

Things that Save

The Bible reveals man's need to be saved (Matt. 24:13; Acts 4:12). People have a general anxiety over the issue of their salvation (Lk. 13:23; Acts 16:30). Some get so excited about the subject that they leave rational thinking and turn to their inward mind to invent shortcuts to be saved. That which governs many methods of madness is personal comfort and peace of mind. This lesson shall examine the subject of man's salvation. We shall approach the subject with the understanding that God's divine revelation is His own personal instruction book given to us that we might be saved from the consequence of our sins (I Cor. 15:1-2).

I. Things God Provides in Man's Salvation:

- A. The mercy of God (Titus 3:5)
- B. The grace of God (Eph. 2:5-8)
- C. The blood of Christ (Rom. 5:9; Col. 1:19-20)
- D. Gospel message (I Cor. 15:1-2)

II. Things Man Does to Receive Salvation:

- A. **Faith** (Acts 16:31) which is obtained by **hearing** the gospel message (Rom. 10:17).
- B. **Confession** (Rom. 10:9)
- C. **Repentance** (Luke 13:1-5)
- D. **Baptism** (I Pet. 3:19-21)
- E. **Faithful till death** (Rev. 2:10).
- F. Hope (Rom. 8:24)
- G. Calling on the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13)

III. Drawing Erroneous Conclusions:

- A. Taking faith, confession, repentance, or baptism out of context.
- B. Beware: Rom. 16:17-18

IV. Holy Spirit Connects the Following Facts Together:

- A. Man's justification and faith with God's grace and Christ blood (Rom. 3:23-26).
- B. God's grace is connected with man's obedience, righteousness, sanctification, and eternal life (Rom. 6:15-23).

Conclusion:

Taking Bible instructions out of context will certainly ruin man's eternal existence. What would a pecan pie taste like if we decided to leave the pecans out of the recipe? What would Monopoly be if we decided to leave out the money? What would a Lego project look like if you left out part of the instructions? Ever get involved in a project that has instructions and come toward the end only to find that pieces do not fit because you had skipped a step? God has given His instruction manual, the Bible, and man must follow this complete guide if we want to achieve the end results; our salvation!