

A PRINCE AND A SAVIOR

Acts 5:29-32

Introduction: When Peter and the rest of the apostles stood before the high priest and the Sadducees, they were ordered not to teach or preach in the name of Jesus. Peter and the others gave three specific reasons why they had to go on preaching:

- Jesus Christ is the exalted Lord of Glory (*v30-31*)
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the sinner's only hope (*v31*)
- They were His witnesses. (*v32*)

Things have not changed. Jesus' Church (us) is still to exalt, magnify and lift up the Name of Jesus. Salvation is still through Jesus Christ and until someone knows about Him, that person cannot have salvation.

I. WHO IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

1. *John 1:1-3* - Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.
2. The Holy Spirit says that Jesus Christ is a Prince (King) and Savior.
3. To some Jesus is a "fire-escape," a means of escaping hell fire.
4. To some Jesus is someone to regulate their lives with a lot of rules and laws.
5. To true believers, Jesus Christ is one to bow to and to trust for eternal life.
6. No one is saved until he/she bows to Jesus Christ, the King, acknowledging Him as his/her Lord.
7. If Jesus Christ is not Ruler and Commander, He is not Savior.
8. A true believer needs not be told that he/she is under obligation to bow to and serve Jesus Christ.
9. **"All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him, I freely give..!"**
10. Jesus Christ must be acknowledged as rightful Prince/King and trusted as Savior.

II. WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS OF SALVATION?

1. Repentance is the work and gift of God's goodness and Grace.
 - It is a change of character, of heart brought about by the regenerating power and Grace of God through His Holy Spirit.
 - Without genuine repentance, there is no faith in the heart, no salvation in the soul, and no hope of life to come.
 - Repentance is constant, it is a life-long Grace.

2. Forgiveness must be granted by God, the Savior, after these things have happened:
 - The sinner must be punished.
 - Justice must be satisfied.
 - The sin must be removed.
 - The sinner must be made righteous.

3. These things can be accomplished only through the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ and the free imputation of His righteousness to the believer by the Grace of God.

III. REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS THE GIFT OF JESUS CHRIST

1. It is the gift of Jesus Christ first to Israel and then to all who look to Him in faith.
 - Every sinner who looks to Jesus Christ in faith is forgiven of all sin forever and is saved.

2. Once a sinner knows that he/she is forgiven, a life of obedience and faith follows.

CONCLUSION:

1. Things have not changed since Peter's day as to the believer's obligation to speak to Jesus Christ.
2. Things have not changed since Peter's day as to the requirements for Salvation.
3. Things have not changed since Peter's day as to whom Salvation is offered.
4. Have you been faithful to speak of Jesus Christ and to bow before Him as your King?