

What Must I Do To Be Saved

Series: Questions Unbelievers Ask

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16"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

19And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

1. Today's question relates to every human being and is the primary concern of the church's mission if it is rightly understood.
2. Getting people to raise this question is part of the task in life, answering it is the next.

Contemporary Models Used by Churches

3. **ABC's of Salvation**

a=admit you are a sinner Rom 3:23
b=believe that Jesus died for your sins
c=confess with your mouth that he is your Lord
Rom10:9

4. You cannot reduce a relationship to a formula.

5. **Savior vs Lordship**

In this model a person accepts Jesus as Savior when they are saved and later accepts him as Lord as a part of discipleship

6. When we accept Christ we must accept him in all his offices. He is our Prophet, our Priest and our King. There is a growing understanding of the meaning of these in an individual's life.

7. **Sinner's Prayer and Baptism**

This has been a popular model from 1900's through the 80's. People are encouraged to come forward to pray and at a later date are baptized and join a church.

8. **Baptismal Regeneration**

Being baptized is equated with being saved. Once a person submits to being publicly baptized it is assumed they are a Christian.

9. Seeker Sensitive Models

Church is designed around the felt needs and desires of the unchurched. The music, message and programs are changed to make people feel comfortable.

10. The ministry of the Holy Spirit will produce guilt in every person's life that is not doing what conscience tells them to do.

11. There is much about the message of Christ that will be offensive to an unbeliever in the early stages.

12. Every person in order to be accepted of God must feel a deep sorrow for all their sins.

13. We must turn from sin and begin to do right.

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14. Repentance can be seen in:

- a. Spending less and less time with sinful friends
- b. Making restitution from wrong where possible
- c. Being faithful to the tools God uses to change us.

15. Confess your sins to God.

16. Believe in Jesus as the one who has suffered for you to forgive your sins and who is willing to do it now.

17. Proof of salvation:

- a. Peace with God
- b. Power over sin
- c. The witness of God's Spirit