# JESUS SAVES

## Acts 2:38

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## JESUS is the Anchor to save your SOUL!

#### "What Shall We Do" to be Saved?

Every person born into this world is guilty of sin, or doing wrong things that displease God. The Bible states in Psalm 51:5, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceived me."

The only way to find salvation, or deliverance from sin and its consequences, is through a Savior. The death, burial and resurrection of Christ allow us to receive salvation through faith. He restores our relationship with God which was broken in the beginning with Adam and Eve (See Genesis 3).

#### What is Salvation?

In Acts 2:38, the Apostle Peter revealed the plan of salvation to thousands of devout men from every nation under heaven. After they heard him preach, they felt God speaking to their hearts, which prompted them to ask the question, "what shall we do" to receive this salvation for ourselves?

John 3:16 declares "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."

This promise is given to you if you believe in Jesus and take action on the instructions in the Bible.

So, what must YOU do to be saved?

# BELIEVE

The Storms of life will try to make you believe that you're drowning in your sins with no way out. But if you believe in JESUS, the son of the Living God- you will find the salvation that you seek. Jesus is the anchor that will not only sustain you in the storms of life but most importantly, He is the only Way to everlasting life.

So today, if you believe in Him, call upon His name! In a place of darkness, He is the only light to guide you to safety. He will anchor your soul from this troubled world. Will you say yes and follow the light? John 8:12 states "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Hebrews 11:6 also declares that faith is a requirement to be a Christian. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must **BELIEVE** that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

God sees and honors your faith. You are blessed when you delight in His word, walk in His truth, and allow Him to be your anchor.

Psalms 1:2-3 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

#### Do you believe that He is your anchor?

In order to maintain and live a Christian life that's pleasing unto God, He desires that we would diligently seek Him through reading the Bible and grow spiritually.

# REPENTANCE

What is repentance? The action of making a change of mind and heart by turning away from sin and self and returning to God. We must admit to ourselves and to Him that we have sinned.

Our first step should always be an acknowledgment that we are sinners. We must experience true repentance and feel genuine sorrow for our sin. This will prepare our hearts to take the next step.

Acts 3:19 (NIV) "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

**1** John **1**:7-**1**0 explains, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have



no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

When we recognize that we are sinners and have done wrong, our true remorse shows our desire to walk uprightly according to the word of God.

- We must feel sorrow for our sins (2 Corinthians 7:10- "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.")
- We must forsake our sins (Isaiah 55:7- "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.")
- We must confess our sins (1 John 1:9- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.")
- We must forgive others (Matthew 6:14-15- "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.")
- We must keep the commandments of God (1 John 5:3- "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and His commandments are not grievous"; John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments.")

When we turn to God, Micah 7:19 declares "He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea".

Through the act of repentance, we identify ourselves with Jesus and His death on the cross. Crucifying our own human will and "dying" out to our sinful natures.

As it is written, God promises to fulfill every word he has declared. Let us hold onto the promises like an anchor that keep a vessel in one place from moving off course with the troubles of this world.

## BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus commanded His disciples to baptize believers in Mark 16:15-16, "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and lives again. Therefore, when we enter the waters of baptism, we are identifying with his burial in that we leave the "old man" behind. Romans 6:4 reveals that "we are buried with him by baptism into death..." and are now dead to the power of sin. Being submerged into the water and raised up out of the water expresses our new life in Christ and our union with Him.

John 3:5- "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

By joining in baptism, we also make a public identification with Jesus Christ.

It's one step on our passage from our old life to a new life!!

As you say yes to Jesus, there must be an understanding that you need a Savior. There is only one name under heaven that is able to save and His name is Jesus, so we must call that name in baptism according to Acts 2:38!!

Acts 4:12- "Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."



# THE PROMISE: GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

Just as Jesus rose from the dead and lived with resurrection power, all who believe in Him and repent, and are baptized in His name, must receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. In Acts 1: 4-5 we read, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

#### What is the Holy Ghost He spoke of?

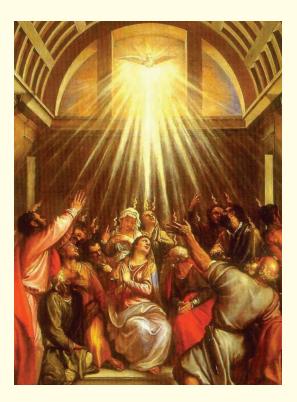
Acts 2:1-4- "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The sign of the baptism of the Holy Ghost was speaking in tongues. The Old and New Testaments speak about what this will look like:

Isaiah 28:11- "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people."

John 3:8 "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and wither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Acts 10: 44-48- "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days." As you obey the word, according to Acts 2:38 to REPENT, BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST-We pray that you believe with your whole heart so that Jesus will be the ANCHOR to your SOUL in Jesus mighty name.

Amen.





### **Mission Statement of Faith**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope for humankind. Therefore, we preach the Gospel everywhere we go. According to Mark 16:20, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere. The Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following." The Bible is the infallible word of God. It is His holv and inspired word with His final authority. To know the Bible is to know God. Jesus is the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. One God in three manifestation two natures in one person. Once a person recognizes their need to be saved, they must repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remissions of sins and receive the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. We are commissioned to proclaim Christ to the world because believing in Jesus is the only way that we can enter into His salvation and avoid eternal damnation. Our Goal is to win souls for Jesus Christ. The coming of the Lord is near!

#### 1 John 2:28

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming"

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