

Salvation Made Simple

Vietnam

I. FOUNDATION

II Timothy 3:16

All scripture is God inspired. All scripture is profitable for doctrine.

II Timothy 2:15

We must study and search the scriptures. We must rightly divide the word. We can't take one scripture from one part of the Bible and say that it is salvation. We must look at the Bible as a whole and rightly divide the word.

John 12:48

This Bible is what will judge us. This is why we must not put our trust in theories or religion but what the word of God says. Let's forget religion and tradition for a moment. Let's look at the pure Word of God.

Matthew 7:13-14

This is a narrow way and only few will find it.

To find this narrow way, we must do the following:

- Believe the Bible is 100% God inspired.
- Study it and do not accept man's word.
- Rightly divide the word.

When it comes to salvation, we shouldn't have to pick and choose scriptures and create a theory to make it fit. We will simply study the teachings of Christ and then the actions of the apostles.

II. HEART

Matthew 16:18, 19

Jesus was talking in this scripture and He gave Peter the keys or what it takes to make it to heaven.

Matthew 28:19

Baptize in the name. If we were to baptize in the name of these three manifestations, we would need to do it in the name of Jesus. We never see in the Bible the titles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost spoken over anyone in baptism. What is the name of the Father? Jesus. John 5:43 says, "I am come in my Father's name..." What is the name of the Son? Jesus (Matthew 1:21). What is the name of the Holy Ghost? Jesus. John 14:26 says, "...the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name..." A man can be a father, is a

son, and has a Spirit. If you were to try to get that man's attention, you would call him by name. If we were to baptize in the name of these three manifestations, we would need to baptize in the name of Jesus. Also, this is the only scripture in the entire Bible that says, "...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Any time after this scripture that the Apostles acted on what Jesus taught, they baptized in the name of Jesus. Again, We never see in the Bible the titles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost spoken over anyone in baptism. Don't take my word for it. Let's continue on.

Mark 16:16, 17

Believe and be baptized. They that believe will speak with new tongues.

Luke 24:47

Repentance and remission of sins (which is baptism) should be preached in His name beginning in Jerusalem.

Luke 24:49

You will receive the promise (the Holy Ghost) which is power from on high.

John 3:5

A man must be born of water (which is baptism) and Spirit (which is the Holy Ghost) or he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 7:38-39

You must believe as the scripture hath said. If you believe this way, you should receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:8

You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost comes upon you. This is going to be a very powerful occurrence.

Acts 2:4

We see in early scripture there were 120 people in this room. There weren't just 10 people or 20 people that received the Holy Ghost. All 120 People in the upper room were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues. This tells me that receiving the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues is not just for certain people. It is for everyone.

Acts 2:37

What shall we do (or what are we supposed to do to be saved)? In the next verse, Peter is preaching (Matt. 16:18; Peter has the keys to Heaven) at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47; It will begin in Jerusalem). Does it fulfill the above scripture?

Acts 2:38

REPENTENCE – Luke 24:47

BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME – Matt 28:19, Mark 16:16, Luke 24:47,
John 3:5

RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST – Luke 24:49, John 3:5, John 7:39,
Acts 1:8, Acts 2:4

Acts 8

Some people say that feeling joy, experiencing healings, believing in Jesus or being baptized in water are evidence that they have received the Holy Ghost. What does the Bible say?

Verses 5-8

Did they have great joy? Yes _____ No _____
Were people healed? Yes _____ No _____

Verse 12

Did they believe what was preached about Jesus Christ? Yes _____ No _____

Verse 14-17

Were they baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus? Yes _____ No _____

Did they receive the Holy Ghost as a separate experience? Yes _____ No _____

We see that receiving the Holy Ghost is a separate experience from feeling joy, experiencing healings, believing in Jesus, or being baptized in water.

Acts 10

Many people say being a good person and living a devout life is good enough, or that being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues was only for the Day of Pentecost. Let's see what the Bible says about the life in Cornelius.

Verses 1-2

Was Cornelius a devout man? Yes _____ No _____
Did he fear God and spend time praying? Yes _____ No _____

Verses 5-6

Did God have more for him to do? Yes _____ No _____

Verses 44-46

Did they receive the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues after the Day of Pentecost (Acts ch.2)? Yes _____ No _____

Verses 47-48
Even though they received the Holy Ghost And spoke in other tongues, were they still required to be baptized in the name of the Lord? Yes _____ No _____

Acts 19
Some people who believe may not have heard about the Holy Ghost. Others feel it is not necessary to be baptized. If you were baptized by John the Baptist, do you think you would need to be re-baptized? Some say it does not matter what is spoken over you when you are baptized. Let's see what the Bible says about the believers at Ephesus.

Verses 1-2
The disciples believed, but had they heard of or received the Holy Ghost? Yes _____ No _____

Verses 3-5
Did those baptized by John the Baptist need to be re-baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus? Yes _____ No _____

Verse 6
Did they speak with tongues when the Holy Ghost came on them? Yes _____ No _____

Let's look at the teachings and writings to the churches.

I Timothy 1:3
Teach no other doctrine.

II Timothy 4:3-4
Men will change this doctrine.

Galatians 1:6-10
Do not seek to please men because there is no other gospel.

II Timothy 3:5
Turn away from those that deny the power which is the Holy Ghost.

Philippians 2:12

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

I Timothy 4:16

This doctrine will save.

Timothy says teach no other doctrine. Men are going to change this doctrine, but do not seek to please men because there is no other gospel. Turn away from those that deny the power which is the Holy Ghost and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling because this doctrine will save you.

III. CONCLUSION

Jesus taught:

1. Repentance
2. Baptism in Jesus Name
3. Receiving the Holy Ghost

Apostles taught:

1. Repentance
2. Baptism in Jesus Name
3. Receiving the Holy Ghost

Do you believe the Word of God is true
and will judge us all?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you believe it is necessary to repent by
determining to turn from sin and giving your
life to God?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you believe water baptism in the name of
Jesus Christ is the biblical way to be baptized?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you believe when you receive the gift of the
Holy Ghost you will speak with other tongues
as the spirit gives you the utterance?

Yes _____ No _____