

leave to the study and words of someone else. You need to look in the Word of God and see the truth for yourself. The Bible says to “study to shew thyself approved”. It doesn’t simply say “listen to a preacher, do what he says and he’ll get you to heaven”. We suggest that you prayerfully and carefully consider the scripture listed below.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

You may have heard or read this scripture before. We call it the “cornerstone scripture”. It affects every human being on earth since the Day of Pentecost. You are not “saved” unless you obey Acts 2:38! Salvation is not attained in any other way! No “ifs”, “ands” or “buts” about it, to be saved, you must obey the three steps in Acts 2:38! To summarize, you must:

1. REPENT of your sins.

This means to turn away from and have a Godly sorrow concerning your practice of sin. Your sin must disgust you to the point that you don’t want it to continue to control your life. You ask God to control your life henceforth.

2. Be BAPTIZED in the Name of JESUS CHRIST.

Baptism is essential for the remission (forgiveness) of the sins you have repented (turned away) from. This baptism must be by full immersion in water (not sprinkling on your head), and must be in the “Name of JESUS CHRIST”, and not in the “Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”.

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:10-12

3. Receive the GIFT of the HOLY GHOST.

This is the spiritual baptism that is evidenced by speaking in other tongues (languages) as the Spirit of God gives utterance (**Acts 2:4**) (God actually speaks through you using a language that you do not know). This is the initial sign—the only way of knowing—that you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is ESSENTIAL for salvation! It’s totally different from “unknown tongues” (**1 Cor. 14:2**), or “divers kinds of tongues” (**1 Cor. 12:10**), or “speaking in tongues”, one of the “nine gifts of the Spirit”. The “gift” of the Holy Ghost is necessary for salvation today just as it was on the Day of Pentecost. It is not automatic but is a gift from God when you *truly* invite Him into your life. It generally follows repentance and baptism in the Name of Jesus, but it is possible to receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost before baptism, but never before repentance. This is being “born of the Spirit” that Jesus spoke of in the scripture below.

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. John 3:5

There are many instances in the Bible where people received salvation. Consider the

following Biblical accounts of how people were actually “saved” and compare it to your own “salvation experience”. If they are not similar, it is likely that you are not “saved”!

Gentiles receive the Holy Ghost: While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision (Jews) which believed [in Christ] 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. **Acts 10:44-48**

Paul’s trip to Ephesus:

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. **Acts 19:1-7**

As you can see, those who were “saved” in the Bible (1) repented, (2) were baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ (not in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost) for the remission of their sins, and (3) received the gift of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues (languages). This was how they were “saved” in the Bible. Is this how you were “saved”? If not, we ask the question again, “Are you saved?” Are you really “saved”?

According to the Bible, sincerely repeating or praying the “Sinner’s Prayer” does not “save” you. Being baptized by having water sprinkled on your head does not “save” you. Being baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost does not “save” you. Only complete obedience of Acts 2:38 will “save” you and thereafter you must live an “overcoming life” until death or rapture; whichever comes first.

Once the people of the Bible were “saved”, they had the power to live a holy and upright life before God. You see, you can’t *live holy* without the Holy Ghost, and you can’t receive the gift of the Holy Ghost without repentance and faith in God. You are commanded by God’s holy Word, as a profession of your repentance and faith, to be baptized (full immersion) in water in the Name of Jesus Christ.

In these paragraphs, we have presented the Bible’s plan of salvation (not man’s plan). It is quite simple and very clear. Make up your mind to find a church that believes in the Acts 2:38 plan of salvation, for there is no other “plan of salvation” that will get you into heaven. The “Roman Road”, for example, may get you to Rome, but it sure won’t get

you into heaven. Find an Apostolic Pentecostal church where you can be taught “truth”, be prayed for, and be encouraged to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Remember, however, you can also receive the gift of the Holy Ghost right where you are. Begin to pray, repent of your sins, and seek God. Begin to praise Him for all that He has done for you, and you may find yourself filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues right where you are!

This message is what the Bible calls “Truth”! According to the Bible, the consequences of ignoring “truth” are...

...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thes. 2:10-12

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The Most Important Question You’ll Ever Hear:

Are You Saved?

Consider the question carefully. Are you *truly* saved? If you should die today, or if Christ were to rapture the church today, would you go with Jesus? Do you *have* eternal life? Or, would you wake up in Hell or be left behind?

Do you faithfully attend a church or a synagogue, but have that nagging feeling that just won’t go away, that something is not right? Do you feel that when you “*prayed the sinner’s prayer*” or when you went up to “*join the church*”, or when “*the church voted you in*”, and your name was put on the *church roll*, that nothing was any different? Somewhere deep inside you know “*something is still missing*”!

Or, have you never been in church, know little or nothing about the Bible, but know that you want to truly *know* God—to *really* know him—because your life would be better off if you could “*just find God*”?

We want you to know that the Bible’s plan of salvation is very clear. The Word of God plainly shows what is needed to reconcile man back to God (Remember, God created us and we have all sinned, but He wants us back). Most people fail to read the Bible for themselves and to take the time to see what it really says. They *trust* that the preacher or the priest knows all about it (the Bible), and will tell them what they need to know to get to heaven. Your salvation is too important to