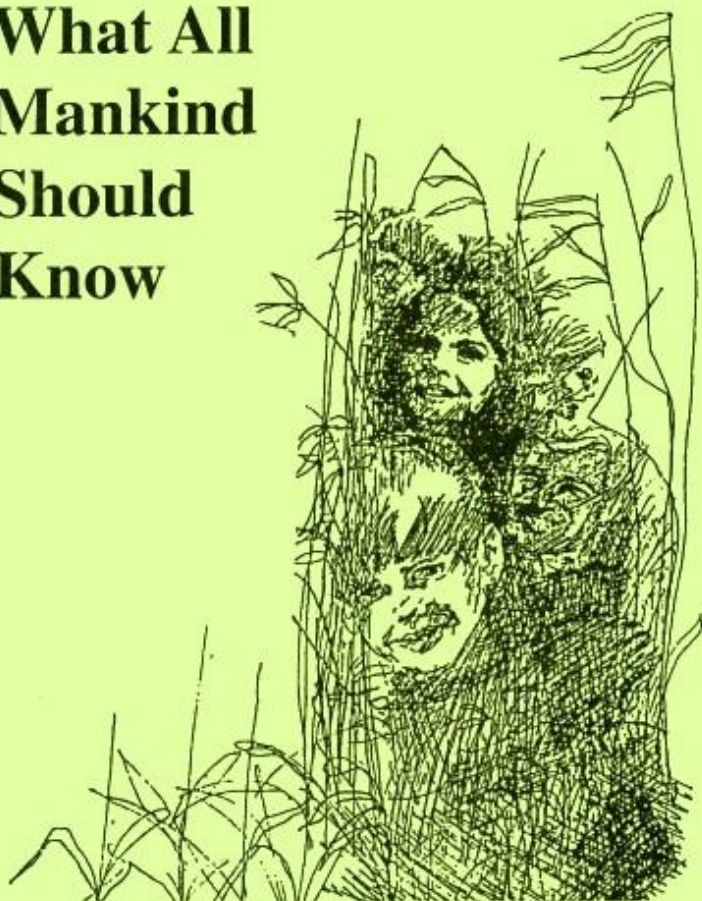


What All Mankind Should Know



"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).



WHY THIS STUDY?

This outline is designed as a systematic study of those passages that deal specifically with your salvation. God's word is the truth. The questions are used only to encourage you to read the Bible, to help you analyze and understand the passage, and to encourage you to make a personal application of God's will to your life.

Instructions:

1. Read the Scripture carefully.
2. Be sure you know what the Scripture says.
3. Answer the question.
4. Believe this is God's will for you, personally. Ask: "How does this apply to my life?"
5. Be sure that your will and life fit God's pattern.

NOTE: All biblical references are from the New King James Version (NKJV) of the Bible.

WHAT ALL MANKIND SHOULD KNOW

LESSON 1

1. The World's Religious Condition

- yes – no Are you a member of a denomination church?
- yes – no Are you active?
- yes – no Do you agree that in religion it does not matter
what you believe as long as you are honest and
sincere?
- yes – no Do you believe there are many churches and one
is as good as another?
- yes – no Have you ever wondered why we have so much
religious confusion?
- yes – no Is it possible that confusion comes because man
has tried to fit the Bible to his idea of religion?

I Corinthians 14:33

- yes – no Is God the author of confusion?

2. Jesus and Unity

John 17:20, 21

- yes – no Do you believe in Jesus through the words of
the apostles (v. 20)?
- yes – no Did Jesus pray that we all be one in belief (v.
21)?
- yes – no Has our failure to be one kept the world from
believing in Jesus (v. 21)? (73% of Americans
make no religious claim.)

3. Paul and Division

I Corinthians 1:10

- yes – no Does Paul plead by the authority of Jesus Christ that we all speak the same thing (v. 10)?
- yes – no Do all churches speak the same thing today?
- yes – no Is religious division the will of Christ (v. 10)?
- yes – no Are all who believe in Christ perfectly joined together in the same mind (v.10)?

I Corinthians 1:11, 12

- yes – no Is Paul pleased with contentions [discord, rivalry] (v. 11)?
- yes – no Were there already divisions in the church at Corinth (v. 12)?

I Corinthians 1:13

- yes – no Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for us? Are we baptized in the name of Paul (v. 13)?
- yes – no If three of these divisions (Paul, Apollos, Cephas) were wrong then can hundreds of divisions be right now?
- Yes – no Is God pleased with a religious condition that has many churches speaking different things and practicing different doctrines?

