



## **BOOK 01 – CHAPTER 01 – STUDY 08**

# **HOW TO CALL UPON THE LORD ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE**

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## How to Call Upon the Lord

### Salvation according to the word of God.

**John 3:5-7 (KJV)** Christ answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Christ answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

Christ said that we must be born again. So, when and how do we become born again?

There is nothing that we can do to merit salvation. Whether it be believing in Christ or being baptized, we can never "earn our salvation". But the only way we can show our faith in Christ is if we are willing to accept and obey what God says.

Many people have the erroneous idea that because they were born into a Christian home, they are automatically saved and sealed Christians. Our fathers and mothers may be the greatest born-again Christians in the world, but that doesn't make us also born-again Christians.

We cannot work our way to God, either. The Bible says that salvation comes "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit"

**Titus 3:5-6 (KJV)** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Christ our Saviour;

Those who believe they are saved by inheritance or have earned it through the works of the law, will find out the hard way, that when judgment comes God will reject them because they never knew Christ and therefore, Christ never knew them.

**Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful

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works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Reformation alone is **NOT** enough either. We can say, “We are going to change, be better,” or make our new year’s, mid years, end of year, or whatever resolutions. But it still won’t be enough, because in the sight of God “all our righteousness’s are like filthy rags”.

**Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)** *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

Some people have changed on the outside to conform to certain social standards or behavior that is expected in churches or even with Christian friends and family, but deep inside they have never been changed. Their sins have not been washed away, have not been born again, and the Holy Spirit is not indwelling within them.

That is why Christ said it repeatedly in different scenarios, forms, and ways **“we need changing inside,”** and only the Holy Spirit is the only one that can truly help us accomplish that.

**Matthew 24:23-28 (KJV)** *Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

Change is real and necessary. For salvation we must repent and be fully aware that God’s way is better than our way.

For Spiritual growth and maturity, we must allow the Holy Spirit to change us, as it is written:

**Romans 12:2 (KJV)** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

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There is a mystery to the new birth. Christ said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit". (**John 3:8**). But you can always see the result. Christ did not attempt to explain the new birth because our finite minds cannot understand the infinite.

Salvation brings us closer to God in many different levels. We start having a personal relationship with God and the understanding of His word gets easier and easier. We are given gifts, gifts that the Holy Spirit will impart in us, and we can use for the benefit of all. We will gain knowledge, wisdom, and even the gift of discernment. Some will receive other gifts, such as the gift of healings.

This personal relationship with God begins the moment we realize our need for Him, belief in Him and admit we are sinners, and in faith receive Christ as Savior. God, our heavenly Father, has always desired to be close to us, to have a relationship with us.

**So, what does God require for us to do in order to receive His precious gift of salvation?**

➤ **We need to believe:**

- We must believe the Gospel. **Mark 1:15**
- We must believe in the name of the only begotten son of God. **John 3:18** and **Acts 8:37**.
- We must believe that Christ is the Son of God. **Acts 8:37-38**.
- We must believe in the Father and the Son. **John 11:25, John 5:24, John 6:47, John 3:18, Acts 16:31** and **John 3:15-16**.
- We must believe God the Father raised Christ from the dead. **Rom 10:9, 1 Thes 4:14**.

➤ **We need to be converted:**

- Conversion is needed to make it into the kingdom of heaven. **Mat 18:3**.
- We will be converted if our faith does not fail. **Luke 22:31-32**.

➤ **We need to recognize that we have sinned against God and broke His commands. Are you a sinner, YES or NO! Do you admit that you are a GUILTY sinner, under the condemnation of God's LAW, deserving of Hellfire? (**Romans 3:23**)**

