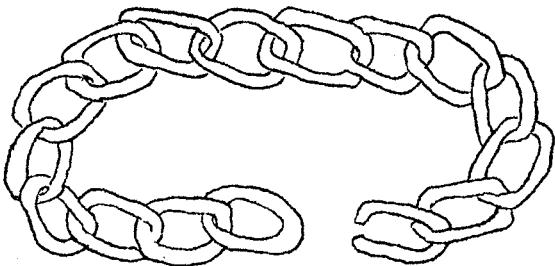


3A. HOW IS A PERSON SAVED?**1B. Not by trying to keep the law.**

How many men and women, according to Romans 3:20, are justified (declared righteous) in God's sight by keeping the law? _____ Are men justified by the works of the law (see Galatians 2:16)? _____ If men could be saved by keeping the law, then would it have been necessary for Christ to die on the cross (Galatians 2:21)? _____ What are the three words in Romans 7:12 that describe the law? 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ Do you think it is possible for a sinful man to keep God's holy law (read Romans 7:7-14)? _____ Is it possible for sinful men to keep the 10 commandments perfectly (see Exodus 20:1-17)? _____ Read James 2:10. Imagine a person who perfectly obeys all of God's commandments except for one. Is he still a lawbreaker? _____ Is he guilty of breaking the law? _____



If you have a chain with just one of the links broken, is it still a broken chain? _____

Consider a person who has committed murder, but who has never committed adultery. Has that person broken God's law (James 2:11)? _____ Galatians 3:10 tells us what a person must do if he hopes to be saved by keeping the law. He must continue in _____ things which are written in the book of the _____, to _____ them. Do you think that a sinful person could ever do this? _____ Who do you think was the only Person who ever kept the law perfectly? _____

The purpose of God's holy law is to show men and women how sinful they really are "for by the _____ is the knowledge of _____" (Romans 3:20). The law could never save, it could only show man his need for the Saviour. Think of a mirror. The purpose of a mirror is to show us that we have a dirty face, but we certainly would not use the mirror to wash our face. The mirror should drive us to the soap and water. So God gave the **LAW** that it might drive us to the **LAMB**, the Lord Jesus who taketh away the sins of the world. The law could never give _____ (Galatians 3:21), it could only condemn. As the sinner stands before God's holy and righteous law, all he can say is, "I'M GUILTY!" (Rom. 3:19). God did what the law could never do by the sending of His own _____ (Romans 8:3)! Praise God for the **LAMB**!

Consider some of the Ten Commandments:

- Have you always put God first in your life above all else?
- Have you ever taken God's Name in vain?
- Have you ever stolen anything that did not belong to you?
- Have you ever committed adultery of the heart (Matt. 5:28)?
- Have you ever coveted or desired what someone else had?
- Have you ever lied? Have you ever lied in court?
- Have you ever disobeyed or dishonored your parents, even once?

2B. Not by good works.

In Isaiah 64:6 we learn that because we are all unclean sinners, all of our righteousnesses are as _____ in the sight of God. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and find the two verses that teach us that a person is not saved by doing good works. What are these verses? _____ In this same passage, what verse teaches us that once a person is saved his life should be filled with good works? _____ In Titus 3:1-8, what verse teaches that a person is not saved by good works? _____ In this same passage, what verse teaches that those who are saved ought to be performing good works? _____ If salvation were by works, then men would be able to boast about the many things they have done to **earn** their salvation. And yet God's Word clearly teaches that men are not saved by doing good works, and thus for the person who is truly saved, there can be no _____ (see Ephesians 2:9 and Romans 3:27 and Romans 4:1-5). Did the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 boast concerning his good works? _____ In what verse do you find this boasting? _____ Was the Pharisee saved (see verses 13-14)? _____ Imagine yourself standing before the Lord in heaven and put a check (✓) before the sentence that best describes what you would say to Him:

1. _____ "Lord, the reason I'm here in heaven is because I have been faithful to you and I have tried my best to live a good life and to do those things that are pleasing in Your sight."
2. _____ "Lord, the reason I am here in heaven is only because Christ loved me and died on the cross for my sins. I'm able to stand here today only because of Christ and what He has done for me."