4. The Source of Unity

John 12:48

- yes – no Since we will be judged by the word, does it matter what we believe?

yes – no Would it matter if we used poison for cold medicine if we were honest and sincere?

Matthew 16:18

yes – no Was it the purpose of Jesus to build many churches?

John 15:5, 6

yes – no Is it men rather than churches that are branches grafted to Jesus, the Vine?

yes – no Must we be in Christ to escape being cast into the fire?

Colossians 3:24, 25

yes – no Will those who serve the Lord receive reward, and those who do wrong receive punishment?

Acts 10:34

yes – no Since God is no respecter of persons, does He expect us to do different things to be saved?

yes – no Are you willing to study the Scriptures to learn what God's plan for religious unity is?

5. The Principle of a Standard of Authority

yes – no Do you have a standard of rules and principles by which you conduct your life?

6. Is Your Standard Among the Following?

yes – no What you were taught by your parents?

yes – no The laws of civil government?

yes – no The direction of your friends?

yes – no What seems right to your own conscience?

yes – no The decisions of religious leaders?

yes – no The principles of the Bible?

7. I Peter 4:11

“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles [words] of God.”

Is any standard more up-to-date or better than these Bible truths?

yes – no “Repay no one evil for evil . . . live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:17-18).

yes – no “Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble” (Romans 12:16).

yes – no Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor” (Ephesians 4:25).

yes – no “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

yes – no “Let him who stole steal no longer ...” (Ephesians 4:28).

yes – not Would the world be a better place to live if all mankind practiced God’s standard?

Read each of the following scriptures. Consider the questions. Circle the correct answer.

8. John 10:10

yes – no Did Jesus Christ come so that you can have an abundant (full) life?

yes – no Are you willing to study the Scriptures about God’s plan for a full life and an eternal future, so that you can choose the best course?

What questions do you have at this time about this topic?

9. Genesis 1:1; 2:7

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (1:1).

“. . . God formed man of the dust of the ground . . .” (2:7).

yes – no Does the Bible say that God created the world and made man?

yes – no Do you have any doubts or questions?

10. I Corinthians 2:9, 10, 13

yes – no Without the Bible can we know what God has prepared for those who love Him (v. 9)?

yes – no Has God shown us all things by His Spirit (v. 10)?

yes – no Did those men who wrote the Bible use their own words of wisdom (v. 13)?

yes – no Did God then reveal His words of wisdom to man through His Spirit (v. 13)?

11. Hebrews 1:1, 2

yes – no Has God in times past spoken to man by the prophets?

yes – no Does God speak to us today through the word of His Son?

12. Matthew 28:18

yes – no Does Jesus have all authority today?

yes – no Will you accept His authority?

How will accepting His authority affect you?

13. John 17:6, 7, 8, 14, 17, 18

yes – no Did Christ, through the Holy Spirit, give God's

word to the men who wrote the New Testament (v. 14)?

yes – no Is the word Jesus gave us through His men truth (vs. 17, 18)?

14. II Peter 1:3

yes – no Has God, by divine authority, given us all things we need for life and godliness?

yes – no Do we need anything other than the Bible to direct our lives and prepare us for judgment?

15. John 12:48

yes – no Are we to be judged by the word?

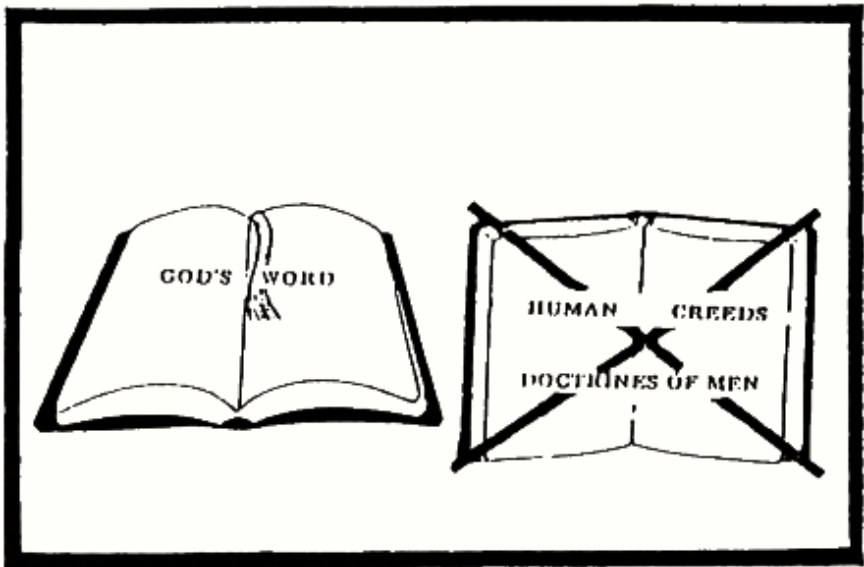
yes – no Is it necessary for me to study the word?

