

“Sirs, What Must I Do to be Saved?” - Acts 16:30

This was the question of the Philippian jailer. No doubt this man was religious, but when he had faced Paul and Silas he came trembling and fell down before them and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Verse 31, *“Believe on YaHshua Messiah, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”* You see this man had not known the author and finisher of our soul salvation. Therefore he was told to believe on YaHshua Messiah.

Now as the manner was with all the Apostles, when believers responded to the Word of YaHWeH, they were told to repent and be baptized in YaHshua’s name for the remission of sins, being assured the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, 19:5, 10:48, 8:12, 16).

Even so in Acts 16:32, the Philippian jailer is hearing the Word of YaHWeH with his family. Verse 33 tells us he responded to the word of YaHWeH, and was baptized, he and all his. So you see dear reader, there is more to hear and receive concerning salvation other than just believing on YaHshua Messiah.

Again the Apostle Paul finding certain disciples at Ephesus, (Acts 19:2) said, *“Have ye received the Holy Spirit (Baptism) since ye believed?”* Notice here Paul did not say, *“Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye were saved.”* But SINCE YE BELIEVED. My friend, one has to believe first, and then you can repent and be baptized in water, and receive the Holy Spirit. Why would any person be so foolish as to think one could be saved by believing only?

James 2:20 says, *“Know this O vain man, faith without works is dead.”*

Again James 2:14, *“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works, can faith save him?”* Even so we know that after we believe, we must be obedient, repent and be baptized in YaHshua’s name, for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Then we can say, we have faith that works.

So the people of Ephesus were believers; in other words they had faith in YaHWeH. But Paul is asking them, *“Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?”* They had never heard the plan of salvation, but as the Philippian jailer heard the Word of YaHWeH, and was baptized, so now the believers at Ephesus heard and were baptized in the name of YaHshua (Acts 19:5).

Verse 6 tells us when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

If any have ears to hear let him hear. In the beginning of Christianity, there were devout Jews out of every nation gathered at Jerusalem (Acts 2:5).

Now these people believed. They had heard about YaHshua. Then the question arose, men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37).

Peter did not say raise your hand, and believe G-d, neither did he say, walk down the isle, and pray with me, what did he say, repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of YaHshua Messiah, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Now if you haven't got this kind of salvation, that the Apostles preached, you haven't got the salvation that is of YaHshua Messiah. How dare any man preach anything else? He is accursed if he does (Gal. 1:9).

In Acts 2:42, "*Everyone that gladly received the word was baptized and continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship.*" Why don't you?

My friend ask yourself, am I really saved? Am I really saved the way the Apostles preached it, or have I been deceived?

But some that are willingly ignorant of the truth will say what the Apostles preached is not for us today. For that kind of person I agree! The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for the unbeliever. As for myself, I believe and have received the Holy Spirit, the same way the early Christians received it.

Mark 16:17 says, "*...signs follow them that do believe.*" The baptism of spirit, with evidence of speaking in tongues, this number two sign will follow every born again Christian.

It is the spirit that is witnessing and giving the utterance. (Acts 2:4).

But notice in Mark 16:16, "*...but he that believeth not shall be damned.*"

So dear friend, I think it would be wise and safe that we all believe and practice what the Apostles preached.

In Acts 2:39, Peter is assuring the Jews as well as the Gentiles that this Holy Spirit is for as many as the Almighty shall call.

So if YaHWeH has called you to be saved, then the baptism of the Holy Spirit is yours for the asking. Don't let the deceiver cause you to believe a lie. It is written, "*My sheep hear My voice.*"

Again in John 4:6, the Apostle John says, "*We are of YaHWeH: he that knoweth YaHWeH heareth us; he that is not of YaHWeH heareth not us.*" Hereby we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

May every honest person consider what has been written hereon.

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