

Instructions for Salvation

What are the instructions for Salvation? When I ask this question many desire to give me the best answer possible. I think because I am a pastor, many also desire to make the best answer the most impressive answer. While there is nothing wrong with giving the best Scriptural answer possible, sometimes the question deserves some analysis before attempting an answer. By the way, I am always so pleased to hear the saints thoroughly giving answers that show dependence upon the Bible for answers and depth of understanding.

Those who teach salesmanship strive to encourage new salesmen to avoid the pitfall of giving a very good, albeit, wrong answer. One such lesson exhorts newbies that if someone asks you a question and you don't know the answer, don't be ashamed to respond, "I don't know, but I will find out and get back with you!" Sometimes I think it is best, even if you think you know full well what you think the right answer is, that you should first be very certain that you know what is being asked. The thorough salesman is instructed not only to understand the question, but to ask permission to investigate the question further by asking questions in order to grasp the real question.

Being a good Bible student is much like being a good salesman. Perhaps it should be stated the other way around, but you probably get my point. For, as in selling, the student of God's Word is not only learning but using all that is taught in order to deliver the message persuasively. True saints and truthful salesmen desire to offer the benefits of what they have learned. In fact, if there is a benefit, either successful honest salesmen or saint would admit to wanting the listener to understand perfectly what those benefits are. If there is no benefit, we should not be offering what we know. Interestingly, even now you, the reader, should be wondering what is in it for me if I read this treatise? I, on the other hand, am wondering how to best show you what I know. The advantage here is with the saint, however. The persuasive power of the Word delivered by the Spirit filled saint is able to deliver effectively the Word to the listener.

1 Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

At the point of delivery, the listener will hear the Word either of two ways: To the one the Word of God is as savor of death unto death, but to the other as the savor of life unto life.

2 Corinthians 2:16

To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

Now, what was the question? Oh yes! What are the instructions for salvation? Let us analyze the question together.

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First, we should verify the question with a question: “how can man be saved?” Is that the question? Since it is my question, I will answer that one for us. Yes. I will amplify the question somewhat. The question is What are the instructions or how is man instructed, according to the Holy Bible, to achieve or receive salvation?

Second, we should analyze the question. It certainly suggests that there are multiple instructions and that, in fact, through instruction man is able to know what is required for salvation and, thus, can learn those instructions. Further, it suggests that man can learn and follow those instructions in order to be saved.

Third, is the question valid? If you are absolutely certain that you know the answer to the question then you will most probably and confidently give your carefully constructed answer. It is interesting that even well intentioned saints have given the answer absolutely using Scriptures, but still failed to validate the question by their answer. At this stage I am not going to answer the question for you and, ironically, I would that you should not answer the question either.

Although many have offered many substantial answers of the fact that we have salvation, none have given the actual instructions by which we may obtain salvation. At the most, and delightedly, I have been assured of my salvation by many facts included in such answers, but still the answers assume the question is valid. No answer is, in fact, required because the question is not a valid question. Thus, any attempt to answer the question is wrong and the answers are, consequently, not valid either.

Some of the answers I have heard offered, in the past, are generally accepted in the main stream among many religious circles. Many of those answers included the following instructions:

- We ask to receive Jesus into our hearts. ~ INVALID
- We ask Jesus into our heart. ~ INVALID
- We must repent. ~ INVALID
- We must recognize that we are sinners first. ~ INVALID
- We recite the “Sinners Prayer.” ~ INVALID
- We can pray for the lost that they would be saved. ~ INVALID
- We ask forgiveness for our sins. ~ INVALID
- We must believe with all our heart... ~ INVALID
- We find ourselves guilty and going to hell. ~ INVALID
- We must be baptized in water. ~ INVALID
- We read His Word and study to know Him. ~ INVALID
- We must have (blind) faith. ~ INVALID
- We must go to church. ~ INVALID
- We must clean up our lives. ~ INVALID
- We must live a good life or be good. ~ INVALID
- ..and a big one among long time church goers:
We must confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus. ~ INVALID

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Romans 10

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.**

Romans 10

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

Of course, we should not stop reading to hear the Truth in context!

