

Calling On The Name Of The Lord

A case of a sinner's prayer is seen in the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. Stricken blind on the road to Damascus, Saul was commanded by Jesus to "*Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do*" (Acts 9:6). Ananias, the Lord's messenger, found Saul fasting and praying because all was NOT well with him. So Ananias commanded Saul to "*Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord*" (Acts 22:16). Saul's fasting, praying, and his belief in Jesus did not amount to "*calling on the name of the Lord*". Saul was commanded to be baptized in order to "call on the name of the Lord", and the Lord responded by "washing away" Saul's past sins as promised.

There are no examples in the Bible of one being saved through prayer, nor was anyone instructed to do so. In fact, telling a person to pray for salvation will distract him from the essential means of salvation in Christ. Each one must hear and learn the gospel (Jn 6:44-45; 2 Thess 2:14), believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Jn 20:30-31), repent of sins (Lk 24:47), and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). To call on the name of the Lord, we must listen to the Lord and obey Him. We just may be too busy talking to listen.

Study your Bible and search the Truth (Jn 17:17). Write us today if you are interested in taking a Bible correspondence course through the mail. Thanks for reading!

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