

Salvation According to Scripture

The Biblical Examination of Salvation

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Challenging the Common Salvation Narrative

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READ THIS FIRST

Each study in this series is the result of years of preparation, prayer, experience, research, and careful scriptural verification. This is not rushed teaching or surface-level content. Every study has been built deliberately, line upon line, to ensure clarity, accuracy, and faithfulness to Scripture.

Because of this, the order of these studies is not optional.

You must complete every study in sequence, book by book, chapter by chapter, beginning with Chapter 1, Study 1, then Study 2, Study 3, and so on before moving forward.

Do not skip. Do not rearrange. Do not jump ahead.

The entire Book 2 must be completed in exact order from beginning to end. It cannot be studied out of sequence under any circumstance.

You must not move to the next study unless you have fully verified what you learned. Do not advance until you are one hundred percent certain that the teaching in the current study is true, biblical, and godly.

No guessing.

No assuming.

No rushing.

Each study must be proven in Scripture and understood without confusion before you continue. This is how God leads a person into truth.

This order is essential. When followed correctly, your understanding will grow the way it was designed to. When ignored, confusion increases, and what should take weeks can take years.

**TRUTH RECEIVED OUT OF SEQUENCE INTENSIFIES
CONVICTION WITHOUT PROVIDING STABILITY.**

These studies are designed for anyone, regardless of background, tradition, or what they currently believe to be true. Whether you have spent years studying or have never opened the Scriptures, it does not matter. What matters is this, are you willing to listen, willing to study, and willing to test everything by the Word of God? If so, the truth will open to you exactly as it was written to be understood.

The Gospel of Christ

If you die today, will you be entering the Kingdom of Heaven?
Are you following the plan of salvation and faith which was once delivered unto the Saints?

In other words, are you following the Apostle's doctrine, or are you following a common plan of salvation, which is a manmade doctrine?

Is your doctrine of salvation the right one?

Have you verified with the Holy scriptures the salvation plan your pastor is preaching?

How sure are you, that you have not been deceived and have accepted a counterfeit salvation plan? In other words, are you doing what God requires to receive salvation?

Many different salvation messages are being preached today.

Some say belief alone.

Some say faith alone.

Some say repentance.

Some say baptism.

Some say obedience.

Some say all of the above.

They cannot all be correct.

Therefore the question is not: "What does my church teach?"

The question is:

"What did Christ and His apostles teach?"

I am NOT asking you to believe what I am about to show you!

I am just asking for you to listen, read and then verify whether I bring biblical truth or not.

Just like the Bereans, that received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so! Acts 17:10-11

Jude 1:3 (KJV) Beloved, When I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.

Let us break this verse down.

Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.

The definition of EARNESTLY is with sincere and intense conviction; seriously.

The definition of CONTEND is to strive.

So, this is what Jude is saying:

It was needful to write to you of the common salvation and appeal to you that ye should, (leave that common salvation plan and) with sincere and intense conviction, strive for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.

This raises an important question.

Is the salvation message commonly taught today truly the same faith once delivered unto the saints?

Or has something been added, removed, or changed?

Before answering that question, let us first examine some of the claims being made.

1. Are we truly saved by believing ALONE or by faith ALONE?
2. Does God require more of us than just believing or faith?
3. Do we need remission of sins for salvation and if we do, how do we attain it?
4. Is water baptism necessary for salvation or is it only an outward expression of our faith?
5. Do we need any type of good works to be saved?

6. What is the apostle's doctrine and why do most churches have and teach a different doctrine?

7. Are we saved after reciting the sinner's prayer?

Why Ask These Questions?

Most believers never stop to ask these questions.

They assume they already know the answers.

They trust what they have been taught.

They trust the church they attend.

They trust the pastor they love.

They trust the doctrine they inherited.

Yet every generation before us contained sincere believers who were wrong about something.

Therefore sincerity alone cannot be the test.

Tradition cannot be the test.

Popularity cannot be the test.

The only test is Scripture.

If what we believe agrees with Scripture, then our faith will stand.

If it does not, then we must be willing to change.

Most people are trusting and following what their pastors and loved ones are telling them about Christ and salvation not discerning and confirming what is truth or error. Because of this lack of Godly knowledge, they are disobedient to God and sadly ending up in hell!

