

## THINKING ABOUT BEING SAVED?

### Acts 16:30, 31

**Introduction:** Not often enough does a pastor encounter someone who says, "you know, I've been thinking about being saved, what do I need to do?" Usually it is quite the opposite, "I don't need any of your 'religion' go preach to somebody who needs it." Whether one is eagerly looking to be saved or someone has to be "led" to salvation, there are some things to consider but the basic answer is short and very sweet, *"...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."* This reply was given to a very difficult man, a jailer who had seen just about everything except what he saw that night when Paul and Silas were in his jail. God got this jailer's attention and he asked that question of all question *"sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

### 1. SOME THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO DO:

1. Don't think that you don't have anything to do. "What must I do?" asked the jailer. There are some who say "you don't have to do a thing, God does it all." Part of that is true, God does the saving part, but there's something you have to do first.
2. Don't be confused or mistaken about what you have to do. God makes it very clear:  
*"...believe on His only begotten Son, Jesus..."*
3. Don't think that you can't do what God requires you to do, you can do it. God says you can and you must, countless others have, you know some of them don't you.
4. Don't put it off, don't wait. If you are thinking about being saved, then God is dealing with you right now. He's ready, and if you are thinking about it, then you're ready.
5. Don't wait for God or anybody else to do this for you. You must want, You must come, You must ask, You must believe, You must confess (agree that you need Jesus).
6. Don't wait for God to do something else. He has already done all that He can do for you. It's up to you now. God is the one waiting for you to believe in and accept what's He's done.
7. Don't listen to anything but what God's Bible says. The Bible is from God, everything else is from people like you.
8. Don't think that there's some other way that's easier and you can be saved your own way.  
- God's Bible makes it very clear that there's only one way to be saved and that is through His Son, Jesus Christ. You have to do it God's Way or it won't be done.
9. Don't think that Sunday or any other time might be better. Sadly, most people who say that they want to be saved but not right now, never do. God says *"...now is the time..."*

10. Don't think that if you wait, you'll be "more ready." Just what does that mean? You can't be more ready than you are when you are thinking about being saved." Put feet to what you are thinking right now - Do It!
11. Don't worry about what others might think or say. Who is more important, your friends and family or God? They will answer to God just as you will. Do you want God to judge you more severely because of them?
12. Don't judge any christian you know who doesn't seem to be "very christian." Don't use them as an "excuse" for not following up on your thinking about being saved. They will have to stand before God and tell Him why they acted the way they did.

## **II. ALRIGHT, WHAT EXACTLY MUST YOU DO TO BE SAVED?**

1. Try to understand that in a way you have been stolen from God but it has to be you who must give yourself back. Wanting to be saved is wanting to give yourself back to God.
2. Your life apart from God has been one that God cannot live with because it's been so different from what you could have been doing in His eyes, He calls that "sin." You must agree with God that your life has been what He calls it but you want to be where you belong.
3. You must now give God your entire life and absolute control of it. Everything around you belongs to God anyhow, you are the only thing He doesn't have. Tell God He can have all of you and mean it.
4. You must accept without question Jesus Christ as being your only means of being saved and having eternal life and telling God that with all your heart.
5. You must live the rest of your life doing your best to bring honor to Jesus Christ, doing whatever He has for you to do.
6. You must trust completely, absolutely, in Jesus Christ and nothing or nobody else.
7. You must give up everything. All you are, all you have, all your dreams, all your plans, totally everything and leave it all to Jesus from that point on.
8. You must believe what the Bible says about God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. The Bible is from God. Anything else is somebody's opinion and it's God's Word that is saving, not opinions of people.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. If you are thinking about being saved - Don't wait! Go to God right now. Tell Him that you want to be saved.
2. There is no greater decision you will ever make in your entire life. **DO IT NOW!**