Will I be judged by:

yes – no (1) What I think?

yes – no (2) Men's doctrines?

yes – no (3) Church tradition?



Review 1: II Peter 1:21

To the Mind of Man
Or,
More Importantly,
To:

The Mind of God Contains
His Will for Man



Your Name

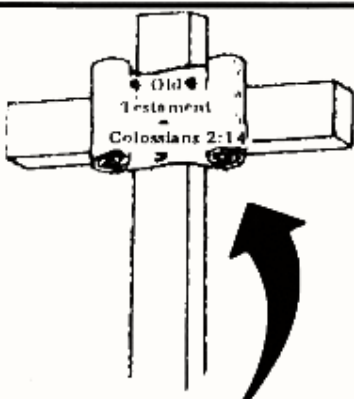


Through Christ His Word is Transported
by Men Moved by the Holy Spirit

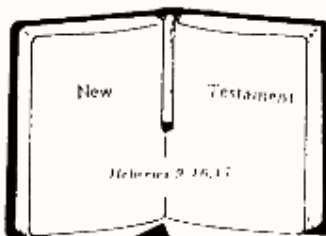
16. Hebrews 8:13

yes – no Does the Bible teach that there is an Old and a New Covenant?

yes – no Does it say the Old would vanish away?



The Old Testament was Taken
Out of the Way and Nailed To
The Cross of Christ



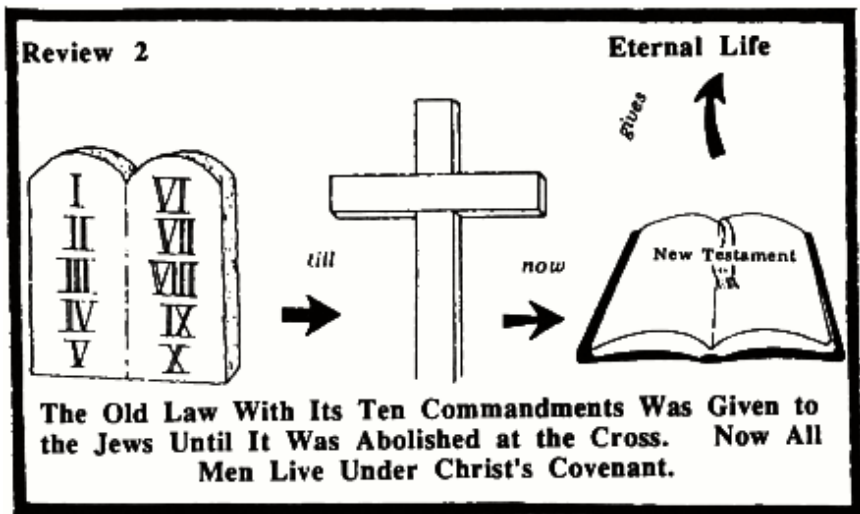
The New Testament is Now In
Force since Jesus Died on the
Cross

17. Galatians 3:23-25

- yes – no Were men under the Old Law with its Ten Commandments until Christ died (v. 23)?
- yes – no Was the Old Law a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (v. 24)?
- yes – no Are we still under the Old Law and its commandments (v. 25)?

18. Galatians 3:21

- yes – no Could the Old Law give us spiritual life?
- yes – no Would you want to serve God under a covenant that could not give you eternal life?
- yes – no Is there now a New Covenant that does give eternal life?



19. Matthew 1:21

- yes – no Did Jesus come to save people from their sins?
- yes – no Can you be saved from your sins without Christ?

20. I Corinthians 6:9, 10

yes – no Does even this short list of sins show us that sin keeps man out of God's kingdom?

yes – no Do you identify today's world with the sins in this list?

21. Romans 3:10, 23

yes – no Do all men sin?

yes – no What about you personally? Do you sin?

22. Romans 6:16

yes – no If we continue in sin, do we become slaves to sin?

yes – no Does sin lead to spiritual death?

23. I Peter 1:3, 4

yes – no Has God, through the new birth, given us a living hope of an inheritance in heaven?

