

Salvation According to Scripture

The Biblical Examination of Salvation

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Are You Truly Saved

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Brothers and sisters,

By this point you should have already traced the lines, followed the connections, examined the verses, and tested whether those connections were truly biblical. You were not asked to blindly accept the map. You were asked to verify it.

Now comes the harder part.

You must face what the Scriptures themselves revealed.

Not what tradition says.

Not what denominations repeat.

Not what emotional sermons promote.

But what the Word of God actually connected together.

As you followed the verses carefully, one truth should have become impossible to ignore: salvation is not directly connected to believing alone or faith alone.

As a matter of fact, nowhere in scripture does it say that anything “alone” will save anyone.

The Scriptures repeatedly connect salvation to repentance, obedience, endurance, baptism, remission of sins, conversion, sanctification, faithfulness, and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. Believing is absolutely necessary, but believing alone was never shown to complete the covenant path to salvation.

In fact, one verse should now begin to make plain and common sense once the entire biblical pattern is viewed together:

Mark 16:16 (KJV) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

After tracing the full map, this verse no longer appears isolated or mysterious. It now reveals the beginning and ending points of the covenant path toward salvation.

Believing is the first step.

Baptism is the final covenant act that brings a person into remission of sins and positions them to receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost according to the pattern repeatedly shown throughout Scripture.

Everything else falls between those two points.

Repentance.

Conversion.

Confession.

Obedience.

Calling upon the Lord.

Remission of sins.

Receiving the Holy Ghost.

Faithfulness.

Endurance.

The entire pattern now begins to connect together instead of standing as scattered verses separated by tradition.

You can now also begin to understand why Romans 13:11 is not some clerical error, contradiction, or accidental wording, but truth speaking exactly as God intended:

Romans 13:11 (KJV) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Notice carefully what the verse says.

Not saved when we believed.

Not completed salvation when we believed.

Nearer to salvation.

Because believing was never shown as the completed end of the covenant path. It was the beginning that brings a person toward salvation through obedience to the gospel pattern God established.

Just imagine how many people have been lied to by being told they were already completely saved at the moment they first believed, while never being taught the full biblical pattern connected to remission of sins, baptism, obedience, endurance, sanctification, and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

How many have walked away believing they were eternally secure while still standing outside the covenant itself?

How many trusted sermons instead of Scripture?

How many trusted denominations instead of verification?

How many trusted pastors without ever tracing the verses for themselves?

And how many souls have entered hell shocked to discover that they defended a doctrine the apostles themselves never preached?

This is why the warnings in Scripture are so severe.

False doctrine is not harmless.

A corrupted gospel is not harmless.

A partial truth is not harmless.

When eternal life is involved, removing even one covenant requirement becomes spiritually deadly.

The danger of false doctrine is that it often removes only one part of the covenant while leaving enough truth remaining to appear biblical. Satan does not need to remove Christ completely if he can remove obedience. He does not need to remove faith if he can separate it from repentance, baptism, endurance, and submission to God.

And this is why many today sincerely believe they are safe while following a salvation pattern the apostles never preached.

The apostles never taught belief without obedience.

They never taught faith without endurance.

They never taught salvation without covenant response.

And they never separated remission of sins or the indwelling of the Holy Ghost from the biblical pattern God established.

Matthew 7:21 (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.

The issue was never merely believing Christ existed.

The issue has always been whether a person obeyed the covenant pattern established by God.

Therefore, let Scripture correct you wherever necessary.

Let truth expose tradition wherever necessary.

And let the Word of God remain higher than every sermon, denomination, teacher, assumption, and emotional experience.

Because eternity is too costly to build upon isolated verses while ignoring the full biblical pattern God already revealed.

The question remains; Are you truly saved?

According to the Gospel of Christ, in order to receive salvation, we need the following: All this must come together, not weeks, months or years apart!

The moment you received your salvation did the following things happen?

Place a check mark on those that you are 100% sure that happened!

- Did you know that salvation/eternal life is only through Christ? John 3:15-16, Rom 6:23.

- Did you believe the Gospel? Mark 1:15

- Did you believe that Christ is the only begotten son of God? John 3:18, Acts 8:37.

- Did you believe in the Father and the Son? John 5:24, John 6:47.

- Did you believe God the Father raised Christ from the dead? Rom 10:9, 1 Thes 4:14.

- Did you know and understood that believing alone does not save you; just like baptism alone, or good works alone does not save you?
 - Did you know that salvation is only nearer when you believe? Rom 13:11
 - Did you know that when you believe, you are sealed only with the promise of salvation? Eph 1:13.
 - Did you know that you are sealed with that promise until the day of your redemption/salvation? Eph 4:30.
 - Did you know that God has more requirements/conditions we need to meet other than to believe in order to give you eternal life?

