

Connecting with God Lesson 1

THE BASICS

Read:

Acts 16: 25-34

²⁵ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. ²⁶ And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. ²⁹ Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰ And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. ³² And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. ³⁴ And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Acts 2:28-39

²⁸ Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. ²⁹ Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. ³⁰ Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; ³¹ He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. ³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. ³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. ³⁴ For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, ³⁵ Until I make thy foes thy footstool. ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ³⁷ 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? 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.

Read:

John 6:66-68

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. **67** Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? **68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

John 10:1

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

John 14:6-7

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

DEFINITION:

SAVED – comes from the Greek word **SOZO**; meaning to save, deliver, protect, heal and preserve. Webster stated that in religion, it means to deliver a person or soul from sin and punishment; redeem from spiritual death.

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

Titus 3:5

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us.

John 3:16

16 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.

What Price Is Salvation?

1. **James 1:21**

21 Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

2. **1 Peter 3:21**

21 Even baptism doth also now save us.

3. **Acts 2:40**

40 Save yourself from this untoward generation.

4. **Titus 3:5**

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.

5. **Matthew 10:22**

22 He that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Below are listed other important verses concerning our salvation experience:

1. **Proverbs 28:18** ¹⁸ *Who so walketh uprightly shall be saved.*

2. **Luke 7:36-50** ⁵⁰ *..Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.*

3. **Acts 11:14** ¹⁴ *Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.*

4. **John 10:9** ⁹ *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.*

5. **Isaiah 45:22** ²² *Look unto me, and be saved, all ends of the earth.*

6. **Acts 16:31** ³¹ *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved, and thy house.*

7. **Ephesians 2:8** ⁸ *For by grace are ye saved through faith.*

8. **Romans 10:13** ¹³ *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

9. **Romans 8:24** ²⁴ *For we are saved by hope.*

10. **Mark 16:16** ¹⁶ *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*

11. **Romans 10:9** ⁹ *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

FAITH

1. **Hebrews 11:6** ⁶ *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.*
2. **John 3:16** ¹⁶ *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.*
3. **Romans 10:17** ¹⁷ *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
4. **Ephesians 1:13** ¹³ *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
5. **I Corinthians 1:21** ²¹ *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

REPENTANCE

1. **Job 42:6** ⁶ *Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.*
2. **I Kings 8:47-50** ⁴⁷ *Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent ...*
3. **Matthew 4:17** ¹⁷ *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
4. **Luke 13:3** ³ *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*
5. **II Peter 3:9** ⁹ *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

BAPTISM

Acts 22:16 states, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord". Our sins are washed away in the waters of baptism.

1. **John 3:5** ⁵ *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
2. **Acts 2:38** 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.*
3. **Luke 24:27** ²⁷ *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*
4. **Acts 8:16** ¹⁶ *(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)*

Further Study:

1. **Acts 22:16** ¹⁶ *And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*
2. **Acts 2:41** ⁴¹ *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*
3. **Acts 8:12-16** ¹² *But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. ¹⁴ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)*
4. **Acts 10:44-48** ⁴⁴ *While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. ⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, ⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received*

the Holy Ghost as well as we? ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

5. **Acts 19:1-6** And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, ² He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. ³ And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. ⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
6. **Romans 6:3-4** ³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.
7. **I Corinthians 6:11** ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
8. **Galatians 3:27-29** ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
9. **Colossians 2:12** ¹² Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

HOLY GHOST

Acts 20:28 ²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Romans 8: 9 says, ⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

1. **Matthew 3:11(John the Baptist Speaking)** ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
2. **Acts 1:5** ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
3. **Acts 2:4** ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Please see **Joel 2:28-29, Acts chapters 8, 10, and 19:1-6.**

BIBLE

Acts 4:12 ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.