

## The Sure Safe Way

In order to receive a forgiveness of sins, one must believe, repent, confess, and be baptized. These acts are taught in God's word. No one can deny that they are right. (Rom. 3:4) Men may attempt to lay aside one or more of God's commandments, but in so doing he brings condemnation upon himself. (Matt. 15:9, 2 John 9) To obey all that God says is sure, infallibly sure, and cannot be wrong.

All who obey the Lord's way are saved from their sins. (Acts 2:38-41, Mark 16:16) These the Lord adds to His church. (Acts 2:47, 1 Cor. 12:13) It is the body of which Christ is the Head and King and that will be delivered to the Father in heaven. (Eph. 4:4, 1:22-23, 1 Cor. 15:23-26) Christ is the Savior of this body. (Eph. 5:23)

Yes, there is a way that is safe and sure. Eternity is too long to chance a mistake. The soul is too valuable, and damnation is too horrible to chance failure. Obey the way that is safe and sure. Obey the Lord's revealed way!

## Opportunities to Learn

God says that He "desires that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). If you are interested in learning more about this salvation or about the Bible in general, we would love to study with you.

You can visit us or you can request a personal Bible study by contacting us at the address, telephone number, or email address provided in this pamphlet.

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### Assembly Times

*You are welcome to visit us  
during any of our assembly times.*

Sunday:   Worship Services ..... 9:30 a.m.  
              Bible classes for all ages ... 10:45 a.m.  
              Worship Services ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible classes for all ages ..... 7:00 p.m.



## How WOULD YOU BE SAVED?

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*Please read on to find out more.*

*"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

*- 1 Timothy 2:3, 4 -*



# How Would You Be Saved?

There is no more important consideration in life than the salvation of the soul. What one must do to inherit eternal life ought to be thoroughly investigated and acted upon with the most grave deliberation. Deception can be no more tragic than in this consideration. It will be too late in the Judgment to learn that we accepted a false way, that our hopes were founded on vain promises. The air will ring with the cries of anguish – “there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” – but to no avail. Too late! Now is the time to make sure. May we call to your attention the way that is sure?

There are many conflicting ways promising salvation being advocated this day. *Universalism* states that there is nothing to worry about in that everyone will be saved anyway, notwithstanding the fact that Jesus said, “wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at” (Matt. 7:13). *Calvinism* teaches that there is nothing to do in that one is either elected or not, that he is either predestined to be saved or lost and there is nothing that a lost man can do to be saved. The Bible, to the contrary, teaches that God is not willing that any should perish. (2 Pet. 3:9) *Wesleyism* says that the way is faith alone, that obedience cannot avail, although the Bible says that “by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.” (James 2:24) *Moralism* advocates a moral life and assumes that past sins will be forgotten. The Bible announces that morality alone cannot save, but rather that we need a Savior. (Acts 10:2, 11:14, Heb. 5:8-9) *Revivalism* shouts, “Pray through!” The Bible shows that prayer is not the means of justification. (Acts 9:9, 11, 22:16) *Denominationalism* offers salvation in most every way conceivable. Human creeds set forth various and conflicting plans of salvation as designed by man, although it is not in man to direct his own steps. (Jer. 10:23, Matt. 15:9)

The only sure and safe way is *God’s way*. “What must one do to be saved from sins?” Read in God’s Book what God says.

## Faith

Faith is necessary unto salvation because God *commands* it. (1 John 3:23) This faith is *exemplified* in the conversion of the Samaritans “when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God” in that they expressed their faith in obedience. (Acts 8:12) When the Ethiopian expressed his desire to obey the gospel, he was told, “If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.” Then he expressed the substance of his faith: “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” (Acts 8:37) Faith is the firm persuasion or conviction or that is produced by testimony. Faith in God is *explained* as being produced by divine testimony. (Rom. 10:17) The *reward* of faith is “unto righteousness.” (Rom. 10:10) The *consequences* of failing to believe is to be rejected (Mark 16:16, John 3:18, 8:23, Heb. 11:6) On the other hand, faith gives one the right to “become” a child of God, and is the means through which one is saved. (John 1:12, Eph. 2:8).

## Repentance

Man must repent to be saved because God *commands* it. (Acts 17:30-31) That God demands repentance is seen exemplified in recorded cases of conversion. (Acts 2:38, 3:19) Repentance is a change of will, in which one abhors the conduct of the past to

amend his life. That this change of life is repentance is *explained* by the Lord in Matt. 21:28-31. The *reward* is “unto life.” (Acts 11:18) The *consequence* of refusing to repent is to perish. (Luke 13:3, 5).

## Confession

An oral confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is necessary unto salvation because God *commands* it. (Matt. 10:32) When the Ethiopian believed and desired to obey, he confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Acts 8:37) This is an approved *example*. Confession is *explained* as an oral affirmation. (Rom. 10:10) The *consequences* of failing to confess is to be denied by Christ. (Matt. 10:33)

## Baptism

Baptism is part of God’s plan of salvation. The penitent believer upon a confession of his faith must be baptized because it is *commanded*. (Acts 10:48) In every *example* of conversion recorded in the New Testament the believer is baptized. (Acts 2:38, 8:12, 8:13, 8:38, 10:48, 16:33, 18:8, 19:5, 22:16) Baptism is *explained* as immersion or burial in water. (Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:12, Rom. 6:3-4) The *reward* or purpose is for the remission of sins, to wash away sins, to put on Christ, to be saved. (Acts 2:38, 22:16, Gal. 3:27, 1 Pet. 3:21) The *consequence* of not obeying this form of doctrine of the death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-7, 17-18, 1 cor. 15:1-4) is to receive the vengeance of Christ. (2 Thess. 1:7-9)

	COMMAND	EXEMPLIFIED	EXPLAINED	REWARD	CONSEQUENCE
BELIEVE	1 John 3:23	Acts 8:37	Rom. 1:16-17; 10:17	Rom. 10:10	Mark 16:16
REPENT	Acts 17:30	Luke 17:30; Acts 2:38, 41	Matt. 21:28-31	Acts 11:18	Luke 13:3
CONFESS	Matt. 10:32; Phil. 2:9-11	Matt. 16:16; Acts 8:37	Rom. 10:10	Luke 12:18; Rom. 10:10	Matt. 10:33
BE BAPTIZED	Acts 10:48	Acts 2, 8, 10, 16, 22, et al.	Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3, 4	Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:21	1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:17-18, 3-7; 2 Thess. 1:7-9