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What Saves Us?

In the religious world today, you do not have to look very far to find all kinds of people telling you different ideas about how they think God saves a person from sin. With so many theories floating around, how can we tell who has the facts straight? The simplest way is to just look at the Bible and what it says:

God Saves Us

1 Peter 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us

again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you"

Jesus Saves Us

Hebrews 5:9, "And being made perfect, he [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

The Spirit Saves Us

1 Corinthians 6:11, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but

ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

Grace Saves Us

Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"

Love Saves Us

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Mercy Saves Us

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost"

The Cross Saves Us

1 Corinthians 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Jesus' Blood Saves Us

Ephesians 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"

The Name of Christ Saves Us

Acts 4:10, "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."

The Word Saves Us

Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Preaching Saves Us

1 Corinthians 1:21, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Baptism in Water Saves Us

1 Peter 3:20-21, "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

Calling on the Name of the Lord Saves Us

Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Working Saves Us

James 2:24 "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

Obedience Saves Us

Hebrews 5:8-9, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author

Jesus Preached

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All of these topics are found in the Sermon on the Mount

- In Matt. 5:3-12 Jesus taught about Blessings
- Jesus also compared Anger to murder in Matt. 5:21-26
- He said that to Lust after someone is to commit adultery
- Christ said that God allows one exception for Divorce
- He warned against the swearing of Oaths
- The crowds were told to Love their enemies
- In Giving to the needy, He said to do it in secret
- He gave them a pattern for Praying as well
- It was critical that their Fasting not be hypocritical
- He rebuked them for Worrying about little things
- And Jesus showed that Judging others will judge us too

of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him"

Endurance Saves Us

Matthew 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Patience Saves Us

Revelation 14:12-13, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

The Love of the Truth Saves Us

2 Thessalonians 2:10, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

Fear Saves

Philippians 2:12, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

These are, quite simply, the facts. The Bible tells you, me, and everyone the same thing: that all of the above save us from being in a lost & sinful state to being clean, pure, and

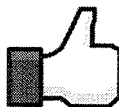
in a right relationship with God, with Heaven to look forward to when this short life is over. So if someone tells you that faith saves, say a hearty "Amen!" And if someone else says that grace saves, say "Amen" again. And if someone else says that baptism saves, say "Amen" just as well.

But if someone tries to tell you that "the sinner's prayer" saves, or that we are saved by "accepting Jesus into our hearts," ask them how they came to that conclusion, and ask them to give you Scripture. Then you can show them these verses where God tells us how we can be saved. Also, if someone would try to say to you that love saves us, but not preaching or obedience, show them passages that say otherwise.

Because if all of the above verses are in God's Word, and they all say that these things save us, then we must accept ALL of them. We cannot pick & choose & assume that it is good enough. All of these things bring us salvation from the Lord!

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