

*If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

*After his declaration of faith, . . . he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him (Acts 8:37, 38).*

#### Step No. 4: Obey

After repentance, conversion, baptism, and rising to walk in the newness of life, we then prove our love to God and our earnestness to serve and obey Him by keeping His commandments (1 John 5:1-5) and delighting in that law (Romans 7:22).

Jesus told the rich young man, who inquired of Him the way to life, to keep the commandments (Matthew 19:17), and He pronounced a blessing in Revelation 22:14 on those who keep the commandments.

The steps to salvation are not difficult to find or to take, and the Lord may be found if we seek Him with our whole heart.

*Jesus said, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20).*

*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 (Acts 2:39).*

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## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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#### Step No. 1: Have Faith

*Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:30, 31).*

In our quest for life, the first requisite is to have faith in what we are doing as we approach the Lord, and the second is to have faith in what Christ has done for us by His death. To believe on Christ is to accept Him as Saviour and, by His help, take this first step in faith to salvation.

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6).*

We must recognize our need of a Saviour by seeing that without Christ we are lost, for all have sinned, and none can save himself.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).*

*He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that*

*believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:11-13).*

**Step No. 2: Be Sorry and Repent**

*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 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 (Acts 2:37, 38).*

An active faith will prompt us to do something about our lost condition by following the directions given to us in the Scriptures.

Common courtesy teaches us that if we have offended someone, we owe them an apology. The Scriptures declare that we are an offense to God as long as we continue to transgress His will. Do we owe God less than we owe a human friend? Let us take the step of repentance by manifesting to God that we are sorry we have offended Him by sinning and then asking Him for forgiveness and for help to live a godly life. What is sinning? It is transgression of the law of God and disobedience to His divine will. John put it in these words:

*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

Inseparably linked with the step of repentance is that of conversion.

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted,*

*that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19).*

To merely ask for forgiveness and continue to live in sin would not be in the will of God. We must repent and turn from our transgressions.

*Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezek. 18:30, 31).*

**Step No. 3: Be Baptized**

Turning from sin to God is described as dying to sin. Just as we bury those who have died, so when we die to sin we are buried by baptism in water.

*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 (Acts 2:38).*

*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).*

Jesus gave us an example by being baptized, and one of His last commands was for His followers to teach all nations and then to baptize them. When Philip taught the Ethiopian eunuch concerning Christ and the gospel, the eunuch asked what would prevent him from being baptized, and Philip replied: