



JRC SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

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SALVATION

Part I

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

The Word of God says, ***"Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved."*** (ROMANS 10:13). That means no matter who you are or what kind of life you have lived, you can be saved, because God loves you and cares about you. God will hear when you call in faith believing. ***"...For he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."*** (Hebrews 11:6).

"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? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (ROMANS 10:14, 17). You must hear with your heart the Word of God, which says that Jesus died as a sacrifice for your sins so that you can be free from the burden of sin and have eternal life. He laid down His life for you. (II CORINTHIANS 5:21; JOHN 15:13). Speaking of Jesus, the Bible says, ***"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree..."*** (I PETER 2:24). Jesus came into this world to die with your sins upon Him, to free you from sin so that you can live for God.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (JOHN 3:16) These words were given by God for you that you might believe in Jesus and in what He did for you.

Now that you know the truth, the truth will make you free if you accept it with your whole heart. Jesus said, ***"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the Gospel."*** (MARK 1:14). ***"Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."*** (II CORINTHIANS 6:2). Jesus said, ***"Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."*** (MATTHEW 11:28)

Come to Jesus as you are and give Him your heavy burdens. Put your life in His hands as best you know how, and He will give you His life. Jesus said, ***"All that the Father giveth me shall come to Me, and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."*** (JOHN 6:37). Jesus will not turn you away under any circumstances.

If you have given your life to Jesus and believed the Word of God, according to the authority of God's Word, you are now SAVED, and you are now a part of the kingdom of God!

“By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.” (EPHESIANS 2:8-9). ***“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.”*** (COLOSSIANS 1:12-13).

Part II

God Wants You To Know That You Are Saved

Now that you have given your life to Jesus, God wants you to know that you are saved; not just for a while, but eternally. God did not save you to lose you. God said, ***“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”*** (HOSEA 4:6). Lack of knowledge means not having understanding, and the Bible says that we should understand what the will of the Lord is. (EPHESIANS 5:17). It is the will of God for you to know that you are saved because Jesus said, ***“And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me that of all which He hath given me, I should lose nothing but should raise it up at the last day.”*** (JOHN 6:39). Jesus always did the will of God so He would not lose even one, but will save to the uttermost all those that come unto God by Him. (HEBREWS 7:25).

You can know that you are saved because the Spirit of God will bear witness to your spirit that you are a child of God. (ROMANS 8:16). Deep inside your innermost being, you know that all things have become new. (II Cor 5:17). Everything looks different and feels different because you are different. You have passed from death unto life and you have been made clean.

The Apostle Paul said, ***“I know whom I have believed.”*** (II TIMOTHY 1:12). You may have known about Jesus before you were saved, but now you will begin to know Him in a personal and intimate way. You can now love with the love of God because you are born of God. (1 JOHN 3:14). God does not want you to be afraid of losing what He has given to you freely. You cannot trust your feelings to tell you that you are saved because your feelings are always changing. But the Word of God never changes. ***“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...”*** (TITUS 3:5). You are not saved because you feel saved, but because God who cannot lie, declares it in His Word. You stand by faith in what God has said. (II CORINTHIANS 1:24).

“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son, And this is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life...” (I JOHN 5:10-3).

Part III

Now That You Are Saved And Know It

Now that God is your Father and you are His child, there are many things that you can know are the will of God for you! For example, the scripture says, ***“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”*** (ACTS 2:38). This lets you know that it is the will of God for you to be baptized after you are saved. Jesus said, ***“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them...”*** (JOHN 10:27). You

can now begin to listen for the voice of God, and start talking to Him just as you would talk to your earthly father. Let your prayers be a relationship with the One who loves you so much. God said, "Call upon me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you know not." (JEREMIAH 33:3).

It is God's will for you to learn of Him in a personal way. Jesus said, "**Take my yoke upon you and learn of me.**" (MATTHEW 11:29). It is through this learning that you become more like Him and are able to share Him with others. "**Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.**" (II TIMOTHY 2:15). "**That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.**" (EPHESIANS 1:17-18). "**As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. Rooted and built up in Him and stablished in the faith...**" (COLOSSIANS 2:6-7).

As a new Christian, you need God's power to be all that He says in His Word that you can be, and to more fully understand the things of God. Jesus said, "**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...**" (ACTS 1:8). The Holy Ghost is a promise and a gift to you as a child of God. (ACTS 2:39). All you have to do to receive the Holy Ghost is to desire with all of your heart to be filled with God's Spirit, and then simply ask in faith. Jesus said, "**Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"** (LUKE 11:9-13) Simply ask and receive that your joy might be full!

Once you have received the Holy Ghost, the power of God can work freely in your life as you begin to receive the Word of God in the spirit and grow in your relationship with Jesus. Begin to act upon the Word of God as you would upon the word of your earthly father. All of the promises of God in His Word are yours because you are a child of the King. God loves you and it is His good pleasure to give you the kingdom. There are many victories ahead as you learn to depend completely on Jesus even in the midst of any storm that would come your way. There is such joy in discovering all of the richness of God and His boundless love as you walk with Him. As you are starting out to live for Jesus, you must know that "**...He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.**" (PHILIPPIANS 1:6). "**Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.**" (I CORINTHIANS 2:9).

Part IV

Benefits of Salvation

The benefits of salvation are numerous, and those outlined in Psalm 103 provide great joy and hope to those who believe.

PSALM 103

¹ **Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

³ **Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

- ⁴ *Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;*
⁵ *Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
⁶ *The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.*
⁷ *He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.*
⁸ *The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*
⁹ *He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.*
¹⁰ *He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.*
¹¹ *For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.*
¹² *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*
¹³ *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.*
¹⁴ *For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.*

From reading these scriptures, we can identify several key benefits of living a life for God:

- **Forgiveness of sin and healing from diseases (v3)**
- **Redemption from destruction and crowning with love and compassion (v4)**
- **Satisfaction of our desires with good things (v5)**
- **Righteousness and justice for the oppressed (v6)**
- **Mercy, grace, and compassion (v8)**
- **Blessings not according to what we deserve, but according to His love (v10)**
- **Removal of sin (v12)**

Part V

The Local Church

It cannot be stressed too strongly how important it is for you as a new Christian to be established in a strong church assembly which is rooted and grounded upon the Word of God. It is so important to be faithful to the assembly that you feel God has chosen for you. It is in the local assembly that you are fed the Word of God, and it is there that you should focus your attention and support.

You also must be willing to submit yourself to a God-called Pastor, for this is the ordained plan of God for you to grow in the things of God. The fellowship, strength and leadership you receive from a Pastor who watches for your soul and from a congregation filled with love and the Spirit of God cannot be bought with money, but is priceless and of greatest importance in your spiritual growth.

Should you feel to be a part of what God is doing in the Jackson Revival Center, please contact our Pastor or a member of the staff so that we can formally arrange to welcome you to this assembly. We love you and thank God for you and if we can be of any assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to let us know.