

BACK TO THE BASICS - SALVATION

(Mark 16:15,16)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Everyone in the world can be saved.
2. All of us have experienced the consequences of being lost.
3. There are several questions that must be asked. And the correct answers must be given before salvation will be realized.

DISCUSSION:

1. WHAT MUST A PERSON HAVE TO BE SAVED?

1. You must have a desire to be saved (Mat 5:6; Acts 2:14-47). When we truly desire to be saved, we will want to know what to do, and we will gladly do it.
2. You must have a willingness to learn (Mat 13:15). We must be taught how to be saved (Mat 28:18-20; Jn 6:45). The gospel must be taught, received, and obeyed (1 Cor 15:1-4; Acts 18:8).
3. You must have integrity (Luke 8:18; Mark 4:24). We must accept what the Bible teaches. We must discard what the Bible doesn't teach.
4. You must have the humility to submit (Mat 5:3; 18:4). Pride keeps more people from God than you would believe.

2. WHAT MUST A PERSON REALIZE TO BE SAVED?

1. You must realize that you are lost. People are lost because they have sinned (Rom. 3:23).
2. You must realize that you cannot save yourself.
3. You must realize that Christ alone saves you (Acts 4:12; Heb 5:8-9).
4. You must realize that Christ made salvation possible (Heb 9:22). What about the blood of animals? (Heb 10:4; Mat. 26:28).

3. WHAT MUST A PERSON DO TO BE SAVED?

1. We must hear the gospel (Rom 10:13-14, 17; Js 1:22).
2. We must believe - have faith (Heb 11:6; Jn 8:24; James 2:24).
3. We must repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor 7:10).death.
4. We must confess our faith (Mat 10:32-33; Rom 10:9-10).
5. We must be baptized. Baptism is commanded (Acts 10:48). For remission of sins (Acts 2:38). To be saved (Mk 16:16). To wash away sins (Acts 22:16). It is the only way to get into Christ (2 Tim 2:10; Gal 3:27).