

THE REVEALED PLAN OF SALVATION

ACTS 16:25-30

INTRODUCTION

- × God has revealed a specific plan of salvation and the Lord's church is unique in teaching it.

WHAT IS SALVATION?

- × A brief description
 - +Matthew 14:25-33 – “Lord, save me”
 - +Acts 16:25-30 – “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
 - +Matthew 1:18-21 – “... he will save his people from their sins”

WHAT IS SALVATION?

- × A brief description (continued)
 - +I John 3:4 – “sin is the transgression of the law” (KJV)
 - +James 1:25 – “the perfect law”

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “REVEALED”?

- × Law must have come from somewhere
 - +Romans 13:1-2 – “be subject to the governing authorities”
 - +I Corinthians 2:6-11 – “these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit”
 - +Romans 1:16-17 – “the power of God for salvation”
 - +Ephesians 3:3-4 – “When you read this, you can perceive”

TEACHING IS A PART OF THE CHURCH'S DUTIES

- × John 13:12-14 – “You call me Teacher ... for so I am”
 - +The Master Teacher (cf. I Peter 5:1-4)
- × Matthew 28:19-20 – “teaching them”
- × II Timothy 2:2 – “teach others”
- × II Timothy 3:16 – “Scripture is ... for teaching ... for training”

GOD HAS A PLAN

- × Seen throughout the Bible
- +Genesis 2:20-24 – “they shall become one flesh” (cf. Matthew 19:5-6)
- +Exodus 25:40 – “after the pattern for them” (cf. Hebrews 8:5b)

GOD HAS A PLAN

- × God’s plan regarding the church
- +Ephesians 3:10-11 – “through the church ... the eternal purpose”

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- × God’s plan regarding mankind
- +II Timothy 1:8-10 – “saved us ... because of his own purpose”

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- × God will save us according to His plan
- +Hebrews 5:9 – “the source of eternal salvation”

GOD’S PLAN

- × Hear
- +Matthew 13:13-17 – “they do not hear, nor do they understand ... understand with their heart”
- +Acts 15:7 – “hear the word of the gospel”

GOD’S PLAN

- × Believe
- +Acts 16:30-31 – “Believe in the Lord Jesus”
- +Acts 8:37 – “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God”
- +Romans 10:9 – “believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead”
- +But ... be careful
 - ×II Thessalonians 2:11 – “believe what is false”

GOD'S PLAN**× Repent**

- +Acts 3:19 – “turn again”
- +Acts 26:20 – “turn to God”
- +II Corinthians 7:9-10 – “a repentance that leads to salvation”

GOD'S PLAN**× Confess**

- +Philippians 2:9-11 – “every tongue [should] confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”
- +I Timothy 6:12 – “the good confession”
- +Hebrews 13:15 – “lips that acknowledge his name”
- +Romans 10:8-10 – “confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord ... with the mouth one confesses and is saved”

GOD'S PLAN**× Baptism**

- +I Peter 3:18-21 – “Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you”
- +Romans 6:3-4 – “buried therefore with him by baptism”
- +Mark 16:15-16 – “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved”

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

	Hear	Believe	Repent	Confess	Baptism	Saved
Pentecost Acts 2:14-41	X		X		X	X
Samaritans Acts 8:5-13	X	X			X	X Acts 11:18
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	X	X		X	X	X
Saul Acts 9:17-19, 26	X				X	X
Cornelius Acts 10:34-36; 11:14	X	X			X	X
Lydia Acts 16:13-15, 17	X				X	X
Jailor Acts 16:32	X	X	X		X	X

CONCLUSION

- × The plan we have just examined:**
 - +Will lead all to salvation
 - +Is revealed in God's Word
 - +Is taught by God's church
- × The Lord's church, the church of Christ, is the ONLY church that teaches God's plan in its purity and simplicity**
- × Acts 4:12 – “there is salvation in no one else”**