

Myths about Salvation

“What must I do to be saved?” This vital question is asked and answered in Acts 16:30-34. For a full examination of the answer, check out the video “What Must I Do to Be Saved?” at TheVideoPreacher.com.

Men have given many answers to the question of salvation which are not found in the Bible. Let’s notice a few of them.

Myth #1: The Sinner’s Prayer

- For years, prominent preachers and television evangelists have been telling their hearers to pray a sinner’s prayer for salvation.
- However, no passage of the Bible ever instructs us to receive salvation by prayer.

Myth #2: Asking Jesus into your Heart

- This instruction has become more common in recent years.
- Like the sinner’s prayer, this practice has no basis in Scripture. There is not a single passage that gives this instruction.

Myth #3: The Altar Call

- This method requires a person to come forward during a church assembly. He is then asked to recite a sinner’s prayer or say some other words.
- Again, there is no Bible basis for this. There is no example of anyone ever being saved in this way.

Myth #4: A Better-felt-than-told Experience

- This idea is that salvation is a feeling. A saved person knows he is saved because he can feel it.
- The Bible never describes salvation in this way. God has not left salvation to the fickleness of human emotions.

The point here is not to belittle those who have been taught these myths. The point is to shatter these myths with the truth of God’s word.

Read the Bible and see the truth for yourself. If you find any of these methods taught in Scripture, then follow them. If you can’t find these methods, then reject them.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

The word of God not only reveals God’s truth, but it also exposes the teachings, lies, and myths of men. Therefore...

²Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

Don’t believe the myths. Follow the word of God.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father (Colossians 3:17)