

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:**

Euin Barrier, Bernice Beeson,  
Terry Cantrell, Ora Cash,  
Dickie & Joann Crouch, Emily Devereux,  
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,  
Eva Lee, Ken & Mabel Lock,  
Melvin & Ruth Messer, Bobby Mills,  
Jim Nelson, Sophia Sears,  
Earline Smith, Linda Smith,  
Barbara Staten, Joann White  
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,  
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,  
and those engaged in teaching the lost.

**If you notice someone's absence from the assembly pray for them, and call to see if there is some additional way you can help.**

*Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment (Proverbs 13:23).*

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:  
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**PRAYER LIST UPDATES:**

**Maxine Long** fell Monday and fractured her pelvis. She has been in NEA Baptist, but expected by this time to be in rehab.

**Elizabeth Price** was confined to home much of the week with a stomach virus.

**Helen Mills** requests prayers for her extended family on the occasion of the death of **Dorothy Adams**.

**Janie Little** was released from the hospital.

**OTHER NEWS:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **Wayne Mardis** (Tuesday).

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The **Nettleton** church has B.J. Clarke for a meeting from today through Wednesday. The **Herndon** church has Jimmy Young scheduled next Sunday through Wednesday. Lesson topics and times are on the board.

**SINGING:** Tonight is our regularly-scheduled singing and sandwich night. The "Annual Spring Singing" with the **East Shelby church** is this Saturday at 3:00. See the board for details.

**LADIES' DAYS:** The **Holden Avenue** church in Newport has scheduled "There's No Place Like Home" for women this Saturday from 9:00 to noon. The **Bellefonte** church has scheduled "Faith is the Victory" at the same time. Lunch is provided at both. Further information is on the bulletin board.

**THE RECORD SPEAKS** (week of 3-28):  
Sunday Bible Class ..... 78  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 93  
Sunday PM Worship ..... 75  
Contribution ..... \$1610  
Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 59

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**Wednesday:**

Bible Classes 7:00

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April 4, 2010

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

Roy J. Hearn

After Paul and Silas arrived in Philippi, they cast a demon out of a maiden. They were arrested, beaten and cast into prison. At midnight, as they sang praises to God, their jailor asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Please read Acts 16:16-29 for background.)

This is a most important question, and needs a Bible answer. It involves salvation from past sins and future salvation as well. The question involves two parts: God's part and man's part. Consider the question and answer.

1. **What?** This implies ignorance on the Philippian jailor's part. Those who do not know must be taught. When Philip asked the Ethiopian if he understood what he read, he said: "How can I except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:31). There are so many ways advocated that many people are confused, and do not know which way to turn.

Many religionists teach that one is saved by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit, in a manner above his understanding. If this were true, there would never be any need to ask what to do, and no need to tell anyone. (Cont'd)

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2. **Must.** This implies something necessary. The word “must” means “obliged, required, compelled.” Thus the strongest term that could be used. Not what may I do, but what am I compelled to do. When God sets forth a requirement it becomes law, and cannot be ignored without penalty. Read Leviticus 10:1-2, and see how Nadab and Abihu were destroyed because they took the liberty to substitute for what God commanded.

3. **What must I – Personal.** It is not a matter of what mother or father did or did not do, nor what might have happened to the thief on the cross. Each individual is saved upon his personal obedience, not what somebody else thought or did.

But somebody says: “If I am baptized, that will condemn my mother, who was not immersed. I know she was saved, for she did the best she knew.” Suppose one were to go to some foreign land, and preach Christ to the heathens, and they would say, “I cannot afford to believe in Christ, for if I did, it would condemn my mother, who never heard of Christ.” How many Jews could one convert to Christ?

So, it is not a matter of what someone else does, or fails to do, it is up to the individual to save himself. If everyone is lost, we are responsible for our own salvation. All must appear before the judgment seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10), and each one give account to God (Rom. 14:11-12).

4. **What must I DO?** This is a verb of action. The jailor did not ask what he must **feel like**, or what religion his mother had, but what he **must do**. That there is something to do to be saved is greatly emphasized in the Scriptures. Jesus said that not those who simply called, “Lord, Lord,” can be saved, but those who do the will of the Father (Matt. 7:21-27). And one who does not obey has no right to call upon Christ as Lord (Luke 6:46). Christ is the author of salvation to those who obey Him (Heb. 5:9). The blessing comes to those who DO His commandments (Rev. 22:14).

The universalist says that there is nothing to be done, but Matthew 25:31-46 shows that those who do nothing will be lost eternally. The Calvinist says one must be of the elect, or he cannot be saved. Some, they say, are chosen to be saved, others are to be lost, and the number on both sides cannot be either increased or diminished. But, Revelation 22:17 says: “Whosoever WILL, let him take of the water of life freely.”

**A SHORT COMMENTARY FROM AL** on John 13:35 — “If ye have love one to another” is *not* the plan of salvation. The love which disciples have for one another is, according to Jesus in this verse, one means by which unsaved persons learn that the saved are saved. The verb “know” in this verse means *to learn, to get a knowledge of, perceive*. We don’t walk around with a sign that says “I’m a disciple of Jesus”; the love we exhibit to one another is a sign to the world. Seeing our love for one another, some may ask about it and thus give us an opportunity to tell them of Him who “*first loved us*” (I John 4:19).

5. **The jailor was taught.** “They spake unto him the word of the Lord,” and taught him and all his house what they must do. Obviously, in the course of teaching, he learned he must be baptized, in addition to believing in Christ, for he and all his were baptized the same hour of the night. It was so important they did not put it off a week or month, but were immersed immediately. That is the way to obey the Lord. One cannot know the Lord unless he keeps His commandments (I John 2:3-4).

6. **To be saved.** This is God’s part. It implies that man is lost and that he cannot save himself. In the Great Commission Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” The conjunction “and” makes belief and baptism equally important, and if baptism is not necessary, as most sectarian churches teach, then neither is belief. Does two minus two equal four?

On the first Pentecost after Christ’s resurrection, people responded to the apostles’ preaching by asking, “Brethren, what shall we do?” They were told to “Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.” As in belief, so repentance is joined by the conjunction “and,” therefore, one act of obedience is as important as the other.

**Conclusion:** The plan of salvation is simple to those who respect God’s word. All sinners must believe in Christ (John 8:24). All believers must repent of sins (Acts 3:19 17:30). All penitent believers must confess faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37, KJV). All Such penitent believers must be immersed in water (baptized) in the name of Christ to be saved from past sins, and live faithfully until death. This is the answer to the question what one MUST do to be saved.

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*I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me*

(Psalm 119:93):

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