Who is it that works in the believer enabling him to do those good works that please the Lord? (see Philippians 2:13 and Hebrews 13:20-21) _____ Read Paul's prayer for the Colossian believers in Colossians 1:9-10. Did Paul want these believers to please the Lord by living lives that were filled with good works? _____ How many good works can the believer accomplish without the Lord's help (John 15:5)? _____ We know that the unsaved man does not have Christ (1 John 5:12). Do you think the unsaved man is able to do good works that are pleasing to the Lord (compare Romans 8:8-9)? _____ According to the words of Jesus in John 6:28-29, what is the first "work" a man must do in order to please the Lord? _____ In fact, without _____ (Hebrews 11:6) it is _____ to please God!

The following two statements are false and would be spoken only by those people who do not understand God's truth:

- 1) "I know I'm a sinner and in order for me to be saved I must stop drinking and smoking and living in an immoral way and I must go to a good church and read my Bible every day."**

According to Acts 16:31, what is God's simple and clear command for the sinner?

_____ Therefore, what is the first thing God wants the unsaved person to do? _____

- 2) "When I become saved I'll be able to live any way that I please because a person is not saved by good works but by faith."**

According to 2 Timothy 2:19, what is God's command for the person who claims to be a believer? _____ If a person is truly saved and realizes what Christ did for him on the cross, do you think he will desire to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord? _____ When a person is saved, does he want to live for himself or for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:15)? _____

True or False Questions:

1. _____ The first thing an unsaved person needs to do is to give up all his bad habits and sinful practices.
2. _____ A man is not saved by good works.
3. _____ Once a person is saved it doesn't really matter how he lives.
4. _____ As saved people we should be fruitful unto every good work.
5. _____ The believer is able to do good works because it is God who works in him.

3B. Not by our own effort.

We have learned that men are sinful, wicked, lost, dead and blind. Therefore it is impossible for man to save himself! In Ephesians 2:8 the Word of God clearly says that salvation is not of _____, it is the _____ of God. Read Titus 3:5. Is a man saved by his own effort and good deeds? _____ God saves a person according to His M_____ and not according to anything that we have done. If our salvation depended upon our own human efforts, none of us would make it! **SALVATION IS OF THE LORD!**

4B. Not by water baptism.

The following verses are written incorrectly. Please correct them by putting a line through the incorrect parts:

John 3:16--"That whosoever believeth in him and is baptized should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 3:36**--"He that believeth on the Son and is baptized hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son and is not baptized shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." **John 6:47**--"He that believeth on me and is baptized, hath everlasting life." **John 5:24**--"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, and is baptized, hath everlasting life." **1 John 5:12**--"He that hath the Son and has been baptized hath life." **Mark 16:16**--"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not and is not baptized shall be damned." **Acts 16:31**--"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptized and thou shalt be saved."

True or False:

1. _____ Water baptism is necessary for salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5).
2. _____ Water baptism is necessary for obedience once a person is saved (Acts 10:48; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38).
3. _____ In Mark 16:16 we learn that a person is damned because he was not baptized.
4. _____ According to Acts 2:41 and Acts 8:36-37, those who were baptized in the early church were already believers and thus they were already saved! In other words, they first believed and then they were baptized.
5. _____ Baptism is something that a person does to be saved.
6. _____ Baptism is something that a saved person does.
7. _____ Water baptism cleanses us from all sin (Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:7).
8. _____ In Mark 16:16 we learn that the UNBELIEVER is damned (condemned) whether or not he has been baptized in water.
9. _____ In Matthew 1:21 we learn that it is water baptism that saves a person from his sins.
10. _____ Titus 3:5 teaches us that a person is saved only by the mercy of God and not by anything that we ourselves DO.

Read Acts 16:31. Is a person saved the moment he believes or is he saved the moment he is baptized in water? _____

So far we have learned that a person is **not** saved by trying to keep the law or by good works or by his own effort or by water baptism. Now we are ready to learn how a person is saved: **BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH** (see page 22)!

5B. By grace through faith.

