

What Shall I Do?

The most important question a person can ever ask is, "What must I do to be saved?" The gospel accounts and the book of Acts are full of examples of people who asked this important question. The rich young ruler asked Jesus, "*Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*" Jesus said, "*Give to the poor.*" (Luke 18:18) A lawyer asked Him, "*Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*" The response was to love God and your neighbor. (Luke 10:25) The people, tax collectors, and soldiers all asked, "*What shall we do?*", in which Jesus gave them all instruction to go and do good. (Luke 3:10-14) The people who heard Peter's sermon were moved in their hearts and asked, "*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*" Peter responded, "*Repent and be baptized.*" (Acts 2:38) The jailer of Philippi brought out Paul and Silas and said, "*Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*" Paul said, "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.*" (Acts 16:30) By these examples and more, we can easily see that God requires us to "DO" something in order to receive salvation.

Through the scriptures we learn that are saved by God's great love, mercy, and grace through the sacrifice and blood of Jesus Christ. (Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:4-5,8) Once a person learns that spiritual salvation is available, they must act in faith to receive God's wonderful gift. Acts of obedience have always be required by God, even Jesus had to obey the Father's will. "*Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.*" (Hebrews 5:8-9)

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