

OPEN BIBLE STUDY: GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

This study guide is prepared for those who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that the Bible is God's inspired WORD and the only guide for salvation through obedience.

Authority: Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 17:1-5; Matthew 28:18; Matthew 16:13-16; Acts 2:41-42

Inspiration: John 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:13-16; Romans 1:16-17; John 16:5-15; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalms 119:160, 172

*Please circle the correct answer according to the Scriptures.

1. (Hebrews 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2) Will those who obey the gospel be saved?.....YES NO
2. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8) Will the Lord take vengeance on those who do not obey the gospel?.....YES NO
3. (John 12:48-50; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Revelation 20:12-13) Will we be judged according to our obedience?.....YES NO
4. (Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 28:26) Should we base our salvation on our personal feelings and desires?.....YES NO
5. (1 John 5:13; John 8:31-32) Does the Bible tell us that we can be certain of our salvation?.....YES NO
6. (Romans 10:17) Does faith come by hearing and/or understanding God's word?.....YES NO
7. (Hebrews 11:6) Can we please God without faith?.....YES NO
8. (Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23; Hebrews 5: 9) Does Jesus teach that only those who obey him will be saved?.....YES NO
9. (Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19) Does the Bible teach to repent of our sins?.....YES NO
10. (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33) Is confession of Christ and belief in the resurrection necessary?.....YES NO
11. (Acts 2:38) Does the Bible teach believers are to repent & be baptized for the remission (forgiveness) of sins?.....YES NO
12. (Ephesians 4:4-5) Does the Bible teach that there is more than one type of baptism, body, faith or Lord?.....YES NO
13. (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12) Is baptism a burial symbolizing the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ?.....YES NO
14. (John 3:23) Does this passage suggest that baptism requires much water?.....YES NO
Would the Bible signify "much water" if people were sprinkled or had a small amount of water poured over them?.....YES NO
15. (John 3:1-6) Does Jesus correlate "water" with the new birth (being born again) and salvation (kingdom of God)?.....YES NO
16. (Mark 16:15-16) Does Jesus say that to those who believe and are baptized will be saved?.....YES NO
17. (Acts 2:41; 8:12) Would an infant/small child be capable of believing and understanding the gospel?.....YES NO
18. (Matthew 18:1-4; 19:13-15; 2 Samuel 12: 18-23) Will a child be in heaven if they should die?.....YES NO
19. (2 Timothy 2:10) Is salvation in Christ?.....YES NO
If salvation is in Christ, could one be saved outside of HIM?.....YES NO
20. (Galatians 3:27) Does the Bible teach that we "are in" or "put on" Christ through baptism?.....YES NO

NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE BEING SAVED

1. (Acts 2: 36-47) Were these people told to repent & be baptized for the remission of their sins?.....YES NO
According to verse 41 did they do accordingly?.....YES NO
2. (Acts 9:1-18) After seeing Jesus, did Saul (Paul) voluntarily engage in fasting (v.9) and prayer (v.11)?...YES NO
Did the baptism of Saul (Paul) by Ananias (v.18) fulfill Jesus' words in verse 6?.....YES NO
(Acts 22: 1-16) Did he need to be baptized (verse 16) to have his sins washed away (forgiven)?.....YES NO

3. (Acts 8: 35-39) Did the Ethiopian confess Christ (v.37) following his request to be baptized (v.36)?.....YES NO
 Did Phillip and the eunuch go down into the water?.....YES NO
 Would this fact suggest immersion in the water?.....YES NO
 Based on the Ethiopian's request (v.36) "preaching Jesus" (verse 35) obviously included
 the necessity of baptism?.....YES NO
4. (Acts 10: 1-48) Was Cornelius a good man (verse 2)?.....YES NO
 Was he told that he must do more (verses 4-6)?.....YES NO
 Was Cornelius and his household baptized (verses 24,47-48) following Peter's message?.....YES NO
 Even though Cornelius was a good or "devout man" was it necessary for him to obey the
 words of Peter to be saved (Acts 11:13-14)?.....YES NO
5. (Acts 16:11-15) Was Lydia a worshiper of God and/or a religious person (v.14).....YES NO
 Did the Lord still desire for her to hear/heed words spoken by the apostle Paul (v.14)?.....YES NO
 Would you conclude that Paul's message must have included the Lord's commandment
 of baptism (v.15)?.....YES NO
6. (Acts 16: 23-24) Was the jailer and his household told to believe on Christ (V.31)?.....YES NO
 Were they also taught the word of the Lord (v.32) which apparently required baptism (v.33)?.....YES NO
 Were they told to wait until the end of the month (or some convenient time) to be baptized?.....YES NO
7. (I Corinthians 6:9-11) Were the Corinthians told that they would NOT have inherited the
 kingdom of God (Heaven) based on their previous sins, if they had not been "washed" (v.11)?.....YES NO
 Was this "washing" baptism (Acts 18:8)?.....YES NO