Ephesians 2:8--"For by _____ are ye _____ through _____. **Grace** is God's kindness and favor towards me even though I don't deserve it! According to Titus 3:4 we could say that grace is "the _____ and _____ of God our _____ toward _____" (that undeserving sinful creature, deserving nothing but God's wrath! See how "man" is described in Titus 3:3). *"Amazing GRACE! How sweet the sound that saved A WRETCH LIKE ME!"*

God is able to be gracious and merciful to lost sinners BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST DID FOR US ON THE CROSS! Romans 3:24: "Being _____ (declared righteous) freely by his _____ through the _____ that is in _____."

Faith is simply taking God at His Word and acting upon what HE HAS SAID! God said it! I believe it! That settles it!

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!
Just to TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD!
Just to REST UPON HIS PROMISE!
Just to know, "THUS SAITH THE LORD"**

Faith is believing that what God says is true. Before we can believe and live God's Word, we must hear it (or read it). Thus we learn in Romans 10:17 that _____ comes by _____ and _____ by the _____. True faith must rest upon solid facts and our faith rests upon the written Word of God. Abraham was a man of faith (see Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3-5 and Galatians 3:6-9). Abraham was strong in faith because he believed that whatever God had promised would surely come to pass. Read Romans 4:19-21. In this passage we learn that Abraham staggered not at the _____ of God through _____, but was strong in _____, giving glory to God, and being fully persuaded that, what He (God) had _____ He (God) was _____ also to _____. Is God able to keep His promises? _____ Is God able to DO what He says? _____ Will God always do exactly what He says? _____ Will everything God says always come to pass (see Genesis 1:3)? _____ Has a promise of God ever failed? _____ Are we able to say "YES" and "AMEN" after reading every one of God's promises (see 2 Corinthians 1:20)? _____

According to Titus 1:2, what is one thing that God cannot do? _____ We know from Hebrews 6:18 that it is impossible for God to do what? _____ Therefore, whatever God says must be true and we should believe it, rest upon it, obey it and live it! When we do not believe the Word of God, what terrible sin are we guilty of (see 1 John 5:10)? _____

Faith is responding properly, rightly and correctly to what God has said!

The man of faith responds properly to the Word of God! When God gives a command, the man of faith responds by _____ the command (Hebrews 11:8). When God gives a promise, the man of faith believes it, is persuaded of it, sees it, looks for it, waits for it, rests upon it, clings to it and embraces it (see Hebrews 11:11,13)!

FIVE FACTS THAT A SAVED PERSON MOST CERTAINLY BELIEVES**1. FACT NUMBER 1— *Jesus Christ is the only Saviour (Acts 4:12).***

According to John 14:6, how many ways are there to the Father? _____ Therefore, how many ways of salvation are there? _____ Who is the only door that we can go through to be saved (John 10:9)? _____. What is the only Name under heaven given among men whereby we might be saved (Read Acts 4:10-12)? _____

2. FACT NUMBER 2— *Jesus Christ died and rose again for our salvation (Romans 4:25 and 2 Corinthians 5:15).*

Romans 4:25: The Lord Jesus was _____ for _____ offences, and was _____ for (on account of) our justification! We have already studied the death of Christ (pages 12-17). Read 1 Thessalonians 4:14. A true Christian is one who believes that Jesus _____ and _____. According to Romans 10:9, what must we believe in our hearts in order to be saved? _____ (see also 1 Cor. 15:1-4).

3. FACT NUMBER 3— *Jesus Christ is able to save (Hebrews 7:25).*

Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore he is _____ also to _____ them to the _____ that come unto God by him." Matthew 1:21: "And thou shalt call his name _____; for he shall _____ his people from their sins." Thus, the name "JESUS" means (circle the correct one): a. Messiah b. Son of God c. Saviour d. Lord. Read Matthew 19:25-26. Is it possible for sinful men to be saved? _____ Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. If Christ could save Paul (AND HE DID!), is He able to save other sinners also? _____

4. FACT NUMBER 4— *Jesus Christ is willing to save (John 6:37).*

Will Jesus ever refuse a sinner who comes to Him for salvation (John 6:37)? _____ What is God's will (desire) for all men? (see 1 Timothy 2:3-4) _____

