



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - March 26 2023

"Receiving" Jesus??

by Troy Spradlin

I am sure you have heard someone say that they, "Have received Jesus into their hearts." Or perhaps, some preacher declare, "Just accept Jesus! Receive Him and you will be saved." It is a very common and popular teaching in many religious circles. So, here is the simple, straightforward question, "Is that true?" Does one just simply "receive" Jesus to be saved? Is "accepting Him" all one must do in order to become His disciple and receive the promise of eternal life? Let's answer these questions by going to the one and only place that can give us the true answer - the Bible.

There are several instances that can be identified in Scripture - particularly in the Book of Acts - where someone posed the all-important-question of, "What must I do to be saved?" As we will note here, it is stated in various ways, but in every case, the individual is asking "What must I do in order to avoid condemnation; to gain eternal life; to have my sins removed." We must then learn what they were told to do and what was their response (*see chart below*).

For example, in Acts 2:37, those individuals convicted of their sin said to Peter and the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" In other words, they were asking how they could be saved from condemnation. In 8:36, after the eunuch heard Phillip preach the Gospel, he responded, "Here's water, what prevents me from being baptized?" (8:36) He was inquiring about how he might enter into the salvation Jesus offers. In chapter nine, when Paul recognized his error and acknowledged Jesus as Lord, he then asked "What do you want me to do?" (9:6), meaning how could he escape the punishment he deserved. In Acts 10, when a Gentile, Roman soldier prayed to God, we can easily infer from the passage that he wanted to know about salvation. An angel brought him a

Cases of Conversion in the Book of Acts

| Acts | Believe | Repent | Confess | Baptized | Saved |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 2:37-38 Jews | pricked | repented | | baptized | remission |
| 8:12-13 Samaritans | believed | | | baptized | |
| 8:36-39 Eunuch | believed | | confessed | baptized | rejoiced |
| 9:6,9,18; 22:16 Saul | trembled | sorrow | confessed | baptized | sins washed |
| 10:43,48; 11:14,17-18 Cornelius | believed | repented | | baptized | saved/life |
| 16:14-15 Lydia | heart opened | | | baptized | faithful |
| 16:31-34 Jailer | believed | washed stripes | | baptized | rejoiced |
| 17:12 Bereans | believed | | | | |
| 18:8 Corinthians | believed | | | baptized | saints 1 Cor. 1:2 |
| 19:2-5,18 Ephesians | believed | confessed evil deeds | | baptized | in Christ Eph. 1:3 |

response from heaven saying, "Send for Peter ... He will tell you what you must do." (10:5-6). Then, in Acts 16:30, an individual asked directly, "What must I do to be saved?" He was very clearly inquiring about spiritual salvation.

Now, just **simply read the verses that follow each of those questions** (the entire context of each passage), every occasion. Notice that not once did Jesus, nor the angel, or anyone else say, "Just accept Jesus into your heart." Not one single time do we find where anyone indicates, or instructs the person only must "receive Jesus" into their heart in order to be saved. Instead, what we read in every case, is they were told what more that they must do.

Peter answered those men's question with, "**Repent and be baptized** for the remission of your sins." The eunuch was told to **believe and then he was baptized**. Jesus Himself didn't tell Paul to just "accept Him." Instead, Jesus said, "Arise and go into the city, and **you will be told what you must do.**" Then, Ananias told Paul, "Why do you wait? **Arise and be baptized**, and wash away your sins." Even the Roman Centurion and the Philippian jailer were both told that belief was necessary and then both were baptized (10:48; 16:33). Look at the rest of the conversion examples in Acts and you will see the same pattern for each one of them. So, the bottom line is this, nowhere does the Bible say, "Just receive Jesus into your heart to be saved." Instead, there are still a few more steps to complete!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Upcoming Events / Info
TODAY– Workshop, 2nd Away Speech @ Brewton, & Hotel Money due
March 29 – Girls Presentations



