

## Speaking Truth In Love

A question once raised is relevant today, “What must I do to be saved” (Acts 16:30; cf. Acts 2:38)? The gospel of Jesus Christ, since it is the power of God to salvation (Rom 1:16), must obviously speak to this important question.

The written testimony of eye-witnesses (chosen by God: apostles) declared Jesus to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead (Jn 20:31; Acts 10:41; Rom 1:1-4). To believe this fact is so important that if one rejects it he will be separated from God eternally (Jn 3:16; 8:24).

The universal command to repent (Acts 17:30) is God’s way of saying, “You must do things My way.” A choice that one must make when he is ready to confess his faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 10:10; Acts 8:37).

In conjunction with the foregoing requirements of the gospel -- baptism brings about the condition of salvation (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21; Col 2:12). New Testament baptism is immersion in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 8:38-39) – it places one into Christ (Gal 3:27) and into His body the church (1 Cor 12:13; Col 1:24). Jesus is the Savior of His body, the church, having purchased it with His own blood (Eph 5:23; Acts 20:28).

Following one’s baptism, he is called to “live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world” (Titus 2:12); a noble calling for one who has a crown of life awaiting him (Col 1:22-23; Rev 2:10).

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