5. FACT NUMBER 5— *Jesus Christ will save all those who trust Him and Him alone as their Saviour and Lord (John 3:16).*

In order to understand **FACT NUMBER 5**, we will study 15 salvation promises that are found in the New Testament. These are **conditional promises** which means that ***IF*** the sinner does something, ***then*** God promises to do something. In other words, before God will fulfill the promise, the sinner must fulfill the condition. As soon as the sinner does what he is supposed to do, then God will surely keep His promise. Don't forget that these are promises given to us by the God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

As we study these 15 salvation promises we want to be looking for two things: a) **First we want to see what the sinner's responsibility is.** This is exactly what the jailer wanted to know in Acts 16:30 when he cried out, "What must I do to be saved?" b) **Second, we want to see what God promises to do for the sinner when the sinner responds in the right way.** The first three verses will be done for you so that you will understand what to look for. Then look up the other verses that are listed and do the same for them.

- 1) Matthew 11:28
 - a) The sinner must Come unto Christ
 - b) God promises the sinner Rest
- 2) John 1:12
 - a) The sinner must receive Christ and believe on His Name
 - b) God promises the sinner that he will become a son(child) of God
- 3) John 3:16
 - a) The sinner must believe in Christ
 - b) God promises the sinner that he will not perish but will have everlasting life
- 4) John 3:18
 - a) The sinner must _____
 - b) God promises the sinner _____
- 5) John 3:36
 - a) The sinner must _____
 - b) God promises the sinner _____
- 6) John 5:24
 - a) The sinner must _____

 - b) God promises the sinner _____

- 7) John 6:35
 - a) The sinner must _____
 - b) God promises the sinner _____
- 8) John 6:37
 - a) The sinner must _____
 - b) God promises the sinner _____

- 9) John 6:47
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____
- 10) John 10:9
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____
- 11) John 11:25
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____
- 12) Acts 10:43
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____
- 13) Acts 16:31
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____
- 14) Romans 10:9
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____
- 15) Romans 10:13
- The sinner must _____
 - God promises the sinner _____

4A. How Easy Is Salvation?

1B. Being saved is as easy as receiving a gift (John 1:12).

In Ephesians 2:8 we learn that salvation is the _____. If someone were to give you a gift, would you have to pay for it? _____. Therefore, do we need to pay for our salvation? _____. Who did pay for our salvation (read 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 1 Peter 1:18-19)? _____. What is the gift of God according to Romans 6:23? _____

[*Note:* the word “through” should be translated “in” as in 1 John 5:11]. Salvation is as easy as receiving a gift! We can’t work for it! We can’t pay for it (compare Acts 8:18-20)! We can’t earn it by our own efforts! All we can do is receive it! God’s free gift of eternal life is to be found only in H_____ S_____ (1 John 5:11).

According to 1 John 5:11-12, in order to have God's gift of eternal life, you must also have God's _____. Thus, to be saved the sinner must receive a Person! According to John 3:16, what is God's love-gift to the world? _____ (Note: the words "only begotten" mean "**one of a kind, unique**"--Jesus is God's unique Son). In John 1:12 we learn that to become sons or children of God we must R_____ the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour! Although we could never pay God back for the precious gift of His Son, what is one thing that we can say to God in appreciation for what He has done (see 2 Corinthians 9:15)? _____

*"Thank you Lord for saving my soul.
Thank you Lord for making me whole.
Thank you Lord for GIVING to me
Thy great salvation so rich and FREE!"*

2B. Being saved is as easy as eating and drinking (John 6:35).

Read John 6:35. Who is the bread of life? _____ The person who comes to Jesus by faith will never _____ and the person who _____ on Him will never _____. Do you think that the Lord was talking about physical or spiritual hunger? _____ Compare John 6:54 with John 6:40,47. According to these verses, what does it mean to eat Christ's flesh and drink His blood (circle the correct answer):

- 1) It means that we should become cannibals.
- 2) It means that when we take communion we are really eating Christ.
- 3) It means that we should believe that the sinless Christ gave His body and shed His precious blood for our sins when He died on the cross.

