

Bible Answers To Common Questions

(Mark 16:15-16)

- Introduction:
1. The "Great Commission" compels us to get out beyond our assemblies and talk with others about Jesus.
 2. In doing so, we will find a host of people who may not agree with what we have to say about things as fundamental as what one must do to be saved.
 3. In view of that, we need to have ready answers at our proverbial cuff to give answers to those who ask.

I. What About The Thief On The Cross?

- A. (Luke 23:43).
- B. The thief on the cross was not baptized, yet he was saved.
- C. (Matthew 9:6)
- D. (Hebrews 9:16-17).
- E. The thief wasn't baptized for the same reason Adam, Abraham, and Moses weren't - the law under which they lived did not require it.

II. All One Has To Do Is Believe And Confess

- A. (Romans 10:9-10).
- B. Baptism is not mentioned in this verse, therefore is baptism dispensable?
- C. Follow the same reasoning with other items such as repentance and love.
- D. The fact that all conditions are listed in a single passage does not exclude the unmentioned conditions, it only includes the mentioned conditions.

III. If One Calls On The Name Of The Lord, They Will Be Saved

- A. (Romans 10:13).
- B. The statement is true, but it needs defined. What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?
- C. (Acts 22:16).

IV. What If One Dies Just Prior To Being Baptized, Are They Lost?

- A. Emotive reasoning cannot be allowed to over ride the teaching of Scripture.
- B. When we give in to emotion and feelings, we open the door much wider than any would want it.
- C. (Proverbs 28:26).
- D. What would happen if we just backed up the "dilemma" from the point of baptism to the point of faith?
- E. The actions of men or their failure to act cannot be allowed to determine truth.

V. Didn't Paul Say He Was Glad He Hadn't Baptized People?

- A. (1 Corinthians 1:14).
- B. Yes he did, but observe the context of his statement.
- C. Why did he say what he said, "Lest any say he baptized in his own name."
- D. Paul didn't want to be a source of division, thus his statement.

- Conclusion:
1. Hopefully, these answers will help us to help others who have been confused by the partial truths they have been taught.
 2. There are a world full of people who are just as sincere as you are, but have placed their trust in an untrustworthy message.
 3. Do your best in as kind and loving way as you know how, to lead them to fuller understanding of the truth (Acts 18:26).