

Introduction

The subject of salvation should be of interest to everyone, especially to professing Christians and to those who love the Lord.

There is much in the World of God that many people do not know and much that they do not believe. The Spirit of God comes to lead us into all truth, especially those who have already had a Christian experience. Many people are very afraid of anything that is not classify it as heresy, false teaching, or fanaticism without stopping to see whether or not it is really found in the Word of God.

My heart is burdened for those who really love the Lord but who through ignorance or fear are being cheated out of their salvation.

Will you search the scriptures and let the Holy Spirit teach and guide you to all truth.

Jesus said in Matt 7:13-14 (KJV)

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

There is only one faith

Ephesians 4:5 (KJV)

One Lord, **one faith**, one baptism,

Galatians 1:9 (KJV)

As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

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 which was once delivered unto the saints.**

We need to obey the word of God

Luke 6:46 (KJV)

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord and **do not the things which I say?**

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

21 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.

22 **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 works?

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

(This explains that you could be a Christian, prophesying, casting out devils and doing many wonderful works and still be lost)

Revelation 22:14 (KJV)

Blessed are they that **do His commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

John 12:48 (KJV)

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the world that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

(We shall all be jugged by the Word of God).

What did Jesus teach as the plan of salvation?

FIRST STEP

Jesus preached “repentance”.

*Repentance is, first of all, a turning away from all sin.
The word “repentance” comes from several Greek words which mean
change of heart, change of mind, change of life, to transform, etc.*

Luke 13:5 (KJV)

Jesus said, “I tell you, Nay: but, **Except ye repent**, ye shall all likewise perish”

Luke 24:47 (KJV)

Jesus said “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”.

SECOND STEP

Jesus preached “Water Baptism”

Water baptism is an essential part of New Testament salvation and not
Merely a symbolic ritual. It is part of entering into the Kingdom of
God (God’s church, the bride of Christ), and therefore, it is not merely
A part of local church membership.

In John 3:5

Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no **one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water** and the Spirit.

Mark 16:16 (NIV)

Whoever believes and is **baptized will be saved**, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Galatians 3:27 (KJV)

For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

THIRD STEP

Jesus preached “Spirit Baptism”

The baptism of the Holy Ghost in the birth of the Spirit (John 3:5)
This spiritual baptism is necessary to put someone into the kingdom of
God and is evidenced by speaking with other tongues (other
languages) as the Spirit of God gives utterance.

John 7:38-39 (KJV)

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the **Spirit**, which they that believe on him **should receive**: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified).

Joel 2:28 (KJV) The Lord through the prophet Joel said:

And it shall come to pass afterward, **that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream, your young men shall see visions:

Acts 1:5 (KJV)

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** on many days hence.

Mark 16:17 (KJV)

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues**;

The keys of the kingdom of heaven

Peter had the authority to proclaim the way of entrance into the church, for Christ had given him the “keys of the kingdom of heaven”

Matt 16:18-19 (KJV)

18 And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter**, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven**:and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew, John, and the other apostles were all present on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was first given. They were all witnesses to Peter’s marvelous message and supported him as he opened the door of salvation (**Acts 2:14**).

When the audience cried out under conviction of sins, “**Men and brethren, what shall we do?**” (**Acts 2:37**).

Acts 2:38-39 (KJV), (The keys of the Kingdom of Heaven)

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Please note that what Peter revealed to us the keys of the kingdom of heaven (**Acts 2:38**) was the same that Jesus taught as the plan of salvation in **Luke 13:3**, **Mark 16:16** and **John 7:38-39**.

Conclusion

The Gospels point to the way of salvation and the Epistles confirm it, but the door of salvation is opened in the Book of Acts. The born again experience, which consists of repentance, water baptism by immersion in the Name of Jesus, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by the heavenly witness of speaking with other tongues, has never changed since the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4, 38).

No one has the authority or power to change it, not even an angel from heaven. (Galatians 1:8).

The gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). This experience is imperative if we are to be ready for the soon coming of the Lord.

Be Saved Today!

2 Corinthians 6:2 (KJV)

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation**).

Deut 4:2 (NIV)

Do not **add** to what I command you and do not **subtract** from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

Heb 3:15 (NIV)

As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, **do not harden your hearts** as you did in the rebellion.”

What about You?
Do you have the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

“Whosoever will” is the language of the Scripture. All who will surrender to the terms of the gospel may receive salvation.

Don't settle for less! Forget about denominational dogmas, and study your Bible concerning this plan of salvation. Then find a church that preaches the full gospel. Open your heart to Christ and let Him be real to you.

“We must obey God rather than men! (Acts 5:29 NIV)

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