

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Introduction:

- A. The events leading up to this question.
- B. The implications of the five key words in this question:

Discussion:

I. What Must I Do To Be [Saved]?

- A. Recognizes lost condition.
- B. Needs salvation from wages of sin (cf. Rom. 6:23)

II. What Must I [Do] To Be Saved?

- A. Not “what must I *feel*?”
- B. Not “what must I *experience*?”
 - 1. Makes God partial if all do not receive experience.
 - 2. Takes power away from gospel. (Rom. 1:16; 10:6-8, 17; 1 Pet. 1:23, 25).

III. What Must [I] Do To Be Saved?

- A. Not what people did before Christ died.
 - 1. The Jews (Acts 15:1-5).
 - 2. The Patriarchs (cf. Heb. 11:4,7, 17-19).
 - 3. The thief on the cross.
 - 4. Rich young ruler. (Matt. 19:21).
- B. But, what I do since the death of Christ. (Heb. 9:15).

IV. What [Must] I Do To Be Saved?

- A. If optional, why the death of Christ?
- B. If optional, why preach?
- C. If optional, why the Bible?
- D. If optional, why not universal salvation?

V. [What] Must I Do To Be Saved?

- A. Not what seems right to me. (Jer. 10:23)
- B. Not what any man may say. (Rom. 3:4)
 - 1. A loved one.
 - 2. A preacher. (Acts 17:11).
- C. But, what does the Lord say. (Matt. 28:18; John 12:48-50).
 - 1. Believe. (Acts 16:31, 32).
 - 2. Repent. (Acts 17:30,31).
 - 3. Confess. (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10).
 - 4. Baptized. (Acts 16:33; Mk. 16:16)

Conclusion:

- A. If unsaved, you must be saved.
- B. If saved, you must be faithful. (Rev. 2:10).
- C. If unfaithful, you must be restored.