

## **MUST YOU ASK, GIVE, CONFESS, OR CALL TO BE SAVED?**

{What Must I Not Do to Be Saved? Pt. 4}

- Every church has its distinctives:

### **1. Faith in Christ PLUS ... ASK or INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART to be saved. (John 1:12, 3:14-16; Gal. 2:20; 4:6)**

- What is the first problem with this Gospel invitation?
- Is it appropriate to say, “you need to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior”? If so, how does a sinner receive Him? {John 1:12}
- How is this reinforced 2 chapters later? {John 3}
- Galatians 4:6; 2:20; Colossians 1:27
- Understanding the distinction between “pisteuo” and “aiteo”:

**Clarification:** \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture are we told to ask/invite Jesus Christ into our hearts for He \_\_\_\_\_ comes into our hearts the moment we trust in Christ alone as presented in the Gospel {Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27} as does the Holy Spirit {Eph. 1:13}. To ask Jesus into your heart \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel as you do not ask for a free gift that God desires you to possess at infinite cost by the sacrifice of His Son.

- How do you explain Revelation 3:20?
  - (1) What is the *context* of this verse?
  - (2) What verse *precedes* Rev. 3:20 and what does this indicate?
  - (3) What is the content of Rev. 3:20?
  - (4) What is this verse teaching?
- What about the thief on the cross? {Luke 23:39-43}
- What about child evangelism?

### **2. Faith in Christ PLUS ... GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST to be saved. What is the first problem with this Gospel invitation?**

**Clarification:** Salvation is NOT obtained by giving [your money, your commitment, or your life] but by \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation through \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (John 1:12; Rom. 5:11, 17; Col. 2:6) What about 2 Corinthians 8:5?

### 3. Faith in Christ PLUS ... CONFESS CHRIST to be saved.

- Examine John 12:42-43:
- What do we learn from the use of “believed in Him” throughout the book of John?
- What about the ‘sinner’s prayer’? {Luke 18:9-14}
- Do you know the history of the ‘sinner’s prayer” and public invitations?
- What about 1 John 1:9?
- What should we learn to avoid from Galatians 6:12-15?

**Clarification:** While God desires believers to confess Jesus Christ when given the opportunity as a \_\_\_\_\_ of believing in Him as Savior, this is NOT a requirement for eternal life & sometimes the \_\_\_\_\_ hinders them from doing so.

### 4. Faith in Christ PLUS ... CALL UPON HIM to be saved. {Romans 10:9-14}

- What is the context of Romans 9-11? ISRAEL’S PAST NATIONAL ELECTION {9}, ISRAEL’S PRESENT INDIVIDUAL REJECTION {10}, ISRAEL’S FUTURE NATIONAL SALVATION {11}
- What was previously taught about justification before God in Romans 3-5, 9:30-10:4?
- Is Romans 10:9-10 requiring 2 conditions for personal justification / salvation?
- Observe:
  - the *confession of faith* {10:9a}
  - the *condition of faith* {10:9b}
  - the *consequence of faith* {10:9c}
  - the *clarifications about faith* in the order {10:10;}
    - in the Scriptures {10:11}
    - and its present availability {10:12}
  - the *calling following faith*. {10:13-14}

**Clarification:** The confession of Jesus Christ as Lord is an \_\_\_\_\_ of faith in Him & calling upon Him are both the \_\_\_\_\_ of believing in Him and are \_\_\_\_\_ conditions for personal salvation. Yet all of this will transpire nationally when Israel in the coming Tribulation will change their mind {repent} and believe in Him as their rightful Messiah and then call upon Him to deliver them from their enemies & set up the Kingdom on Earth. {Rom. 11:26-27; Zech. 12:10; Isaiah 53:4ff}