

**Topic:** Salvation explained

**Acts 16:25 - 32 (NASB)**

<sup>25</sup>BUT ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS OF PRAISE TO GOD, AND THE PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO THEM; <sup>26</sup>AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME A GREAT EARTHQUAKE, SO THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRISON HOUSE WERE SHAKEN; AND IMMEDIATELY ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED AND EVERYONE'S CHAINS WERE UNFASTENED. <sup>27</sup>WHEN THE JAILER AWOKE AND SAW THE PRISON DOORS OPENED, HE DREW HIS SWORD AND WAS ABOUT TO KILL HIMSELF, SUPPOSING THAT THE PRISONERS HAD ESCAPED. <sup>28</sup>BUT PAUL CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, SAYING, "DO NOT HARM YOURSELF, FOR WE ARE ALL HERE!" <sup>29</sup>AND HE CALLED FOR LIGHTS AND RUSHED IN, AND TREMBLING WITH FEAR HE FELL DOWN BEFORE PAUL AND SILAS, <sup>30</sup>AND AFTER HE BROUGHT THEM OUT, HE SAID, "SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

<sup>31</sup>THEY SAID, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD." <sup>32</sup>AND THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF THE LORD TO HIM TOGETHER WITH ALL WHO WERE IN HIS HOUSE.

***Great questions about being saved:***

**Acts 8:36 (ESV)** <sup>36</sup>AND AS THEY WERE GOING ALONG THE ROAD THEY CAME TO SOME WATER, AND THE EUNUCH SAID, "SEE, HERE IS WATER! WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED?"

**LUKE 18:18 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup>AND A RULER ASKED HIM, "GOOD TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?"

**LUKE 13:23 (NLT)** <sup>23</sup>SOMEONE ASKED HIM, "LORD, WILL ONLY A FEW BE SAVED?"

HE REPLIED,

**Acts 10:47 (NLT)** <sup>47</sup>“CAN ANYONE OBJECT TO THEIR BEING BAPTIZED, NOW THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT JUST AS WE DID?”

**Acts 9:5 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup>“WHO ARE YOU, LORD?” SAUL ASKED. AND THE VOICE REPLIED, “I AM JESUS, THE ONE YOU ARE PERSECUTING!”

**John 3:4 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup>“WHAT DO YOU MEAN?” EXCLAIMED NICODEMUS. “HOW CAN AN OLD MAN GO BACK INTO HIS MOTHER’S WOMB AND BE BORN AGAIN?”

**John 4:12 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup>AND BESIDES, DO YOU THINK YOU’RE GREATER THAN OUR ANCESTOR JACOB, WHO GAVE US THIS WELL? HOW CAN YOU OFFER BETTER WATER THAN HE AND HIS SONS AND HIS ANIMALS ENJOYED?”

**Luke 9:20 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup>THEN HE ASKED THEM, “BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?” PETER REPLIED, “YOU ARE THE MESSIAH SENT FROM GOD!” (Q. IMPLIED: WHO IS JESUS?)

**Luke 7:19 (NASB)** <sup>19</sup>SUMMONING TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES, JOHN SENT THEM TO THE LORD, SAYING, “ARE YOU THE EXPECTED ONE, OR DO WE LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE?”

OLD TEST. QUERIES:

**2 Kin 7:3 (NLT)** <sup>3</sup>NOW THERE WERE FOUR MEN WITH LEPROSY SITTING AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CITY GATES. “WHY SHOULD WE SIT HERE WAITING TO DIE?” THEY ASKED EACH OTHER.

**Mic 6:6 - 7 (NLT)** <sup>6</sup>WHAT CAN WE BRING TO THE LORD? WHAT ...SHOULD WE GIVE HIM?

SHOULD WE BOW BEFORE GOD...? <sup>7</sup> SHOULD WE SACRIFICE OUR FIRSTBORN CHILDREN TO PAY FOR OUR SINS?