Romans 10

¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that **call upon Him.**

The following is a much quoted verse among main stream theorist that we call out and then God responds with salvation.

¹³ For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

If God has revealed Himself how does one call upon what they do not know or heard?!

¹⁴ **How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? AND how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? AND how shall they hear without a preacher?**

While the Scripture references are always good, the suggestion that they instruct on how man can achieve salvation is not valid. I merely ask the question most often because it lends me the opportunity to instruct others toward a better understanding of salvation and to more perfectly open the Scriptures. However, I intend not only to prove through Scriptures that the question is not valid, but I intend to prove that salvation is performed by the LORD God alone.

Let me make this clear: There are no instructions for salvation given in Scriptures. There is no indication in Scripture of any instructions for the salvation of God but by His grace alone.

Of course, many wonder how to get into heaven or hope they get into heaven. However, the Lord says come, take up the cross, and follow Him. But then, the Lord says to that it is impossible for man to obtain eternal life. Only with God is it possible.

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Salvation is impossible for man

Mark 10

¹⁷ And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

²¹ Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and **come, take up the cross, and follow me.**

²⁷ And Jesus looking upon them saith, **With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

Salvation is the LORD's

1 Chronicles 16

23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day **his salvation.**

Psalm 3

8 **Salvation** belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

Psalm 37

39 But the **salvation** of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Salvation comes from God

Psalm 62

1 Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my **salvation.**

Psalm 144

¹⁰ **It is he that giveth salvation** unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

Jonah 2

⁹ But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. **Salvation** is of the LORD.

Salvation reveal by God

Luke 1

⁷⁶ And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

⁷⁷ To **give knowledge of salvation** unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Luke 3

⁶ And **all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

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Confession of that which is revealed

Romans 10

⁹That 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.

¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

The LORD God is salvation

Psalms 27

1 The LORD is my light and my **salvation**; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 12

2 Behold, **God is my salvation**; I will trust, and not be afraid: for **the LORD JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song; **he also is become my salvation.**

Luke 2

²⁵ And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

²⁶ And it was **revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost**, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

²⁷ And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

²⁸ Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

³⁰ **For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,**

³¹ Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

Luke 19

⁸ And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

⁹ And **Jesus said** unto him, **This day is salvation come to this house**, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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Salvation to those who believe and obey

Ephesians 1

¹² That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

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,

¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1 Thessalonians 5 ...appointed to obtain salvation

⁹ For God hath not **appointed** us to wrath, but to **obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ**,

Hebrews 5

⁹ And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal **salvation unto all them that obey him**;

Salvation is to those God has chosen

2 Thessalonians 2

¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

¹⁴ Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2

¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things **for the elect's sakes**, that they may also **obtain the salvation** which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Salvation is by grace and mercy only

Ephesians 2

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved**;))

Ephesians 2 ..not by you

⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

⁸ **For by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God:

Man has no part in salvation wherein to boast of his own work.

⁹ **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

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Salvation is by grace and mercy only (*cont*)

Titus 3

⁵ **Not by works of righteousness** which we have done, but **according to His mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

1 Corinthians 1

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.**

Romans 10

¹⁷ So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Without the Faith “of” Jesus Christ (not Faith “in”) we cannot believe.

Romans 3 ...by faith we imputed the righteousness of God

²² Even the righteousness of God which is by **faith of Jesus** Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Galatians 2 ...by faith we believe

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ**, that we might be **justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

Galatians 3 ...by faith we receive the promise

²² But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by **faith of Jesus Christ** might be given to them that believe.

