

SALVATION BY WHAT?

19 THINGS (GOD SAYS) THAT SAVE (ALL MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE ONE CAN BE SAVED)

Ephesians 5:6 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of **disobedience**.”

2 Timothy 2:15 – “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth**.”

Hebrews 13:9 – “Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace;...”

2 Timothy 3:15-17 – “And now from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work**.”

1 Peter 3:15 – “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

2 Peter 1:20-21 – “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (see Matthew 12:31-32).

Matthew 7:21 – “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”

Luke 6:46 – “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

BY WHAT A PERSON IS SAVED?

Though we often hear in the religious world that a person is saved by only one thing—“faith only”—the New Testament actually shows other things that a person is saved by them. Some of these conditions pertain to God; some to man. Below we are going to see 19 different things that the Bible shows that we are saved by them. I assure you that I can mention over 49 such things from the Bible but these should be enough to show how wrong are those who teach that we are saved by “faith only”! A favourite verse shown by those who believe and teach that a person is saved only by calling on the name of the Lord is this:

Romans 10:13 – “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Question: Are we saved **only** “by calling upon the name of the Lord”?

The Bible tells us that we are saved by:

1. By **GRACE** – **Ephesians 2:8** – “**For by grace you have been saved** through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.”
 - **Titus 2:11** – “For the **grace** of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.”
2. By **MERCY** – **Titus 3:5** – “**He saved us** not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but **in virtue of his own MERCY**, by the washing or regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit.”
3. By **HOPE** – **Romans 8:24** – “For we are **saved by HOPE:...**”
4. By **THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH** – **2 Thess. 2:10** – And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received **not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**”
5. By **DOCTRINE** – **1 Timothy 4:16** – “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the **doctrine**; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both **save thyself**, and them that hear thee.”
6. By **ENDURANCE** – **Matthew 10:22** – “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that **endureth** to the end **shall be saved**” (see also Rev. 2:10).
7. By the **BLOOD OF CHRIST** – (a) **Matthew 26:28** - “For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many **for the forgiveness (remission) of sins.**”
(b) **Revelation 1:5** – “And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and **has freed us from our sins by his blood.**”
8. By the **LIFE OF CHRIST** – **Romans 5:10** – “For while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, **shall we be saved by his life.**”
9. By the **GOSPEL** – (a) **Romans 1:16** – “For I am not ashamed of the **gospel: it is the power of God for salvation** to every one who has faith,...”

- (b) **1 Corinthians 15:1-4** – “Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you **the gospel**, which you received, in which you stand, **by which you are saved**, if you hold fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.”
- (c) **John 1:12-13** – “But as many as received him, to them gave he power **to become** the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
10. By **THE WORD** -- **James 1:21** – “Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the **implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**”
11. By **THE SCRIPTURES** – **2 Timothy 3:15** – “And that from a child thou hast know the **holy scriptures, which are able** to make thee wise **unto salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”
12. By **CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD** – (a) **Romans 10:13** – “For, “every one who call upon the name of the Lord **will be saved.**”
(This is one of the favourite verses for those who teach that one is saved without baptism!) Yes, we are saved by calling on the name of the Lord, but not by that only!
- (b) **Acts 26:22** – “And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, **calling on his name.**”
- (c) **Acts 2:21** – “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall **call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”
13. By **PREACHING** – (a) **1 Corinthians 1:21** – “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of **what we preach to save those who believe.**”
- (b) **Romans 10:13-14** – For, “every one who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- (c) But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed?
- (d) And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?
- (e) **And how are they to hear without a preacher?”**

14. By **FAITH** – (a) **Ephesians 2:8** – “For by grace you have been **saved through faith;...**”
- (b) **Hebrews 11:6** – “**And without faith it is impossible to please him.** For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”
- (c) Yes, we are saved by FAITH and not by works but what is faith according to our Lord Jesus Christ?
- (d) **John 6:29** – “This is the **WORK of God** that you **believe** on Him.”
- i. This is the *work*—that you do *what*?
 - ii. That you **believe!**
 - iii. FAITH, according to Jesus, is a WORK!
 - iv. There are two classes of works.
15. By **BELIEF** – (a) **Mark 16:15-16** – “And he said to them, “God into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that **believeth** and is baptised **will be saved**; but he **who does not believe** will be condemned.”
- (b) **John 3:16, 36** – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes** in him should not perish but **have eternal life.**”
“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests upon him.”
- (c) **John 12:42-43** – “Nevertheless many even of the **authorities believed in him**, but for fear of the Pharisees **they did not confess it**, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more that the praise of God.”
16. By **CONFESSION** – **Romans 10:10** – “For a man believes with his heart and so is justified, **and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.**” (see Acts 8:35-39).
17. By **REPENTANCE** – (a) **Luke 13:3** – “I tell you, No; but **unless you repent** you will all likewise perish.”
18. By **BAPTISM** – (a) **Mark 16:16** – “He that believeth **and is baptized shall be saved...**”
- (b) **1 Peter 3:21a** – “**Baptism**, which corresponds, to this, **now saves you,...**”
- (c) Is baptism a work?
- (d) **1 Peter 3:21b** – “...not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

- (e) **Acts 2:38** – “And Peter said to them, “Repent, **and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins;...**”
 - (f) **Acts 22:16** – “And now why do you wait? Rise **and be baptized, and wash away your sins**, calling on his name.”
19. By **OBEDIENCE** – (a) **Hebrews 5:9** – “And being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation **to all who obey him.**”
- (b) **Romans 6:16-18** – “Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as **obedient slaves**, you are slaves of the **one whom you obey**, either of sin, which leads to death, or **of obedience, which leads to righteousness?** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become **obedient** from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.”
 - (c) **Ephesians 5:6** – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of **disobedience.**”

If this is not proof enough to show how mistaken are those who teach that one is saved by “faith only” I can more than double the number of things that the Bible tells us that a person needs to be saved. 40 things are shown. (See in the Maltese, under the title of “Studji Dwar is-Salvazzjoni,” *Biex il-Bniedem Ikun Salv?* (“Studies About Salvation,” *By What a Person is Saved?*).

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