

A photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore under a cloudy sky. The text is centered over the image.

GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION
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WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION?

ROMANS 1:16

16 I am not ashamed of the **Gospel of Christ**, for it **is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

HEAR - BELIEVE - REPENT - CONFESS - BE BAPTIZED

HOW SHOULD WE HEAR?

MARK 7:14

14 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, **Hear Me, everyone and understand:**

LUKE 11:28

28 But He said, More than that, **blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!**



HOW SHALL WE HEAR?

ROMANS 10:13-15

13 **Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

14 **How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

15 **And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!**

WHAT IF WE HEAR AND DO NOT BELIEVE?

JOHN 12:47-48

47 **If anyone hears My words and does not believe**, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- **the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**

WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

JOHN 3:16-18

16 God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

17 God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 He who believes in Him is not condemned. **He who does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

JOHN 5:24

24 Verily, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

JOHN 6:47

47 Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me has everlasting life.**

WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

MARK 16:15-16

- 15 Jesus said to them, Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature.
- 16 **He who believes** and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

ACTS 10:43

- 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, **whoever believes in Him** will receive remission of sins.

WHO SHOULD REPENT? WHY?

MARK 6:12

12 They went out and **preached that people should repent.**

LUKE 13:3 & 5

3 I tell you, no; but **unless you repent you will all likewise perish.**

ACTS 3:19

19 **Repent and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out....

ACTS 17:30

30 Truly, these times of ignorance **God** overlooked, but now **commands all men everywhere to repent**,

REVELATION 3:19

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. **Therefore be zealous and repent.**

WHAT SHOULD WE CONFESS? WHY?

MATTHEW 10:32-33

- 32 Therefore **whoever confesses Me before men**, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
- 33 But **whoever denies Me before men**, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. (LUKE 12:8-9)

ROMANS 10:9-10

- 9 **If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**.
- 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**.

WHO SHOULD CONFESS CHRIST? WHY?

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

- 10 **At the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
- 11 **Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord** to the glory of God the Father. (Romans 14:11-12)

1 JOHN 4:14-15

- 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.
- 15 **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God.**

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

MARK 16:15-16

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WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY FOR BAPTIZING?

MATTHEW 28:18-19

- 18 Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**



WHAT IS BAPTISM? A BURIAL?

ROMANS 6:3-5

- 3 Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus **were baptized into His death?**
- 4 Therefore **we were buried with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even **so we also should walk in newness of life.**
- 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

COLOSSIANS 2:12

- 12 **Buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

WHY MUST A MAN BE BORN AGAIN?

JOHN 3:3-7

- 3 Jesus said to Nicodemus, Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.**
- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, **How can a man be born when he is old?** Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?
- 5 Jesus answered, Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, **'You must be born again.'**

WHY SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?

ACTS 2:37-41

- 37 When they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 38 Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 39 For the promise is to you, to your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

WHO WAS BAPTIZED?

ACTS 2:37-41

- 40 With many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation.
- 41 Then **those who gladly received his word were baptized**; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

ACTS 8:12

- 12 When **they believed Philip as he preached** the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **both men and women were baptized**.

WHO WAS BAPTIZED?

ACTS 16:14-15

- 14 **A certain woman named Lydia heard us.** She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. **The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.**
- 15 When **she and her household were baptized,** she begged us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay. So she persuaded us.

ACTS 18:8

- 8 Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And **many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.**

HOW ARE WE BORN AGAIN?

1 PETER 1:22-23

- 22 Since **you have purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,
- 23 **Having been born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, **through the word of God** which lives and abides forever,

GALATIANS 3:26-27

- 26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 For **as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

HOW ARE WE SAVED BY WATER?

1 PETER 3:20-21

- 20 Who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, **eight souls, were saved through water.**
- 21 **There is also an antitype which now saves us -- baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, **BUT the answer of a good conscience toward God**), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

WHY CAN'T I BE BAPTIZED?

ACTS 8:35-38

- 35 Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, **preached Jesus to him.**
- 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, **See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?**
- 37 Then Philip said, **If you believe with all your heart, you may.** And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**
- 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and **he baptized him.**

CAN ANYONE FORBID THESE TO BE BAPTIZED?

ACTS 10:46-48

- 46 They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,
- 47 **Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized** who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?
- 48 **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then they asked him to stay a few days.



WHEN WERE THEY BAPTIZED?

PHILIPPIAN JAILER ACTS 16:33

33 He took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And **immediately he and all his family were baptized.**

SAUL OF TARSUS ACTS 22:16

16 **Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins,** calling on the name of the Lord.

