

Intro.

- A. This a.m., I want to share with you a good way to remind ourselves & teach others about how practical God's plan to save man really is.
1. Our study will answer the age-old question *What Must I Do to be Saved* from a slightly different angle than what is usually offered in answer to this question.
  2. Please make it *sound like rain* (e.g., rustling of pages turning in your Bibles).
- B. Two promises I will make to you from the outset:
1. I promise not to express my opinion on our subject.
  2. I promise just to show you exactly what God says, nothing more & nothing less.
- C. eis - in the direction of, towards, in order to obtain; thus translated: *unto, to, for, toward*,

Discuss.I. **1 Tim. 1:16 – B-E-L-I-E-V-E...unto Salvation.**

- A. **Belief** = give credence; mental acquiescence (i.e., acceptance, accepting the facts & submitting to them).
1. This is not a faith that shrinks back, or is timid (e.g, **Heb. 10:38-39**) *to* the destruction of (the soul).
  2. The direction of this *belief/faith* = the saving of the soul.
  3. This kind of faith *justifies* us before God, giving us peace w/ Him through Christ, **Rom. 5:1**
- B. We must have faith in Christ, & obey Him as Lord. (c. **Lk. 6:46**)
1. **Jn. 8:24** (*if you do not believe...die in your sins*)
  2. **Ac. 8:37** *if you believe with all your heart, you may.... "I believe"*
- C. Christians must continue in faith.
1. **Rom. 1:17 & 2 Cor. 5:7** - keep on accepting, ...trusting,...obeying.
  2. If fail to understand the continuing responsibilities, we fall into the trap *that you do & are through!*

II. **2 Cor. 7:10 -- R-E-P-E-N-T-A-N-C-E...unto Salvation.**

- A. **Repent** means *a change in thinking* (it is an attitude of heart that produces change in our actions)
1. **Mt. 12:41**
  2. **Jonah 3:10**
- B. One seeking salvation must be willing to change anything in their life that is contrary to God's will.
1. **Ac. 3:19 & 17:30**
  2. Christians must continue making necessary changes (**Ac. 8:22**), **2 Pet. 3:9-10** – "*toward us...come to repentance*"

III. **Rom. 10:9-10 -- C-O-N-F-E-S-S-I-O-N...unto Salvation.**

- A. **Confess** denotes the idea of *speaking the same thing...*
1. ...that the Ethiopian spoke before Philip, **Ac. 8:37 (1 Tim. 6:12)**
  2. ...that Christ said before Pilate, **Mk. 15:2** *Are you the king of the Jews?* It is as you say.
- B. **Mt. 10:32** We are to be living a life that is a continuous confession, our obedience offering the weight of our testimony as evidence of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. Another dimension of our confession: *acknowledgement of imperfections (sins) as Christians*, **1 Jn. 1:9**
1. This confession (c. **Jas. 5:16**) implies acknowledgement as public as the knowledge of sinful deed.
  2. Interesting comment in McGarvey's commentary on **Ac. 19:18-20**

IV. **Ac. 2:38 B-A-P-T-I-Z-E-D...unto Remission of Sins (i.e., salvation).**

- A. **Baptize** means to immerse -
1. This dual command (R & B) is joined to a single purpose (to obtain freedom from sin, salvation).
  2. Think about why some are immersed: *please God, business, peers, parents* = not appropriate reasons.
- B. Christians need to reflect on application of their baptism in daily life. c. **Ac. 19:1-6**
1. **1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20** --- *unity*,
  2. **Gal. 3:26-27**

Concl.

- A. I have kept the 2 promises I made: *I've not given my opinion, & I simply showed you what God said.*
- B. Now, the most important question I can ask you...*Are you saved? Have I lived as one who is saved?*