Requirements like confessing Christ as Lord and savior, confessing your sins, repenting, obedience, Etc.

- Did you know that getting baptized is a commandment!
Matt 28:19, Acts 2:38

• Did you know that water baptism is also an ESSENTIAL part of salvation? 1 Pet 3:21, Mark 16:16, Col 2:12, John 3:5, Acts 2:38.

The following must go together: During your water baptism,

• Did you confess Christ as Lord and Savior? Rom 10:9-10, Phil 2:12.

• Did you repent of your sins? Mark 16:16, Luke 13:13, Acts 17:30.

• Did you confess you are a sinner during baptism? Matt 3:6, Mark 1:5.

• Did you call upon the Lord (audible)? Romans 10:9-13, Acts 2:21.

• Did you get baptized with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost? Matt 28:19. Num 19:7-9, Matt 3:6, Acts 8:36-38, Acts 22:16, Col 2:12.

- Did the Pastor say the known name of the Father? Did the Pastor say the known name of the Son? Did the Pastor say the known name of the Holy Spirit?

• Did you get baptized supposedly FOR the remission of your sins? Acts 2:38

- If or when you got baptized did you get baptized only for the forgiveness of sins?
- Remission and forgiveness are 2 different things and for 2 different reasons.
- Or maybe the “Pastor” just said, I baptize you in the name of Christ, with no reason? (No mention of, for the forgiveness of your sins).

- Did you also “purposedly” get baptized for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost? Acts 19:2-6, Mat 3:16, Mark 1:10, John 1:32,
- Did the person doing the baptism pray for you and laid hands on you after baptism, in order to receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost? Acts 19:2-6. Acts 8:17-19.

Very, very important,

Was the person doing the baptism, called, and ordained by God (like Paul, John, Peter, Matthew, etc.) or the least was he ordained by someone who was directly ordained by God (like Mattias, Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, etc.)!

Why is it so essential that the person performing a baptism be someone who was directly ordained by God or by someone who was ordained by someone that was directly ordained by God?

John 20:21-23 (KJV) Then said Christ to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. Remember, remission of sins only happens once, so God ordains the person and gives them the authority to remit those past sins. And it is ONLY through that one-time baptism, that their sins will be remitted by God through the baptizer. John 20:23 (KJV) Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. Forgiveness of sins happens many times and no human has the authority to forgive sins.

- If the person who performed the baptism or is preaching, did not explain to you all of the above conditions, then he was NOT ordained by God! And he is a blind leader; in other words, he is a false preacher giving you a watered-down salvation plan. Matthew 15:13-14 (KJV) But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father

hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

To sum it up; Believing is the first thing we do toward salvation and baptism is the last thing that seals us with the promised salvation and “technically” turns our bodies into a temple that can be indwelt by the Holy Ghost!

Those who preach that salvation is a free gift of God and all we have to do is believe and know that we have attained salvation, misunderstand the scriptures.

Mark 16:16 (KJV) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Everything in between believing and baptism are just more requirements for salvation! Or does anyone truly believe that repenting is not also another requirement and that if we don't repent, they will still go into heaven?

Is calling upon the Lord as Lord and saviour and even being water baptized not another requirement?

Salvation is a gift from God. But even though salvation is a free gift from God, he has laid down certain conditions upon which he will give it.

There is nothing that we can do to merit salvation. Whether it be believing in Christ, doing the works of God, or being baptized, we can never "earn our salvation". The only way we can show our faith in Christ is if we are willing to accept and be obedient to what He says. But it is after those conditions are met, that God has chosen to impart his wonderful grace of salvation to us as a willing believer.

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

What You Must Do After Seeing the Truth

If after examining these Scriptures honestly you now see that something was missing from your salvation, then you must not ignore it.

If your repentance was incomplete, correct it.

If your obedience was incomplete, correct it.

If your baptism was incomplete, corrupted, or disconnected from the biblical purpose God established, then you must get it right before God.

If your baptism is now questionable in light of Scripture, then do not ignore that conviction. It is far better to humble yourself before God and correct something that may have been incomplete, counterfeit, ineffective, or not approved by God than to stand before judgment assuming everything was acceptable when it was not.

Think carefully about it.

If your baptism was truly biblical and accepted by God already, then obeying again out of sincerity, reverence, and fear of God does not condemn you or cause you to lose salvation.

But if your baptism was corrupted, incomplete, disconnected from the covenant purpose established in Scripture, or performed by someone who was never truly sent by God, then correcting it may mean the difference between remaining outside the covenant or finally entering it correctly before God.