CONSIDER YOUR SALVATION IN LIGHT OF THESE PASSAGES

1. (1 Peter 3:21) Does this passage teach that water saved Noah and his family as baptism
 saves us now?.....YES NO
2. (John 14:15; Luke 6:46) If you love and believe in Jesus Christ, are you therefore willing
 to do all that HE commands in order to be saved and live for him (remain faithful)?.....YES NO
3. (Ezekiel 18:20; 28:15; James 4:17) Do you believe that you are old enough to be held
 accountable for your sins?.....YES NO

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION BASED ON THE SCRIPTURES

HEAR	BELIEVE	REPENT	CONFESS	BAPTISM	FAITHFULNESS
Romans 10:17	Mark 16:15-16	Acts 17:30	Matthew 10:32-33	Acts 2:38	Hebrews 10:25-26
Matthew 7: 24-27	John 8:24	Luke 13:3	Acts 8: 36-37	1 Peter 3: 21	1 Corinthians 15: 58
John 5:24	John 3: 16		Romans 10: 9	Acts 22: 16	Revelation 2:10
			Philippians 2: 10-11	Mark 16:15-16	James 2: 14-26
				Matthew 28:18-20	I John 1: 6-7

**IF YOU ARE AN ACCOUNTABLE BELIEVER AND HAVE TURNED FROM YOUR
 SINS BY REPENTANCE, WILL YOU CONFESS CHRIST AND BE BURIED WITH HIM
 IN BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS?.....YES NO**

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SALVATION FROM SIN

What is sin? 1 John 3:4; Isaiah 59:1-2
James 4:17; Proverbs 28:9

All have sinned. Romans 3:23
1 John 1:8

NOT ENOUGH JUST TO BE
Romans 10:2-3; Jeremiah 10:23

SINCERE
Matthew 7:13-14; Proverbs 16:25

RELIGIOUS
Galatians 1:13-14; Acts 8:26-39

MORALLY GOOD
Acts 10: 1-6,48; 11:13-14

BELIEVER
James 2: 19-26; Luke 6:46-49
John 12:42-43

ALMOST PERSUADED
Acts 26: 27-29
Luke 8:4-15

HEAR YE HIM
Matthew 17:5

BELIEVE Mark 16:16; John 8:24

REPENT Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3

CONFESS Acts 8:37
Matthew 10:32-33

BAPTIZED Matthew 3: 13-17
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

WHO Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:12

HOW Romans 6: 3-4

THUS ADDED Acts 2: 41&47

REDEEMED Colossians 1: 13-14

BLESSINGS IN CHRIST
Ephesians 1:3 (cf.,Galatians 3:27)

NEW CREATURE 2 Cor. 5:17

SALVATION 2 Timothy 2:10

NOT CONDEMNED Rom 8:1

FORGIVENESS Ephesians 1:7

GRACE 2 Timothy 2:1

ETERNAL LIFE 1 John 5:11

THE DEAD Revelation 14:13
Psalms 116:15

CHRIST
is
(Head)
Matthew 16:18
Colossians 1:18
Ephesians 1: 22-23

of "one"
CHURCH
(Body)
Ephesians 4:4-6
Romans 12:4-5
Ephesians 2:13-16
Colossians 3:15

the
"SAVED"
Acts 2: 38, 41, & 47
Ephesians 5: 23
Hebrews 12:23

Entrance
Galatians 3: 27
Romans 6: 3-6
Acts 2: 41 & 47
1 Corinthians 12:13

Prophesied
Isaiah 2: 2-3
Micah 4: 1-2
(cf. 1 Timothy 3:15)
Daniel 2: 44
Joel 2: 28-32
Luke 24:46-49

