



## *Bible Authority*

- ▶ Necessary inference
  - The only conclusion that can be drawn, given the stated facts
  - Acts 8:35-38 - “what doth hinder me to be baptized”

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## *Prayer*

- ▶ Prayer is commanded
  - I Thessalonians 5:16-18 - “pray without ceasing”
  - Ephesians 6:18 - “praying at all seasons”
  - Acts 12:5,12 - “many were gathered together and were praying”

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## *Singing*

- ▶ Singing is commanded
  - Ephesians 5:19 - “singing and making melody with your heart”
  - Colossians 3:16 - “singing with grace in your hearts”
  - Acts 16:25 - “praying and singing hymns unto God”
  - James 5:13 - “Let him sing praise”

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## *Singing*

- ▶ Singing “spiritual songs” with instrumental accompaniment is never shown in the New Testament.
  - Instrumental accompaniment does not meet any of the criteria we’ve already mentioned.
  - It is, therefore, unscriptural

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## *Lord’s Supper*

- ▶ The Lord’s Supper is commanded
  - I Corinthians 11:20-34 - “this do in remembrance of me”
  - Acts 2:42 - “they continued stedfastly ...”
  - Acts 20:7 - “gathered together to break bread”

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## *Offering*

- ▶ The offering is commanded
  - I Corinthians 16:1-2 - “... so also do ye”
  - I Corinthians 9:1-7 - “... the ministering to the saints”

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## *Scripture Reading*

- ▶ Scripture reading is commanded
  - II Timothy 2:15 - "Study to shew thyself approved ..."
- ▶ Scripture reading is shown by example
  - Acts 17:11 - "examining the Scriptures daily"
- ▶ Public reading is encouraged
  - I Timothy 4:13 - "public reading of Scripture"

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## *Sermon*

- ▶ Preaching the gospel is commanded
  - Mark 16:15 - "Go ye into all the world"
  - II Timothy 4:2 - "preach the word ..."
- ▶ Paul preached to individual congregations for some time
  - Acts 18:11 - "a year and six months ..."
  - Acts 19:10 - "for the space of two years"

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## *Conclusion*

- ▶ All the actions that we have looked at are commanded
- ▶ But some are only for Christians
  - Praying
    - John 9:31 - "God heareth not sinners ..."
  - Lord's Supper
    - A remembrance of the Lord's death and a looking forward to His coming again

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## *"What must I do to be saved?"*

- Hear the Word of God
  - *Romans 10:1* - "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach"

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## *"What must I do to be saved?"*

- Believe in that Word
  - *Romans 10:11* - "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame."

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## *"What must I do to be saved?"*

- Repent of your sins
  - *Acts 3:19* - "Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord"

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*“What must I do to be saved?”*

- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
  - *1 John 4:15* - “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.”

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*“What must I do to be saved?”*

- Be immersed in water (baptized)
  - *Acts 2:38* - “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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