24. Revelation 22:14

yes – no Is our hope of heaven dependent upon our obedience to God's commandments?

25. Matthew 10:28

yes – no Is God able to destroy both body and soul in hell?

26. Matthew 25:41

Yes – no Will God punish those who disobey His commands with separation from Him in everlasting fire with the devil and his angels?

27. Matthew 25:46

yes – no After death, do we face either everlasting punishment or eternal life?

yes – no Do you really want to go to heaven?

My Personal Relationship to the Cross

28. I Corinthians 2:1-3

yes – no Is "Christ and Him crucified" to be the heart of Gospel preaching rather than the smooth words of men's wisdom (vs. 1, 2)?

yes – no Did Paul preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified with fear and trembling (v. 3)?

29. Acts 7:58

yes – no Does this Scripture show that people can react violently when personally accused of murdering Jesus with their sins?

30. Acts 2:41

Yes – no Can people respond by submitting joyfully to God's will when they understand that their sins crucified Jesus?

31. What does the New Testament call Christ's death on the cross? (See Numbers 28, 29, 30.)

32. Acts 2:36 _____

33. Acts 5:30 _____

34. Acts 7:52 _____

The terms "pricked" and "cut to the heart" mean that there was personal involvement (Acts 2:37; 5:33; 7:54).

35. I John 2:2—(Propitiation—Jesus, in His death, satisfied God's demand that we be punished for our sins).

Who is responsible for the Crucifixion, Slaying, Murder of Christ? "The _____ world."

yes – no Must I bear, with the rest of the world, my part of the responsibility for the death of Jesus on the cross?

yes – no Are my personal sins responsible for the murder of Jesus Christ?



The Relationship of My Sins to the Cross

36. I Peter 2:24

yes – no Did Christ bear your sins in His body on the cross?

Yes – no If you were the only person who ever lived on the earth, would it still have been necessary for Christ to die for you?

37. Matthew 27:46

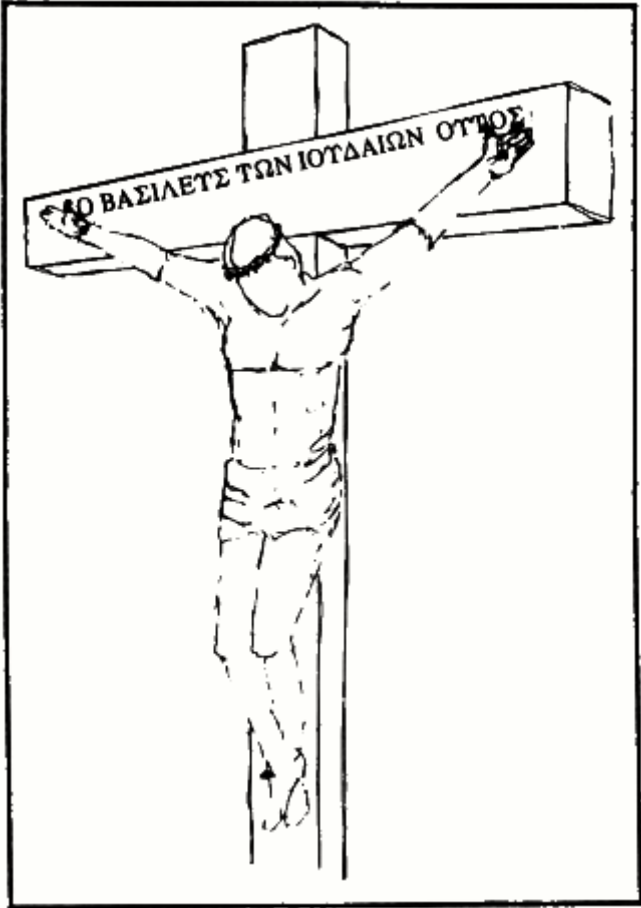
yes – no When Jesus bore your sins in His body, did God forsake Him?

yes – no If we continue in our sins, will God forsake us?

38. Hebrews 6:6

yes – no Since my sins crucify Jesus again should this keep me from continuing to live in sin?

So that you may better understand the personal guilt of murdering Jesus and see the ugliness of sin, would you write some of your sins on His body as it hangs on the cross?



yes – no Are you a sinner?

yes – no Did your sins murder Jesus?

yes – no Do you want to be forgiven of your sins?

LESSON II

God's Plan for Your Escape from Sin

1. Matthew 1:21

yes – no Did Jesus come to save His people from sin?

2. Acts 4:12

yes – no Can anyone else save you from sin?