Revelation 14 ...by faith we receive patience

¹² Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the **faith of Jesus.**

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Salvation is Predestinated

2 Timothy 1 ...salvation by grace before the world began

⁸ Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

⁹ Who hath **saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

¹⁰ But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Ephesians 1 ...chosen by Jesus Christ our Father

⁴ According as **He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world,** that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having **predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,** according to the **good pleasure of His will,**

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **He hath made us accepted** in the beloved.

Ephesians 1 ...obtain inheritance by His own counsel with Himself.

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

¹¹ In whom also **we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

¹² That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Romans 9 ...obtained before the good or evil...before we existed

⁹ For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

¹⁰ And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

...according to election of God

¹¹ (For the **children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth;)**

¹² It was said unto her, **The elder shall serve the younger.**

¹³ As it is written, **Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

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Salvation is Predestinated (*cont*)

Romans 9 ...Mercy and compassion only by God

¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

....not by will of man

¹⁶ So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

¹⁷ For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

..not given to those He hardens

¹⁸ Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

¹⁹ Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

...the creature cannot alter what God has determined

²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, **Why hast thou made me thus?**

²¹ Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make **one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?**

²² What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the **vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:**

...prepared for us "afore"

²³ And that he might make known the **riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,**

²⁴ Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

²⁵ As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

...salvation determined upon who He will

²⁶ And it shall come to pass, that in the place **where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.**

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We like all the saints are ordained before we are born to be His children

Jeremiah 1

⁵ **Before** I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and **before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified** thee, and I **ordained thee a prophet** unto the nations.

Ephesians 2

¹⁰ For we are **his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,** which **God hath before ordained** that we should **walk in them.**

Jude 1

⁴ For **there are certain men crept in unawares,** who were **before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men,** turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and **denying the only Lord God,** and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 22

⁸ He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

⁹ But **thou art he that took me out of the womb:** thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ **I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.**

Psalm 58 ...not so for the wicked

³ **The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.**

Isaiah 44

² Thus saith the **LORD that made thee,** and **formed thee from the womb,** which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, **whom I have chosen.**

Isaiah 49

¹ Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; **The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.**

Isaiah 49

⁵ And now, saith **the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant,** to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

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Jeremiah 1

⁵ **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.**

Luke 1

¹³ But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name **John**.

¹⁴ And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ For **he shall be great in the sight of the Lord**, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be **filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb**.

Galatians 1

¹⁴ And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when **it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,**

¹⁶ **To reveal his Son in me**, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred **not with flesh and blood:**

God our Father has revealed Himself, the Son, our Father

Matthew 16 ...it is the foundation upon which the Lord builds His Church

¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Luke 10 ..The Son is the Father that does reveal Himself the KING

²² All things are delivered to me of my Father: and **no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.**

Salvation is only to His who are known of Him.

1 John 4

¹ Beloved, **believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:** because many **false prophets are gone out into the world.**

² Hereby **know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**

³ And **every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.**

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Finally, it is given for us, who are called and who are chosen, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are the elect of God who has revealed Himself to us. We are His sheep who hear his voice and follow Him our Savior. We are the believers whom the Father has ordained before the foundation of the world unto eternal life.

Acts 13

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were **ordained to eternal** life believed.

He is the Only One God before whom was no God formed and neither after Him shall any god be formed. He is our Creator who has created us vessels who do honor Him, Jesus Christ our LORD God who is THE FORM of God(not a form of God). Jesus is the very God who is the EXPRESS IMAGE of God. Jesus Christ is the deliverer and our redeemer who made Himself in likeness of flesh in which He dwelled bodily and fully the Godhead! We worship Him who reconciled us unto Himself who gave us repentance unto salvation by the faith OF Him who has sealed us by His Holy Spirit according to His promise. We are those who have salvation who He will raise up unto eternal life the Last day! It is the Father's work.

John 6

⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the **last day**.

So there are no instructions on how we can achieve our own salvation. We are only instructed by the Lord God that He alone gives us Salvation as He has determined.