

Scriptural Answers To The Question – What Must I Do To Be Saved?

6. **The Question Analyzed** (a) Look at the word *what*. This word indicates that something is required. (b) The word *must* indicates that it is not a matter of opinion or option. It is a word that clearly means necessity. (c) Note the singular pronoun “*I*.” This shows individual responsibility. It is not a matter of what God, or even some other historical person may do. (d) What about the little transitive verb “*do*?” Never do we read in the Bible where a sinner is told to be completely passive. This word suggests activity. (e) Close examination of the phrase “*to be saved*” tells us the purpose of complying with the conditions. This is what the student is seeking. Do you understand the (above) question? ____ What is it that is going to be saved? _____
7. **But How Can One Find An Answer?** Jesus said, “*Ask, and it shall be given you.*” Scripture? ____ Do you know of any better way to find answers than to *seek* and *ask*? ____ Was the question “*what must I do to be saved?*” ever couched in these identical words in the Bible? ____ If so, where? _____ Did not Jesus say, “*Search the scriptures?*” ____ Where? _____ Paul told Timothy to “*study to show thyself approved unto God.*” Scripture? _____ (Jn 20:31) “*But these are written, that ye _____ that Jesus is _____, the Son of God; and that _____ ye might _____ through his name.*”
8. **The Rich Young Ruler** This man asked Jesus (Mk 10:17), “*Good Master, _____ that I may inherit eternal life?*” Jesus answered him according to the Mosaic Law which they both lived under at the time. The answer was simple: “*Go thy way, _____ whatsoever thou hast, and _____, and thou shalt have _____ in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and _____.*” This man was already a Jew. He only needed to be a conscientious practitioner of the law under which he lived. Did he like the answer? ____
9. **This Question Was First Asked – (Acts 2:37)** After hearing the sermon the Jews asked, “*Men and _____, _____ shall we do?*” It is obvious they had already *heard* and *believed* the message of Peter and the Apostles. They realized they had to do more to be saved. Even two millenniums ago people knew salvation required more than just saying, “I believe in Jesus and I know I have been saved.” Peter gave them an answer (2:38): “*_____, and _____ every one of you _____ Jesus Christ for the _____ of sins.*” Was anything wrong with Peter’s answer? ____
10. **The Second Occasion This Question Was Asked** Saul of Tarsus was very conscientious and devoutly religious but his religion was wrong. One cannot rely solely on his conscience. The Lord appeared to him on the road to Damascus and Saul asked (Acts 9), “*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*” Verse? ____ Saul needed information to make changes. The Lord told him where to go to get that information. He went! Ananias told him (Acts 22:16), “*And now why _____ thou? arise, and _____, and _____, calling on the name of the Lord.*”
11. **The Third Incidence** Saul, who became known by the Greek name Paul after his conversion, was in jail in Phillipi (Acts 16). An earthquake freed the prisoners. The jailer was about to take his own life as he was certain his prisoners had escaped. Paul stopped him. **Question:** Did the jailer know why Paul and Silas were incarcerated? ____ The answer is apparent in his question (V30). What did he ask them? _____ Their answer (V31): “*Believe _____ Jesus Christ.*” It is apparent the jailer didn’t know about Jesus. Why? “*They _____ unto him _____ of the Lord, and to _____ that were in his house.*”
12. **The Rest Of The Story** Immediately after hearing Paul and Silas (V33), “*he took them the same hour of the night, and _____ their stripes; and _____, he and all his, _____.*” Can one be baptized for remission of sins unless he first believes? ____