

HOW ONE IS SAVED

One enters into a saved condition when they become a Christian. The word Christian means 'a follower of Christ'. Many claim to be a Christian, but they do not follow Christ as far as being obedient to Him. In order to believe anything, one must become aware of it. The Bible talks about becoming aware of the truth of Jesus in terms of hearing. We must HEAR before we can believe anything about Jesus. Romans 10:14

The following is in outline form in order to keep things as simple as possible. In the book of Acts, we find many specific examples of people becoming Christians, therefore we will get most of our outline from there. (Always read the entire context!) We realize that there will be other passages that will support these statements that you have discovered on your own. In all things, we desire only the truth as revealed by God in His Word. Following the outline will be a short explanation of each.

Believe Acts 8:37; Acts 16:31

Repent: Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19

Confess: Romans 10:8

Baptised: Acts 2:38, 41; Acts 18:8; Acts 22:16

Faithful Living: Revelation 2:10

Someone asked me, 'What about faith?' Great question! All of the above are what is involved in Biblical Faith. Faith is 2 things: 1. belief and 2. action based upon that belief. One might say it this way. Faith is belief plus obedience. Our faith in God is that – we believe Him and obey Him. That is how all the outline comes into play.

Believe: Accepting that Jesus is the Son of God, and that He died for our sins, was buried, and He is now alive - having come back to life after three days. This is the truth that pertains to our salvation. The gift of Salvation is through Jesus and through Him alone. A person cannot find his own path to heaven.

Repent: Changing one's mind and actions. Literally, repent means to turn around. When you realize and believe in the truth of Jesus, you recognize that He suffered and died because of your sin. That realization brings about a change in how you think and act. We no longer act out of our self interest, but rather, we think and act in the interest of God.

Confess: Speaking truth. That Jesus is real and is the same as revealed in the Bible, is the truth. Believing this and changing involves speaking this truth. We speak in words when we admit aloud that 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God!' We admit this truth by the way we live in the choices we make.

Baptism: All who have studied the first century, realize without argument that Biblical baptism is when a person who can believe, repent, and confess is immersed (dipped completely) into water. We must realize that this immersion is done for a purpose. If it is not done toward this purpose it is just getting wet. That purpose is for the forgiveness of

sins and for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Faithful Living: This is when we live the remainder of our life here on earth in recognition of Jesus and the Son of God. We desire to mature and become an adult Christian. We study God's Word in order that his Spirit (that dwells in us) might reveal to us all of that which is needed to mature. We align ourselves (obey His Word) with the teaching of God's truth as revealed in the Bible.

There are so many blessings involved in being a Christian. We pray for all of you who read these words and study them, that you will come to the conclusion that you need Jesus Christ and will become a Christian.