

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:16-34

- I. WHY MUST A MAN BE SAVED?
 - A. The punishment for sin is death
 1. Genesis 2:17, “In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die”
 2. Ezekiel 18:4, “...the soul that sinneth, it shall die”
 3. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death”
 - B. The Bible speaks of three kinds of death
 1. Physical death
 - a. Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die”
 2. Spiritual death
 - a. Ephesians 2:1, “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins”
 3. Eternal death
 - a. Revelation 20:14, “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death”
- II. WHEN MUST A MAN BE SAVED?
 - A. The Bible encourages you to be saved now
 1. 2 Corinthians 6:2, “...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”
 2. Hebrews 4:7, “Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts”
 - B. It is dangerous to delay getting saved
 1. It is dangerous to delay because of the uncertainty of life
 - a. Job 7:6, “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and are spent without hope”
 - b. James 4:14, “...ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away”
 2. It is dangerous to delay because of the unction of the Holy Spirit
 - a. You cannot be saved unless the Holy Spirit draws you (John 6:44)
 - b. You cannot be saved when the Holy Spirit withdraws from you (Genesis 6:3)
 3. It is dangerous to delay because of the usefulness of life
- III. HOW MUST A MAN BE SAVED?
 - A. Notice what Paul and Silas did not say
 1. They did not say, “Join the church”
 2. They did not say, “Get baptized”
 3. They did not say, “Turn over a new leaf”
 - B. Notice what Paul and Silas did say
 1. “Believe” means to trust in or commit to
 2. “Lord Jesus Christ” describes who you are trusting in
 - a. “Lord” means boss or master
 - b. “Jesus” means the one and only Savior
 - c. “Christ” means God’s anointed one