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THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – LESSON 19 GIVES SCRIPTURAL ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION—WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **A Quick Review** In Lesson #125 we examined (3) cases where people asked what they must do to receive salvation: The Jews on Pentecost; Saul of Tarsus; The Phillipian Jailer. Was the answer to their question the same in every case? _____
2. **The Jailer** Paul and Silas told him *to believe*. Why? It is pretty obvious (Acts 16) that he didn't know about Jesus Christ. Did they explain to him? _____ Proof text? _____
3. **The Jews On Pentecost** They already believed so the answer to them was different. Peter and the Apostles told them to (Acts 2:38) repent and be immersed for the remission of their sins. Was the Jailer ever baptized? _____ How soon? _____ Was any NT baptism ever delayed? _____
4. **Saul Of Tarsus** Saul was highly educated, very religious, and quite sincere. He already believed on Jesus Christ and had repented (changed his attitude) by the time he was told, "*arise, and be _____, and _____ thy sins, calling on _____ of the Lord.*" Why wasn't he told to believe and repent? _____
5. **An Example** To better understand how the Jews, the Jailer, and Saul received different answers because they were at different places in their understanding and obedience, consider this: In reality it is like a man driving to Dallas. He doesn't know how to get there so he stops and inquires. He is told, "*Dallas is 300 miles straight ahead.*" After a while he stops and makes a second inquiry. He is told, "*Dallas is 200 miles straight ahead.*" Later, he stops a third time to make inquiry. He is told, "*Dallas is 100 miles straight ahead.*" Explain how he was given 3 different answers of how far it was to the same place. _____ Hypothetically, who was the 300-mile party? _____; the 200-mile? _____; the 100-mile? _____

The NT Church Is Scriptural If It Teaches Salvation Is By Faith – But Not By Faith Only

6. **What Is Faith?** Faith results from believing evidence or testimony. The Bible is a book of testimony. (Jn 20:31) "*But these are _____, that _____ believe.*" (Heb 11:1) "*Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for, the _____ of things _____.*" I haven't seen Tokyo but I believe it exists. I believe God exists (Heb 11:6) by faith.
7. **The Acquisition Of Faith** Is it by a miraculous operation of the Holy Spirit on the human heart? _____ If so, would God not be a "*respector of persons*" since (2 Thess 3:2) "*_____ men have not _____.*" (Rom 10:17) "*So then _____ cometh by hearing, _____ the word of God.*" God made man to rationalize and faith comes to man by rational means.