

Acts 16:16-30

“What must I do to be saved?”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- ✦ **The blood of Jesus –**
 - Romans 5:9 “justified by His blood”
- ✦ **The grace of God –**
 - Acts 15:11 “grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved”
 - Ephesians 2:5 “by grace you have been saved”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- ✦ **The mercy of God –**
 - Titus 3:5 “according to His mercy He saved us”
- ✦ **The longsuffering of God –**
 - 2 Peter 3:9 “not willing that any should perish”
- ✦ **The love of God –**
 - Romans 5:5-8 “His own love toward us”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- ✦ **The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**
 - Matthew 28:18-20 “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”
- ✦ **The Gospel (Scriptures/ Doctrine/ The Faith/Truth/ Word of God) –**
 - Romans 1:16 “power of God”
 - James 1:21 “save your souls”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- ✦ **Our love for God –**
 - 1 John 4:18-20 “love Him because He first loved us”
 - 1 John 5:3 “love of God – keep His commandments”
- ✦ **The preaching of faithful preachers**
 - Romans 10:13-17 “faith comes by hearing ... the word of God”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- ✦ **Our fear of God –**
 - Acts 10:35
- ✦ **Our hearing of God’s Word –**
 - John 5:24 “hears My word and believes ... everlasting life”
 - Romans 10:17 “faith by hearing”
- ✦ **Our Belief / Faith in God –**
 - Galatians 3:26-27; Acts 13:38-39

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- * **Our repentance –**
 - Acts 3:19
- * **Our confessing belief/Faith in God –**
 - Romans 10:9-10 “heart one believes unto righteousness”
- * **Our hope of eternal Life –**
 - Romans 8:24 “saved in this hope”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- * **Our calling on the name of the Lord –**
 - Romans 10:13
- * **Our obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ –**
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:8 “obey the gospel of our Lord”
 - Revelation 22:14 “blessed ... those who do His commandments”

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- * **Our obedience in baptism –**
 - Acts 2:38 “be baptized ... for the remission of sins”
 - Acts 16:30-34 “he and all his family were baptized”
 - 1 Peter 3:21 “an antitype which now saves us – baptism”
 - Romans 6:1ff; Mark 16:16

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- * **Continual faithful living until death –**
 - Revelation 2:10 “be faithful until death, and will give you the crown of life.”
- * **The WHAT includes ALL of these factors**
- * **No ONE can be left out**

By WHOM And WHAT Are We Saved?

- * **God requires these of us in order for our souls to be saved –**
 - Pick the easiest and think we are saved?
 - No! God commands us to obey all of them
- * **Cannot be saved by God on our own terms**

BY WHOM Are We SAVED?

- * **God is the author of our salvation –**
 - Hebrews 5:9; 12:2
- * **He wrote the book on salvation – the Bible –**
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- * **It is not profitable or popular to teach people God’s plan/commands for salvation**

BY WHOM Are We SAVED?

- * Everyone wants to be “saved” but not everyone wants to change their life to satisfy God!
- * False preachers cash in by telling them what they want to hear.
- * What sounds better to a selfish person?:
 - Believe in God and obey His commands
 - Believe He exists and go on sinning

BY WHOM Are We SAVED?

- * Baptist preacher has one plan – Methodist preacher another – on and on it goes ...
- * Most popular is “one verse salvation”
 - John 3:16
 - Belief that saves our souls is belief which obeys the one in whom we believe.

Do You Obey The One In Whom You Believe?

- * Satan believes in Jesus – Luke 4:1-13
- * Demons believe and tremble – James 2:19
- * IF you really want to go to Heaven
 - Obey all of God’s commands for your salvation
- * John 14:1-7