So why gamble your eternity defending uncertainty?

Why protect a questionable foundation simply because correcting it feels uncomfortable?

When eternal life is at stake, humility is far wiser than assumption.

Do not comfort yourself with excuses.
Do not hide behind tradition.
And do not assume that sincerity cancels disobedience.

Many people soothe themselves by saying:
“God understands my heart.”
“God knows I meant well.”
“God knows I did not know.”
“God will excuse me because I trusted my pastor.”
“God will understand because I ran out of time.”

But Scripture never teaches that ignorance transforms
disobedience into obedience.

In fact, one of the most frightening truths in Scripture is that
many people sincerely believed they were right while still walking
toward destruction.

Matthew 7:22-23 (KJV) Many will say to me in that day, Lord,
Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?... And then will I
profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that
work iniquity.

Notice carefully:
These people were not atheists.
They were not unbelievers.
They believed they belonged to Christ.

And yet they were rejected.

Why?

Because sincerity without obedience still leads to judgment.
Hell will not become less real because someone “meant well.”

And the narrow gate will not widen itself because someone trusted a preacher more than Scripture.

This is why the danger is so serious.

If your baptism was not biblical, then who will you now go to for correction?

The same person who failed to teach you the full covenant pattern the first time?

The same preacher who told you believing alone was enough?

The same church that never explained remission of sins, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, repentance, confession, obedience, endurance, and the biblical purpose of baptism?

If the foundation itself was corrupted, how can you trust the structure built upon it?

Christ said that when the blind lead the blind, both fall into the ditch. The problem is not merely that false teachers exist. The greater danger is that multitudes follow them without ever verifying whether what they preach truly came from God.

And if a man was never sent by God, never taught the complete gospel, never understood the covenant pattern himself, then by what authority does he handle the remission of sins or lead souls into covenant before Heaven?

These are not small questions.
They concern eternity itself.

This is why you must stop placing blind trust in titles, buildings, denominations, popularity, and emotional preaching. A man is not ordained by God simply because he owns a church, carries a title, or has followers. Scripture repeatedly warns that false ministers appear outwardly righteous while corrupting the truth underneath.

Therefore examine everything carefully.

Because if a man is wrong about the very foundation of salvation,
then what confidence should you have in everything else he
teaches afterward?

Would you trust a builder who laid a cracked foundation beneath
your house?

Would you trust a doctor who corrupted the very medicine meant
to save your life?

Then why trust blindly with your soul?

Brothers and sisters, this is not written to produce fear without
hope. It is written so that you would correct what must be
corrected while there is still time.

Because the mercy of God is not found in ignoring truth.
The mercy of God is found in revealing truth before judgment
arrives.

Therefore, if Scripture has exposed something incomplete, do not
harden your heart.

Do not defend the error.

Do not protect tradition.

Humble yourself before God.

Search the Scriptures again.

Verify everything carefully.

And obey whatever the Word of God truly requires no matter the
cost.

Because eternity is too long, and hell is too terrible, to gamble
your soul upon assumptions, partial doctrine, or the words of
men.

And understand this also:

Up to this point, these studies have focused primarily on salvation itself, on exposing the true biblical covenant pattern God established for eternal life. But after this point, the disciple walk truly begins.

From here forward, the studies will begin explaining WHY God requires the things He requires.

Why obedience matters.

Why holiness matters.

Why separation matters.

Why endurance matters.

Why false doctrine is deadly.

Why feelings cannot be trusted.

Why the apostles taught what they taught.

Why God established His covenant exactly the way He did.

The goal is not merely to give information.

The goal is transformation into a true disciple of Christ.

Because disciples are not meant to remain spiritually dependent upon others forever. They are meant to grow strong in the Word, able to discern truth from error, able to defend the faith biblically, and able to guide others into truth carefully and correctly.

Christ did not merely call believers.

He called disciples.

And He commanded those disciples to become fishers of men.

That means you must eventually be able to answer biblically.

To teach biblically.

To correct biblically.

To defend the gospel biblically.

Not with emotions.

Not with church sayings.
Not with traditions.

But with Scripture rightly divided.

So do not stop here.
Do not become satisfied simply because your own salvation has
been examined.

Now the deeper work begins.

Now the renewing of the mind begins.

Now the disciple walk begins.

Now the preparation to become a laborer in the kingdom of God
begins.

And if you continue faithfully, carefully, humbly, and truthfully
through the studies ahead, the Scriptures themselves will continue
building your understanding line upon line, precept upon precept,
until you are no longer easily shaken by every wind of doctrine,
but grounded firmly in the truth delivered through Christ and His
apostles.

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

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