Upcoming Events / Info
April 2 – Workshop, Boys Presentations, & Puppet Presentations
April 6-9 – Convention in ATL



2023 Camp Dates

Teen Week (6-12 grades):
June 11 – 16

Jr. Week (1-5 grades):
June 25 – 29

Early Bird Registration
Deadline: April 15



A Time for Everything

by Casey Bearden

Spring is upon us, and all of the changes that come with it. There is new life springing forth, while other things are passing away. There is a lot of work to do as this season comes, leaving some excited about what has come, and others dreading the work there is to do. You see, we all have seasons that we enjoy and look forward to more than others because of what they bring. A piece of scripture talks about times of change, not about the seasons of weather and nature, but rather the seasons of life. Whatever they bring, there is work to do, lessons to learned, and changes to be made. It is all part of a greater plan that we do not always understand. It may be a season we have been longing for or one we have been dreading, yet the seasons must come. It is how they work. We may not see the bigger picture in the great scheme of it all, and it may not always make sense, but God assures us that He is in control and that everything will work out for the good, if we trust in Him.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." - Ecc. 3:1 - 8

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Special

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Sharon Ates - surgery, recovery (Gallagher*)
- Janice Carter* - tests, waiting on results
- Cannon family* - birth of Cole
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds*)
- Mason Chandler* - loss of grandmother
- Annie Godwin-hip dysplasia, harness 3 weeks
- Lauren Kreis (Martin family) - prayers
- Laura Lewis - @ home recovering
- Eddie Longmire* - loss of brother, Sam
- Donald McGriff* - surgery/recovery
- Collin Mense - health (Pat Mense*)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - great news!
- Greg Smith* family - loss of foster son
- Laurie Taylor* - shingles
- Andrea Wilson* - knee surgery

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Laura Oliver*- Identified

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute - Paul Discher

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham* - health
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- WillieMae Cosby - health, recovery (McGriff*)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Fatima Deem- pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Madeline Farley* - broken wrist, recovery
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms*- health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Cindy Marotta - paralyzed (Nunes*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Richard McCool* - heart attack, recovery
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - lung transplant list (Nunes*)
- Ella Parker* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Eugene Smith -cleft palate (J.English*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey* - health
- Gloria Vonada*
- Jan Whitney*

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer Gable-New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kentucky
- Byron Solomon - San Diego

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* -recovery, health (Baxley*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - surgery (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Brenda Dunham - (J.English*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Keith Pabst - (Webb*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Kevin Shanahan - operation (Scott's* dad)
- Al Sheridan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Arcadia Senior Living
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller*- Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada* - Sodalis House, Hospice

Planning Committee Meeting

TODAY @ 5 PM
ROOM 303

All are welcomed!



Men's Breakfast

Sunday April 16, 7:30 AM



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

MORNING

Opening Prayer Rhett English
 Song Director Casey Bearden
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "The Ark: A Vessel of Salvation"
 Scripture Reading David English
 1 Peter 3:15-22
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion:

Comments Paul Lipford
 Nick Batell Michael English
 Joe Bartell Darrell Bozeman
 Joe King

EVENING

Opening Prayer Matt McReynolds
 Singing Jake Armstrong
 Scripture Justin Davis
 Luke 15:1-7
 Comments Paul Lipford

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Fisher family
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Greeters: John Pace
 Secure Building Paul Lipford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director L2L Presentation
 Opening Prayer L2L Presentation

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 137
 AM Worship 194
 PM Worship 128
 Wed. Night Bible Class 125
 Contribution \$9,796

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship ... 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

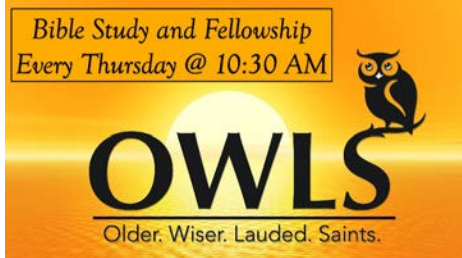
ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.



EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

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