Church	Founder	Place	Date
<i>Church of Christ</i>	<i>Jesus Christ</i>	<i>Jerusalem</i>	<i>A.D. 33</i>
Adventism	William Miller	Massachusetts	1831
American Baptist	Roger Williams	Providence, RI	1639
Apostolic Faith Mission	Group	United States	1900
Assembly of God	Group	Hot springs, AR	1914
Baptist Church	John Smyth	London	1607
Christian Church	Group	Midway, KY	1859
Christian Science	Mary B. Eddy	Boston, MA	1879
Church of England	King Henry VIII	England	1535
Church of God	Group	Monroe Co., TN	1886
Church of God	D.S. Warner	USA-Anderson, IN	1880
Evangelical Church	Jacob Albright	Pennsylvania	1803
Freewill Baptist	Benjamin Randall	New Durham, NC	1780
Full Gospel Church	R.H. Askew	Goldsboro, NC	1935
Greek Orthodox	Group	Greece	1053
Holiness Church	Howard Hoople	Chicago, IL	1907
Jehovah's Witnesses	Charles T. Russell	Pennsylvania	1874
Lutheran Church	Martin Luther	Augsburg, Germany	1530
Mennonite Church	Group	Zurich, Switzerland	1525
Methodist Church	John Wesley	London, England	1729
Methodist Episcopal	Group	Baltimore, MD	1874
Mormon Church	Joseph Smith	Seneca, NY	1830
Mormons (Reorganized)	Joseph Smith II	Wisconsin	1852
Nazarene Church	P.F. Bresee	Los Angeles, CA	1895
New Apostolic Church	Pruess	Hamburg, Germany	1862
Pentecostal Holiness	Group	Anderson, SC	1898
Presbyterian Church	John Calvin	Switzerland	1535
Primitive Baptist	Group	North Carolina	1765
Quakers	George Fox	England	1650
Roman Catholic	Boniface III (pope)	Rome, Italy	606
Seventh Day Adventist	Ellen G. White	Massachusetts	1846
Others	man / woman	anywhere	anytime

MAN
is head
Colossians 2:8
Romans 16: 17-18
2 Timothy 4: 2-4
Matthew 15: 3,7-9

"church"	"church"	"church"
Acts	Luke	I John
5: 9	16:15	4:1

Denominations / Divisions Condemned

1 Corinthians 1: 10
John 17: 20-23
2 John 9-12
Galatians 1: 6-12
2 Peter 2: 1-3, 18-21
Acts 20: 27-30
Jude 3-4, 16-19
2 Thessalonians 2: 3- 4
1 Timothy 4: 1-3
Amos 3:3 (cf. Psalms 127:1)

THINGS TO REMEMBER AFTER YOUR CONVERSION

NEW CREATURE	2 Corinthians 5:17;	Romans 6:4	
BABES IN CHRIST	1 Peter 2:2;	1 Corinthians 3:1-2	
CRITICAL PERIOD	Matthew 4:1-4;	1 Corinthians 10:11-13	
ERRING FROM TRUTH	John 8:31;	Hebrews 6:4-6;	Luke 15:11-32
REPRESENTATIVE	2 Corinthians 3:2-3;	1 Timothy 4:12	
CHRIST'S EXAMPLE	Hebrews 12:1-2;	Philippians 4:6-8;	2 Peter 1:5-8

JESUS COMMANDS EACH CHRISTIAN TO:

LOVE HIM FIRST	Matthew 22: 37;	Matthew 10: 34-39	
STUDY	2 Timothy 2: 15;	Acts 17: 11;	Psalms 1: 1-3
PRAY	Philippians 4: 6;	1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18	
ATTEND WORSHIP	Hebrews 10: 25-27;	Matthew 18:20;	Acts 20:7
TEACH OTHERS	Matthew 28: 18-20;	Romans 10: 14-15	
REMAIN FAITHFUL	Revelation 2: 10;	1 Corinthians 15: 58;	Jude 3

WORSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST EACH SUNDAY WILL INCLUDE:

Romans 16:16 "The churches of Christ salute (greet) you"

SPIRIT & TRUTH John 4:23-24; 1 Corinthians 14:40 (cf. Psalms 89:7); Colossians 3:17

SINGING Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Hebrews 2:12

PRAYING 1 Timothy 2:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 3:17; Ephesians 6: 17-18; 1 Peter 4: 7

PREACHING/TEACHING Acts 20:7; Acts 5: 42; 2 Timothy 4: 2; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Mark 16: 15-16

LORD'S SUPPER Acts 20: 7 (cf. Acts 2:42); 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29

CONTRIBUTING 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 1 John 3:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-9; Acts 4:34-35; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Members of the *Church of Christ* **"speak where the Bible speaks & are silent where the Bible is silent"**. The Bible must be the only authority & guide. Therefore, the Lord's Church has no church creed, manual, convention, society, dogma, ordinances, "home office" and etc., nor anything else found outside the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 4:11; II Peter 1:3; Psalms 119:105; Matthew 15:3, 7-9; Revelation 22:18-19; Deuteronomy 4:2; Deuteronomy 18:20; 1 Samuel 15:10-23 Proverbs 30:5-6; Psalms 50:16-17&21; Romans 15:4; Matthew 24:25; Hebrews 1:1-2; John 8:31-32; John 12:48

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