3. John 3:17

yes – no Did God send Jesus into the world to save us?

4a. Matthew 7:21-23

yes – no Will all people be saved (v. 21)?

yes – no Is it necessary to do all of the will of God to go to heaven (v. 21; see John 14:16)?

yes – no Is that what you plan to do?

yes – no Can a man be religious and do good works and still be lost (vs. 22, 23)?

yes – no Have you done all of God's will to assure your salvation? (If "yes," see 4b.)

4b. yes – no Are you saved? _____

When were you saved? age _____

What did you do to be saved? _____

yes – no Have you been baptized? _____

How were you baptized? _____

Why were you baptized? _____

yes – no Were you saved before baptism? _____

5. John 12:48-50

yes – no Will you let God judge your life by comparing His will with what you have done?

yes – no If you discover in your study something different or additional that God wants you to do, will you change?

6. John 14:15

yes – no Does our love for God require that we keep His commandments?

yes – no Do you love God enough to do His will?

yes – no Will you keep His commandments?

7. John 6:45

yes – no Must a man hear and learn God's will to come to Him?

8. John 8:24

yes – no Must a man believe that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior to be saved?

9. Acts 17:30

yes – no Must a man repent, or turn from sin, and turn toward God to be saved?

yes – no Must you turn from you sins and toward God to be saved?

10. Matthew 16:15, 16, 17

yes – no Did Peter confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God (v. 16)?

yes – no Was this confession pleasing to the Lord (v. 17)?

11. Romans 10:10

- yes – no Must we make this confession with our mouth?
- yes – no Are we to make the same confession Peter made?

12. Acts 2:38

- yes – no Is baptism in the name of Jesus necessary for the remission of sins?
- yes – no Is the purpose of baptism the forgiveness of our sins?

13. I Peter 3:21

- yes – no Does baptism save us?

14. Romans 6:3, 4

- yes – no Is baptism a burial into Christ?
- yes – no Is baptism in the likeness of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus?

15. Galatians 3:27

- yes – no Does baptism put us into Christ?

16. Ephesians 1:3

- yes – no Do we have all spiritual blessings in Christ?

17. I Corinthians 12:13

- yes – no Are we baptized into the body of Christ?

18. Colossians 1:24

- yes – no Is the body of Christ the church?
- yes – no Are we then baptized into Christ's church?

19. Matthew 16:18

- yes – no Did Jesus build His church?
- yes – no Is this then the body or church into which we are baptized?
- yes – no Is there importance in the name (Acts 4:12)?

20. Acts 2:47

- yes – no Does God add to the church or the body those that are being saved by baptism?
- yes – no Is the church or body of Christ something to which we are automatically added by obedience rather than something we join?

21. Ephesians 4:4-6

- yes – no Does the New Testament speak of the oneness or unity of His body, the church?

22. Ephesians 5:23

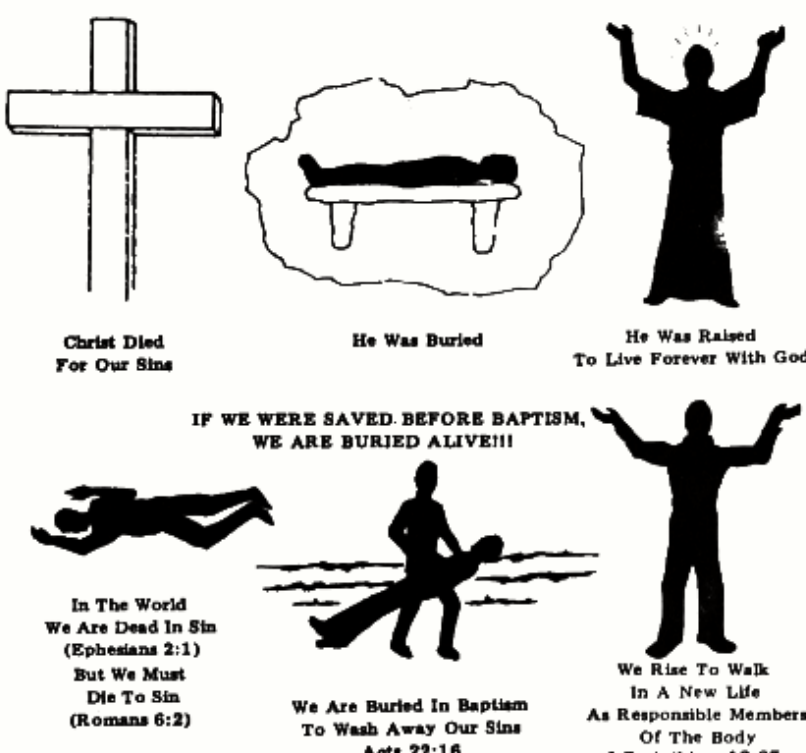
- yes – no Is Christ the Savior of the body, the church?
- yes – no Can we be saved outside of the body or church?
- yes – no Are you in Christ's body?

