

## 8. What must I do to be saved?

### Acts 2:32-38 *Peter at Pentecost*

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

### Acts 16:23-34 *Paul in prison at Philippi*

23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—and his whole family.

## 1. The question asked

### ▲ *The arising of the question*

Acts 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart

- ▼ *When searching for spiritual significance*
- ▼ *When confronted with crisis or calamity*
- ▼ *When transferring or transitioning*
- ▼ *When fearful of finality and fatality*
- ▼ *When pierced with a powerful presentation*

### ▲ *The acknowledgement in the question*

Acts 2:37 Brothers, what shall we do?

- ▼ *Sensing a spiritual lack and longing and load and lostness*
- ▼ *Surely there's a spiritual life and Lord somewhere*

### ▲ *The asking of the question*

Acts 16:30 Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

- ▼ *Sometimes spoken*
- ▼ *Sometimes simply suggested*
- ▼ *Sometimes silenced and squelched*

### ▲ *The accepting of the question*

Acts 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied,

- ▼ *We must accept the question*
- ▼ *We must answer the question*
- ▼ *We must acknowledge the arena and atmosphere of the question — where the Spirit is working!*

## 2. The question answered

### ▲ *There is a personal Savior*

- ▼ *Jesus, Son of God* — Romans 1:4 declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead
- ▼ *Jesus, born into flesh* — John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
- ▼ *Jesus, sinless* — 1 Peter 2:22 He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.
- ▼ *Jesus, crucified, buried* — 1 Corinthians 15:3 Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried
- ▼ *Jesus, raised from the dead* — Acts 13:30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and for many days he was seen
- ▼ *Jesus, ascended to heaven* — Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God,
- ▼ *Jesus, reigning Lord* — Revelation 19:16 he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
- ▼ *Jesus, eternal judge* — Acts 10:42 he is the one whom God has appointed as judge of the living and the dead.
- ▼ *Jesus, coming again* — Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back
- ▼ *Jesus, only Savior* — Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven
- ▼ *Jesus, personally calling* — Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- ▼ *Jesus, saving eternally* — John 3:16 whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### ▲ *There is a plan of salvation*

#### ▼ *Admit that you are a sinner in need of forgiveness*

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

#### ▼ *Affirm that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead*

1 Corinthians 15:3 Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

#### ▼ *Abandon your life of sin in order to follow Jesus*

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

#### ▼ *Accept Jesus as your own Lord and Savior*

Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

#### ▼ *Advance full speed ahead into your new life as a follower of Jesus Christ*

1 Peter 4:2 he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.