Conditions for Salvation

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INTRODUCTION

- We are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, as Paul told the Philippians in chapter 2 and verse 12.
- Now that does not mean that we can earn salvation. The only way you can earn salvation is if you have no sin, if you are perfect and sinless.
- So the grace of God teaches us that there are things we have to do in order to avail ourselves of the grace that God has given us.

1 Matthew's Account: Teach, Baptize, Teach

Matthew 28:18–20

- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I've commanded you.
- So we have teach, baptize, teach.
- We can't pick out any one verse and say, that's the verse.

2 Mark's Account: Preach, Belief, Baptism, Salvation

Mark 16:15–16; Acts 8:4

- Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved, but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.
- Does the Lord put baptism before or after salvation? Jesus Christ put it before. Doctrine of man will sometimes put it after.
- Both the belief and the baptism are both necessary to the salvation.

3 Luke's Account: Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins

Luke 24:47

- And that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- It means a change of mind that leads to a change of action.
- It means to turn 180 degrees and go the opposite direction of where you have been going.

4 Combine the Components in Logical Order

Romans 10:17; Romans 10:13–15; Mark 16:16

- Faith comes by what? Hearing. And hearing by the word of Christ.
- So logically, what has to come first is faith.
- So we have belief, repentance, baptism, equals salvation.

- Then we have the sandwich effect going on, where we have it beginning with teaching and ending with teaching.

5 Acts 2: Every Component of the Great Commission in Order

Acts 2:36–38; Acts 2:41–42; James 2:24

- Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.
- If Peter told these unbelieving Jews, know for certain that Jesus is the Christ, what was he in effect telling them? He was telling them to believe.
- Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- So then those who received his word were baptized. And that day there were added about three thousand souls.
- They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship and the breaking of bread and to prayer.

6 What About Confessing Christ?

Romans 10:9–10; Acts 8:37; Matthew 10:32–33

- Philip said to him, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- Confession is necessary to communicate that one is a believer.
- He's talking about a life of confession.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What more could God do for you than He has done? And will you look at that and say, not today?**

MY NOTES