23. Acts 11:26

- yes – no Were the disciples (followers of Jesus) called Christians?

CAREFULLY STUDY REVIEW NO. 1

Review 1 **ROMANS 6:3,4**



Christ Died For Our Sins **He Was Buried** **He Was Raised To Live Forever With God**

IF WE WERE SAVED BEFORE BAPTISM, WE ARE BURIED ALIVE!!!

In The World We Are Dead In Sin (Ephesians 2:1) But We Must Die To Sin (Romans 6:2) **We Are Buried In Baptism To Wash Away Our Sins Acts 22:16** **We Rise To Walk In A New Life As Responsible Members Of The Body I Corinthians 12:27**

Your Continuing Responsibility as a Part of the Church

24. Luke 14:28

yes – no Should you begin your new life as a Christian without first knowing what else God requires of you?

25. II Peter 2:20-21

yes – no If you choose to return to the way of the world, will you be lost?

26. Hebrews 10:24, 25

yes – no Does the New Testament teach that we are to love and be with other Christians so that we will receive encouragement in doing good works, worshipping regularly, and enjoying the abundant life?

yes – no Does this passage teach the need for association and fellowship with other Christians?

27. John 4:24

yes – no Must our worship of God be sincere and according to the pattern shown?

28. I Corinthians 11:23-29

yes – no Did Jesus give us the Lord's Supper to remember His body given and His blood shed as a covenant (testament) with us until he comes again?

yes – no Is it important that we share in the Supper in a sincere manner, remembering what Christ has done for us and also our relationship in the body (church)?

29. Acts 20:7

yes – no Did the New Testament church meet on the first day of the week to partake of the Supper?

30. Ephesians 5:19

yes – no In singing, do we speak to each other in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and do we make melody in our hearts to the Lord?

yes – no Does God name our hearts as the instruments to be used in making melody to Him?

31. I Thessalonians 5:17-18

yes – no Is our relationship to God to be such that we can talk to him at all times?

yes – no Is it God's will that those in Christ express thanks to Him for everything?

32. II Corinthians 9:6-7

yes – no Does God love one who gives bountifully as has purposed in his heart?

33. I Corinthians 16:1-2

yes – no Is each Christian to give on the first day of the week in accordance with the way God has blessed him?

34. II Timothy 4:2, 3, 4

yes – no Is preaching a part of God's New Testament plan?

yes – no Does God require men to listen to the message that is preached?

35. Matthew 28:20

yes – no Are we to share all that Jesus taught?

36. II Timothy 2:15

yes – no Must we study to receive God's approval?

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED

Those Involved In My Salvation. . . .

God has prepared the way:

I Corinthians 2:9; John 3:16

Jesus blazed the trail:

Hebrews 5:9 author—trailblazer

I must do my part:

Philippians 2:12

Read each passage and write what you must do to be saved. . . .

1. John 6:45 _____
 2. John 8:24 _____
 3. Acts 17:30 _____
 4. Matthew 16:16 _____
 5. Acts 2:38 _____
 6. Acts 2:47 _____
 7. Revelation 2:10 _____
 8. John 4:24 _____
 9. II Timothy 2:15 _____
 10. I Thessalonians 5:17 _____
 11. Acts 2:42 _____
 12. James 5:20 _____
 13. II Peter 3:18 _____
- Salvation is not by my own works alone: Luke 17:10

God makes the Christian Life possible through Sanctification, Justification, and Grace:

Sanctification—Set apart for God's own service. Justification—to be declared right in God's eyes.

Hebrews 10:9-10

Romans 5:1-9

Grace—Jesus pays my spiritual overdraft.

Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 5:4; John 1:7

MY DECISION

- yes – no Have you discovered in your study something different or additional that God wants you to do?
- yes – no Are you saved in your present condition?
- yes – no Are you ready to be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins?

James 4:17

- yes – no Will you remain in sin?

Luke 8:11-12

- yes – no Does the devil work to remove the word from men's hearts to keep them from being saved?
- yes – no If you delay doing God's will, can this happen to you?
- yes – no Is that what you want in your life?



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