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- **We need to repent:** Are you truly repentant of your sinful life?
  - We are commanded to repent **Acts 17:30**
  - We must repent to be converted **Acts 3:19**
  - If we repent our sins may be blotted out **Acts 3:19, Acts 8:22**,
  - If we don't repent, we will not receive salvation **Luke 13:3**
- **We need to have faith:** As a mustard seed!
  - Faith is shown by its works. **James 2:17-18.**
  - If our faith fails, we will not be converted. **Luke 22:31-32.**
  - Those who keep the faith of Christ, will be in heaven. **Rev 14:12.**
  - We must hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. **Heb 10:23.**
  - The end of the commandment is sincere faith. **1 Tim 1:5.**
- **We must be obedient to God:**
  - Obedience to God Demonstrates Faith. **1 John 2:3-6.**
- **We need to confess Christ out loud:** Do you want Him and can you call Him into your life?
  - We are to confess Christ out loud to be saved. **Rom 10:9, Phil 2:11.**
  - Confession made unto salvation. **Rom 10:10**
  - We are to confess we are sinners during baptism. **Mat 3:6, Mark 1:5**
- **We need to have good/clear conscience:**
  - Baptism is the answer to having a good conscience toward God. **1 Pet 3:21**
  - We are convicted by our own conscience. **John 8:9.**
  - We are to exercise having a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. **Act 24:16, 1 Tim 1:19, 2 Cor 4:2**
  - Our Conscience bears witness in the Holy Ghost. **Rom 9:1.**
  - Our Conscience bears witness of the work we do. **Rom 2:15.**
  - We must hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. **1 Tim 3:9.**
  - We should thank God whom we serve with a clear conscience **2 Tim 1:3.**
  - The end of the commandment is a good conscience. **1 Tim 1.**
  - We need remission of sins:

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- We must be baptized to receive the remission for our sins. **Acts 2:38.**
- Christ sacrifice on the cross was for the remission of our sins. **Mat 26:28.**
- Remission of sins that are past (not future) through the forbearance of God. (not to be confused with forgiveness of sins). **Rom 3:25.**
- Once remission of sins is given, God will not remember them anymore. **Heb 10:17-18.**

➤ **We need to be water baptized:** Unless you are allergic to water, then there is no reason to wait or skip this one, because, you will not be reborn again and the Holy Ghost will not indwell in you.

- Baptism also saves us. **Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21, Titus 3:5.**
- Except we are baptized, we cannot enter the kingdom of God. **John 3:5.**
- We are to do only one baptism with everything attached to it! **Eph 4:5**
- We are to be baptized with water. **Heb 10:22, Titus 3:5,**
- We are to baptize in the name of the Father, Son & of the Holy Ghost. **Matt 28:19, Acts 4:12, Acts 2:38.**
- We are baptized for the remission of our past sins. **Acts 2:38.**
- We are to be baptized with a clear conscience **Heb 10:22, 1 Peter 3:21.**
- After water baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:38.**

➤ **We need God's grace and mercy:** It is automatic!

- By and through grace we are saved. **Eph 2:5, Eph 2:8, Act 15:11.**

**You say, “Surely, it cannot be that simple!”** Yes, that simple. It is scriptural; it is God's plan. Believe in Christ, be baptized and receive Him as Savior today. Once you accept Christ as your Lord and Savior, He will start changing you, teaching you and molding you. He will start taking you away from the ways of death.

If you've never been saved, then now is the appointed time.

**Romans 8:34 (KJV)** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Just as you were born physically to your parents, so you will be born spiritually into the Family of God when you receive Christ and do everything, he requires for you to be saved!

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Please understand that we are not saved because we pray a prayer; but because we believe upon the Lord Christ and follow thru with His requirements. It is certainly appropriate to ask the Lord in prayer to forgive and save us; but it is by believing that we get close to Him and by our faith which prompts us to pray, be baptized and even do good works.

Would you like to receive salvation? Give us a call or text us. Because there are other details attached that the person who is doing the baptism has to know and do. For example, you will be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. So, what is the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost?

Another one is, that you need to be baptized not only for the remission of your sins, but also for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. The baptizer must also lay hands on you right after baptism.

Finally, the person performing the baptism, must have been called and ordained. Whether he was called and ordained directly by God, or by someone who was priorly called and ordained by God.

You see, anyone can dunk you in a tub, but only those who are truly called and ordained have God's authority and can baptize and have your sins remitted by God, through them.

**John 20:23 (KJV)** Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

**“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”**

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