1. **Who saves us?** Ans. *Jesus alone!*

**MATT 1:21 (NLT)** <sup>21</sup>AND SHE WILL HAVE A SON, AND YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.”

- Jesus = Greek for Joshua - which means Savior or the Lord saves. Salvation is of God." His name revealed the redemptive nature of his ministry.
- Jesus, His name, like Joshua, is the Hebrew equivalent - "Yahweh (the LORD) saves."
- Jesus in Hebrew, "Yeshua," meaning "Yahweh - God is my salvation."

*(For He will save His people from their sins = that is, prevent them from failing and missing the true goal in life, which is God's will)*

**ACTS 4:11 - 12 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup>FOR JESUS IS THE ONE REFERRED TO IN THE SCRIPTURES... <sup>12</sup>THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE! GOD HAS GIVEN NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.”

**ROM 5:8 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup>BUT GOD SHOWED HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US BY SENDING CHRIST TO DIE FOR US WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS.

**ACTS 2:47 (KJV)** <sup>47</sup>PRAISING GOD, AND HAVING FAVOR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.

**EPH 2:8 - 10 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup>GOD SAVED YOU BY HIS GRACE WHEN YOU BELIEVED. AND YOU CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS; IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD. (JESUS = GOD)

<sup>9</sup>SALVATION IS NOT A REWARD FOR THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE DONE, SO NONE OF US CAN BOAST ABOUT IT.

<sup>10</sup>FOR WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE. HE HAS CREATED US ANEW IN CHRIST JESUS, SO WE CAN DO THE GOOD THINGS HE PLANNED FOR US LONG AGO.

## 2. *Saved from what?*

Answer: Sin, death and hell. (*Habitual sin, eternal death and the Lake of Fire!*)

ROMANS 6:23, "THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH." DEATH, HELL, ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. IT MEANS TO BE RESCUED FROM IMMINENT DEADLY DANGER.

1. *Jesus saves us from all past sin by His death on the cross.*

1 JOHN 1:9 (KJV) <sup>9</sup>IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US *OUR* SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

2. *Jesus saves us from present sin by the gift of the Holy Spirit:*

GAL 5:16 (NLT) <sup>16</sup>SO I SAY, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR LIVES. THEN YOU WON'T BE DOING WHAT YOUR SINFUL NATURE CRAVES.

3. *Jesus saves from future sin by glorification.*

1 COR 15:51 - 55 (NLT)

<sup>52</sup>IT WILL HAPPEN IN A MOMENT, IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, WHEN THE LAST TRUMPET IS BLOWN. FOR WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WILL BE RAISED TO LIVE FOREVER. AND WE WHO ARE LIVING WILL ALSO BE TRANSFORMED.

<sup>53</sup>FOR OUR DYING BODIES MUST BE TRANSFORMED INTO BODIES THAT WILL NEVER DIE; OUR MORTAL BODIES MUST BE TRANSFORMED INTO IMMORTAL BODIES.

*WHAT IS REALLY CONSIDERED SIN?*

1 Cor 6:9 - 10 (NLT) <sup>9</sup>Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,

<sup>10</sup>or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Gal 5:19 - 25 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup>When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,  
<sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,  
<sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.  
<sup>22</sup>But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
<sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!  
<sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.  
<sup>25</sup>Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

**Eph 2:1 - 5 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup>Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup>You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup>All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup>that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

**Romans 1:18** "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness.

**James 4:17 (NLT)** <sup>17</sup>Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

## **Monday Morning Moment**

*Today is the day of salvation; Tomorrow may be too late!*

**JER 8:20 (NASB)** <sup>20</sup> "HARVEST IS PAST, SUMMER IS ENDED, AND WE ARE NOT SAVED."

**2 COR 6:1 - 2 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup>AS GOD'S PARTNERS, WE BEG YOU NOT TO ACCEPT THIS MARVELOUS GIFT OF GOD'S KINDNESS AND THEN IGNORE IT. <sup>2</sup>FOR GOD SAYS, "AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, I HEARD YOU. ON THE DAY OF SALVATION, I HELPED YOU." INDEED, THE "RIGHT TIME" IS NOW. TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.