Hosea 4:6 (KJV) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Luke 6:46 (KJV) And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

And without true Godly knowledge, no one can produce the quality and amount of fruit that they are called to bear!

John 15:4 (KJV) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

As disciples of Christ, we need to question everything whether it is Godly or not. Especially those things concerning Christ and salvation. We are to be like the Bereans that heard the word of Christ, received it gladly then went home and verified with scriptures that it was so Acts 17:11.

The Bible tells us that the Holy scriptures can make us wise unto salvation.

2 Tim 3:15 (KJV) And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ.

So, we are to do the same as the Bereans. We are to listen and then verify everything our pastors, teachers, family members and ancestors have told us about Christ and salvation and make sure it is according to the word of God.

The word of God also warns us and tells us that if we do not keep in memory what the disciples taught us, then we believe in vain. 2 Tim 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth., 1 Cor 15:1-2 (KJV) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

A Thought Experiment

Imagine two people standing before you.

Both carry a Bible.

Both claim to follow Christ.

Both quote Scripture.

Both claim they are teaching the true gospel.

Yet they disagree about salvation.

Which one is correct?

More importantly:

How would you know?

Could you prove your answer from Scripture?

Or would you simply repeat what you have always been told?

The next study presents exactly this situation.

Before You Continue

In the next study you will meet a fictional character named John Doe.

His story is not unique.

Thousands of believers have faced the same questions.

As you read his story, do not focus on what you think is right or wrong.

Focus on the Scriptures being used.

Focus on the answers being given.

Focus on the assumptions being made.

Focus on what is being assumed.

Focus on what is being ignored.

Focus on what is being proven.

Focus on what is merely being asserted.

Then ask yourself:

If I were John Doe,

would I know whether I had been given the truth?

Rules:

1. Read everything.
2. Take notes.
3. Verify everything.
4. If you find contradictions, let us know.
5. Ask all your questions.
6. Do your homework.
7. Answer all the questions.
8. Do NOT go to the next Study unless you have read, answered, verified, and agreed 100% with everything in that study.
9. When in doubt, go back and start in rule #1

Do you understand these rules?

Yes, or No?

Will you follow these rules?

Yes, or No?

CONTINUE CAREFULLY

What you have just read was not a presentation of proof.

It was a challenge.

A challenge to examine whether the salvation message you believe today is truly the same faith once delivered unto the saints.

You have seen that many different salvation messages are being preached.

They cannot all be correct.

Yet many believers have never personally verified what they believe.

Instead, they trust:

- Their church
- Their pastor
- Their denomination
- Their family tradition
- Their own assumptions

Before moving forward, ask yourself:

Have I personally verified my beliefs concerning salvation?

Or have I simply accepted what others have told me?

In the next study, you will encounter a story.

As you read it, resist the temptation to immediately choose sides.

Instead, examine the Scriptures.

Examine the claims.

Examine the reasoning.

Then determine whether those things are so.

Truth does not fear examination.

Error does.

Then continue.

NEXT STEP

The next study will build directly on what you have just examined.

Each step matters.

Continue forward in order.

NEED HELP?

You were not meant to figure this out alone.

If you have questions, need clarification, or want to go through these studies with someone, reach out.

We will study the Scriptures with you, step by step, so that what you learn is clear, proven, and grounded in truth.

**If what you believe is true, it will stand.
If it is not, it must fall.**

You Should Have Already Verified and Tested:

B2-C01-S01 - God's Call to Examine Salvation

B2-C01-S02 - Questions That Reveal What We Truly Believe

B2-C01-S03 - Tracing the Biblical Path to Salvation

B2-C01-S04 - The Full Biblical Pattern of Salvation

B2-C01-S05 - Are You Truly Saved

You Are Here:

B2-C01-S06 - Challenging the Common Salvation Narrative

Your Next Study:

B2-C01-S07 - A Common Salvation Story Examined

B2-C01-S08 - Why Feelings Cannot Be Trusted for Salvation

B2-C01-S09 - When Doubt Is a Call to Examine, Not to Fear

B2-C01-S10 - Believing Nearer to Salvation, Not Saved

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