21 (252)

Mark 16:16 (59)

Acts 22:16 (156)

The following questions could be the most important you will ever answer. Please consider each carefully and answer honestly.

Do you believe that Jesus is who He claimed to be, the Son of God, and that God really raised Him from the dead?

Are you willing to confess this faith before others?

Are you willing to turn away from what you know to be wrong and start living your life for God, doing your best to live by the teaching of the Bible?

Are you willing to accept Jesus Christ as the Lord (Master) of your life for the rest of your life? (*"Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life."* - Revelation 2:10)

Do you want to be baptized to have your sins taken away and begin the Christian life?

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and He with Me."
(The words of Jesus Christ, addressed to you in Revelation 3:20)