

Text: Acts 16:30 - 32 (ESV) ³⁰Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Last Sunday Recap:

Rom 10:9 - 11 (KJV)

⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

3 aspects of saving-faith:

Mental = recognize that the gospel of Jesus Christ is true. *(That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus)*

Emotional = acknowledge this truth and your need of Jesus in your life. *(and shalt believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead)*

Volitional = personally commit to the Lord Jesus Christ by accepting His death, burial and resurrection as the only means of removing our sin. *(with the heart man believes unto righteousness)*

True saving faith = using your head + your heart + your hands

The chronology of our Salvation:

ROM 8:28 - 30 (KJV)

²⁸AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

²⁹FOR WHOM HE DID FOREKNOW, HE ALSO DID PREDESTINATE TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN.

³⁰MOREOVER WHOM HE DID PREDESTINATE, THEM HE ALSO CALLED: AND WHOM HE CALLED, THEM HE ALSO JUSTIFIED: AND WHOM HE JUSTIFIED, THEM HE ALSO GLORIFIED.

1. **Election** = pre-determined by God in eternity past
2. **Conversion** = hearing, confessing, infilling. (Belief and Baptism)
3. **Transformation** = separation, sanctification, maturation.
4. **Glorification** = transfiguration, immortalization.

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1. *Election*

Eph 1:11 - 14 (NLT)

¹¹Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

¹²God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God.

¹³And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

¹⁴The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Why we need to be saved:

1. We are sinners.

- The Bible teaches that sin is a transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4). All people who know the difference between right and wrong have sinned (Romans 3:23).
- Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1,2).
- The punishment for sin is death (Romans 6:23). This is "the second death" which is "the lake of fire" (Revelation 21:8).

2. God loves us. He does not want us to be punished for our sins.

- Therefore, He has provided a way for us to be forgiven (John 3:16). God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins (1 John 4:10).
- Jesus suffered the punishment which we should have received for our sins (Isaiah 53:4-6).
- He did not die for His own sins, for He had none (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- He suffered for our sins on the cross so that we can be forgiven (Romans 5:6-8; 1 Peter 2:24).
- He wants all men to repent and be saved – 1 Tim. 2:4

2 Pet 3:9 (KJV)

⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2. Conversion

1. Hear

- recognize – God exists and He requires holiness
- realize – you are a sinner

2. Believe

- repent – turn from sin and to God
- confess – declare that Jesus Christ is Lord over you

What we do:

- *We accept the Holy Spirit's control of our lives*
- *We get baptized to publicly declare our faith*

What God does:

- *He forgives our sins and He imputes righteousness in us.*
- *He gives us the Holy Spirit*

Monday Morning Moment

Knowing God and knowing about God are two different things....Believing in God and knowing God are two totally different experiences. **Matt 22:9 - 14 (ESV)** ¹⁴**For many are called, but few are chosen."**