

When Were You Saved?

By Matt Wallin, House to House, Heart to Heart

What would you say if someone asked you, “When were you saved?” Many people cannot point to a clear moment. Others might say, “When I prayed,” or “When I felt God in my heart.” However, the Bible gives a consistent answer that helps us know, not guess, when salvation truly begins.

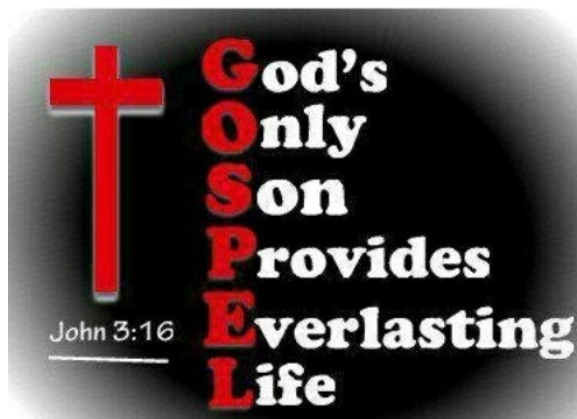
Salvation is not earned, but it does begin at a definite moment—when faith meets obedience. Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). Peter preached the same message on the day the church began: “Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Those who received his words were baptized, and God added them to the church (Acts 2:41, 47).

Throughout the New Testament, people did not wait weeks or months after believing to be baptized—they obeyed immediately. The Ethiopian nobleman asked, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” (Acts 8:36). Saul of Tarsus, though already praying and believing, was told, “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

Faith is the foundation, repentance is the turning point, and confession is the commitment—but baptism is where God washes away sins and brings new life through Christ (Romans 6:3–4). That is when a person is saved.

So, when were you saved? The Bible’s answer is clear; it is an answer you can know with confidence.

If you would like to study what the Bible says about salvation and how to be certain that you have obeyed the gospel just as they did in the first century, we would love to open God’s Word with you and help you find assurance in His plan.



Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Sympathy is extended to Jim Kirkland and family after the death of his daughter Brandy Hamm. Her service will be in Ozark.
- ♦ Steve Rackley has been suffering from severe back pain.
- ♦ Several students and adults have had the flu.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Vance Hambelton, Larry Butler, Dale Strong, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Bob Robbins, Coe Hamm.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Jamie Crisp, Ricky Langston, Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Jim Kirkland, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Jenny James, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth, Dan Hardy.
- ♦ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ♦ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.

Thank you to the men who helped cook, serve, and clean up last night for our Valentines' dinner. All the women greatly appreciate you.



IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS,
HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND
WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND
PURIFY US FROM
ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

John 1:9

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2-4	Megan Goodman	1-10	Matt and Rose Burton
2-5	Jim Kirkland	Birthdays	
2-7	Joan Nash	2-28	Don Reynolds
2-27	Mary Lou Snelson		

Esther will be serving chili and dessert for our Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes. Please join us.



HOLY HOTLINES

WORRY HOTLINE..... 1 PETER 5:7

FEAR HOTLINE..... ISAIAH 41:10

TEMPTATION HOTLINE..... 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

DOUBT HOTLINE..... ROMANS 10:17

SICKNESS HOTLINE..... ISAIAH 53:5

DEPRESSION HOTLINE..... PSALM 34:18

LONELINESS HOTLINE..... DEUTERONOMY 31:8

LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

February Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

2-15 Mark Lane
2-22 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

Dana Crisp
Matt Kyle

Song Leader: Dylan Abraham
Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: **All Have Sinned**

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up front

#535, *The Glory-land Way*; #227, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#324, *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*; Communion Service

#113, *His Grace Reaches Me*

Sermon and Invitation

#911, *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*

#470, *Victory in Jesus*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us