

GOSPEL IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE TESTAMENT [*contd.*]

C. **The Condition of Salvation** (John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

D. **The Steps in Salvation:**

1. Come to Him (John 6:37)
2. Repent sins (Luke 13:3; 1 John 1:8-9)
3. Receive Him (John 1:12-13)
4. Believe in Him (John 6:47)
5. Confess Him (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday, 23 October @ 8pm:
Young People's **Seminar on Outreach Techniques**
- Lord's Day, 26 October and Monday evening (8pm),
27 October: **HARVEST SERVICES 2014.**
- Friday, 31 October @ 8pm:
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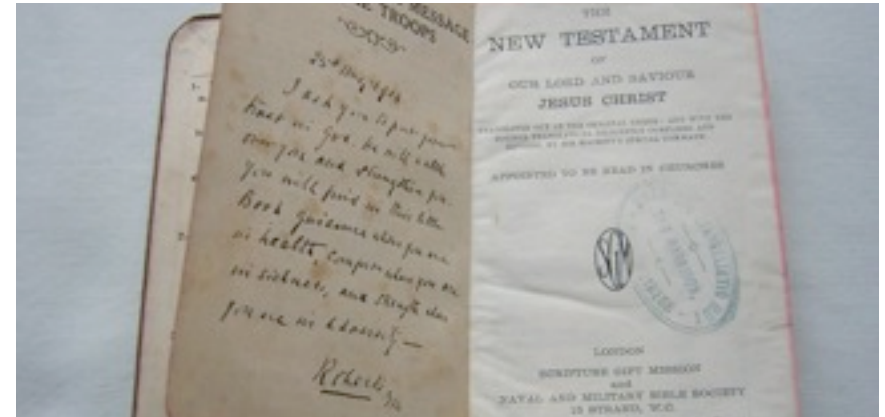
with Rev. Ron Johnstone: *'The Truth Shall Set You Free.'*

MEETINGS TODAY

- Sunday School & Bible Class – 10.15am
- Morning Worship – 11.30am
- Adult Bible Class – 3.10pm (with Rev. Ian Kenny)
- Evening Service – 7.00pm

INSPIRATION IN A SENTENCE

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." (Corrie Ten Boom)



THE GOSPEL IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE TESTAMENT

Distributed to the Allied forces during the First World War, many of the Active Service Testaments contained a simple and direct 'gospel tract' printed in the early pages of the Testament.

This was often titled, 'The A. B. C. OF THE GOSPEL, or, HOW TO BE SAVED.'

A. **You Need A Saviour** –

1. Because you are a sinner (Romans 3:22-23)
2. Because of the consequences of sin (Romans 6:23; James 1:15)
3. Because you cannot save yourself (Ephesians 2:8-9).

But we may know –

B. **We Have a Divine Saviour** (John 20:31; Acts 4:12).

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A SERMON FOR SEEKING SOULS (#2) SIMPLE - YET SIGNIFICANT

Text: **Romans 10:13.**

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

In this text we have salvation in simple language that everyone can understand.

• John Phillips has said, *“Where, within the compass of one short verse, can be found a better statement of the scope, the simplicity and the substance of the gospel?”*

Anyone who recognises he is a sinner, knows that he is condemned before God, realises that Jesus Christ died on the cross for sinners (him in particular), and will simply come to God and call out to him, can be saved. That is, in brief, the Explanation of these words in Romans.

It is, of course, necessary to sweep away some errors that people commonly make about salvation:

(2) ELIMINATION.

People are persuaded that to, *“call upon the name of the Lord”* is not enough for salvation – *“You need to add many works in order to earn this salvation!”*

(a) INDUSTRY.

Man thinks that saving religion is all a matter of “do” – the efforts he can make; the deeds he can perform; the works he can present – whereas the Bible makes it perfectly plain that salvation is a matter of “done” ...

... Christ has made the complete atonement for our sin that God required in order to provide salvation for us; all we need to do is to turn from our sin and trust entirely in the finished work of Christ (and these actions of faith and repentance are not ‘works’

by us, but gifts from God; He grants us the grace to turn and to trust, cf. **Ephesians 2:8&9; Titus 3:3-7**).

Frank Stagg is correct to teach that salvation is rooted in the *grace of God*: *“For bankrupt sinners with no ground of their own upon which to stand, with nothing of their own upon which to stand, with nothing of their own to hold up to God for [one’s] reward, He is their only hope, but He is their sufficient hope.”*

Others get sidelined by relying on an **(b) INTERMEDIARY**. Question: where exactly does the Virgin Mary, the Pope, priests or ministers fit within this plain statement: *“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”?*

The role of the preacher is to tell what the way of salvation is (cf. **Romans 10:14**) – but after we have told it, God, the Holy Spirit, must apply it to the mind and conscience of men (**John 16:8**). We can go no further.

Another common error is, that a good dream is an excellent thing in order to save people; i.e., **(c) IMAGINATION**.

Rowland Hill gave a good answer when a woman pleaded that she was saved because she dreamed when he responded, *“Well, my good woman, it is very nice to have good dreams when you are asleep; but I want to see how you act when you are awake; for if your conduct is not consistent in religion when you are awake I will not give a snap of the finger for your dreams.”*

You do not need a vision, a miraculous appearance, or some indescribable ‘fuzzy’ feeling, in order to be saved! Rather, the only feeling you ever want to have is: to feel that you are a sinner and that Christ is your Saviour.

*“Whosoever shall **call** upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

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