Read John 4:9-14. The water that we drink daily can satisfy our physical needs for a time, but who is the only Person who can give us living water that will satisfy our deepest spiritual needs? _____ As simply as a person can take a glass of water and drink, that's how simple it is to trust Christ and Him alone as our Saviour!

3B. Being saved is as easy as going through a door (John 10:9).

To be saved, a person must enter through what door (John 10:9)? _____ Trusting Christ is no more difficult than going through a door! And yet, as we read Matthew 7:13-14 we discover that only a F_____ pass through that door! Remember, there is no other door and no other way (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

4B. Being saved is as easy as opening a door (Rev. 3:20).

Read Revelation 3:20. As the Lord Jesus stands at the door, what is He doing?

_____ Do you think that He wants to come in? _____ According to this verse what are the two things the sinner must do? 1) _____ 2) _____

_____ If he does these two things, what does Christ promise to do? _____ [Note: the word

"sup" means "to dine, to have supper with" and it speaks of the believer's close fellowship with the Lord Jesus.] The Lord Jesus is always ready and willing and able to save all those who call upon Him for salvation (Romans 10:13).

5B. Being saved is as easy as looking (John 3:14-15).

Read Numbers 21:4-9. According to verses 4-5, were the children of Israel trusting the LORD and being thankful to Him or were they complaining over their problems?

_____ In verse 6, how did the LORD judge the people for their lack of faith? _____ In verse 8, what did

the LORD tell Moses to make? _____ After this was made it was

to be lifted up upon a _____. What did the people have to do in order to be cured of their snake bites? _____ In verse 9 we learn that

whoever beheld the serpent of bronze _____.

Read John 3:14-15. All those who beheld the bronze serpent lived! All those who look upon the Son of man lifted up on the cross shall also live! When a man truly gazes upon Calvary's cross with the eyes of faith, he will not _____ but will have

_____ See also Isaiah 45:21-22. The living God says,

"_____ unto ___, and be ye _____. " (Note: the word "look" in verse

22 comes from a verb which means "to turn, to face someone" and thus the LORD is saying in Isaiah 45:22, "Face Me, turn your face towards Me").

Life is offered unto you, Hallelujah! Eternal life thy soul shall have, If you'll only look to Him, Hallelujah! Look to Jesus who alone can save!	Look and live, O sinner live! Look to Jesus now and live! Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live." – William Ogden
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Clarification: While God's plan of salvation is in itself simple and clear, a number of "difficulties" arise on man's side which are impossible for him to overcome *of himself*. Sadly, in many cases sinful man does not want help, but is content to wallow in his sins. The stubborn and wicked refusal of men to believe on Christ and receive God's free gift flows from their condition of total depravity—which was true of all of us (compare John 5:40). Hence, there is the necessity for God to do a work in our hearts which only He can do by His Spirit. There are many reasons why it is very difficult for sin-enslaved men to be saved, including the following: 1) It is very difficult for a person to humble himself and acknowledge his utter sinfulness and spiritual bankruptcy (Luke 18:9-14). 2) Proud man believes that he must do something to earn his salvation, and it is very difficult for him to understand that it is all of grace based on what Christ has done (Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:5). 3) Christ taught that it was extremely difficult, yea, impossible, for a rich man to be saved, due to the fact that no one can be saved while trusting anything or anyone other than Christ (Matthew 19:23-26). But what is impossible with men is possible with God (Matt. 19:26). 4) Being saved is difficult because it requires nothing short of a miracle of God. The dead must be given life (Eph. 2:1-7), the blind must be given sight (1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4), and those who are incurably sick must be healed (Jer. 17:9; 1 Pet. 2:24). 5) Being saved is difficult because depraved men love their sins and do not want to change their ways (John 3:18-20). But all of these difficulties can be overcome because the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to all who believe" (Rom. 1:16). God is able to do a mighty work in the hearts of sin-blinded and depraved men. Has God opened your eyes to the truth of the gospel (see Matt. 16:13-17; Acts 16:14)?