

DRILLING BIBLE BASICS (VII)

SALVATION

Introduction

- 1) The salvation that God has made available to man is a fundamental truth all should understand
- 2) **Acts 4:5-12** – Salvation is found in exclusively in Jesus and in no other
- 3) Great need of salvation answered by pointing the way to Jesus (Matt. 1:21; Acts 2:38; 16:31)

I) The Problem of Sin

- A) Sin separates man from God – all men have sinned (Isa. 59:2; Rom. 3:23)
- B) The wages of sin is death (Jn. 8:24; Rom. 6:23)
- C) Man is helpless to save himself (Prov. 14:12; Eph. 2:1, 12)

II) Salvation Brought to Sinful Man

- A) God wants all men to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4)
 - 1) God loves all men (Jn. 3:16a)
- B) Jesus was sent to save man from sin (Jn. 1:29; 3:16b; Lk. 19:10; 1 Tim. 1:15)
 - 1) God demonstrated grace, mercy, and love toward us (Eph. 2:4-5; Titus 2:11; Rom. 5:8)

III) Salvation Provided by the Death of Jesus on the Cross

- A) Christ died to justify and reconcile us to God (Rom. 5:9-11)
- B) Jesus' death was a *sin sacrifice* – those who have faith in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins because of that sacrifice offered *once for all* (Heb. 9:26; 10:11-12)
 - 1) The blood of Jesus purges the believer from sin (Heb. 9:14, 22; Rev. 1:5)
 - 2) Jesus died *for* us so that we could be redeemed from sin (1 Pet. 1:18-21)

IV) Man is Saved by the Grace of God through Faith in Christ

- A) We are justified by faith and we access God's grace by faith (Rom. 5:1-2)
 - 1) Salvation by grace through faith is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8)
- B) Faith involves obeying God's commands (Jas. 2:24)
- C) What a person must do in order to be saved:
 - 1) Hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17; Jas. 1:21)
 - 2) Believe (Jn. 6:29; Acts 16:31-32)
 - 3) Repent of sins (Acts 2:38; 1)
 - 4) Confess faith (Rom. 10:9-10)
 - 5) Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal 3:27; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 12:13)

V) Remaining Faithful

- A) We must beware of departing from God (Heb. 3:12-14)
- B) Our salvation is secure *if* we remain faithful (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Jn. 9)
- C) If we are faithful until death, we will be eternally rewarded (Rev. 2:10)

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the ***only way*** to be reconciled to God and saved from the curse of sin (Jn. 14:6). Without His free gift of salvation, we will be eternally lost. God has helped the helpless – will you respond in faith and obedience to His will? Don't waste the gracious and merciful salvation that has been brought down to us from heaven (2 Cor. 6:1-2).