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Romans 10:15

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“When Were They Saved?”

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In Acts, chapter two, the apostle Peter convinced many of the Jews that they had crucified the Son of God. Convinced by this fact, they responded, "Men and brethren, what shall we do" (verse 37)?

Peter replied in verse 38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."

The question that we raise in regard to the event under discussion is -- "When were they saved?" Were they saved before Peter told them to repent? Surely no one would take this position. Jesus had said, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!! (Lk. 13: 3), You cannot be saved without repentance.

Someone says "They were saved between repentance and baptism. But this notion fails to recognize the significance of "and," the coordinating conjunction. The conjunction ties repentance and baptism to one another in the text, and gives them equal value and weight. Whatever repentance is for, so is baptism -- or vice versa. The two are coupled by "and." Therefore, both must be taken together.

Many overlook the sequence that the inspired apostle uses in the passage. Peter did not say, "Repent for the remission of sins, and then be baptized later (if you want to)." He said, "Repent, and be baptized...for the remission of sins." Remission of sins follows baptism in the text. Most people have remission of sins preceding baptism.



“But ‘for’ means ‘because of’ in Acts 2:38. Therefore, baptism is because sins have already been remitted,” we are told. Friends, the preposition “for” from the Greek “eis” never means “because of.” It means, “unto, in order to obtain.” This preposition never looks backward—always forward. Too, remember that baptism is joined with repentance. “Repent, and be baptized for . . .” Peter said. Whatever one is baptized for, he also repents for the same thing. You do not repent “because of” remission of sins, do you?

The truth of the matter is that those in Acts 2 were not saved until after baptism. Acts 2:38 allows no other conclusion. We read in verse 41, “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” Why many insist on leaving out baptism as a condition of salvation for the alien sinner is puzzling, to say the least.

Some People Who Cannot be Saved

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1. **Those who do not desire it.** However wonderful heaven is, if a person does not will to go there, then neither he nor his loved ones can have any hope of his going. God does not force one to love Him and to dwell in eternal happiness. Man was made a free moral agent to choose for himself his eternal destiny, and God respects his choice, whether it be wise or unwise.
2. **Those who refuse God’s will.** According to Paul’s writing in Rom. 10:13-15 people must hear the word and answer the call. The gospel is preached that men may know what to do, and those who refuse to respond cannot please Him.
3. **Those who hold to their sins.** Iniquity is a cloud that separates the guilty from God (Is. 59:1,2) which must be removed if God would be approached. The one who will not turn away from evil will not let God save him (Lk. 13:3).
4. **Those who trust in their own works.** To have confidence in self is fine, but no man can save himself (Jer. 10:23); additional help must be accepted. A man may decide on what please him, but God does not see as do men, and He is the one to specify the conditions by which the lost may return to safety. If he is not obedient, man cannot be saved (Matthew 7:21).



5. **Those who hold grudges.** The Lord said, “But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt. 6:15). The one who will not forgive another shows that he has no capacity for the quality, hence can receive none.

6. **Those who are careless.** Since men have no lease on life it is exceedingly unwise to put off serving God. The careless are wasting opportunities, exhibiting little faith, having the wrong influence; and being possessed of a spirit of lethargy, are not true to the Lord and cannot be saved.

“But, You Don’t Understand”

“You see, Lord, this job is the best I’ve ever had. I just can’t jeopardize it by taking time on Sunday to go to worship. Don’t you understand, Lord? This job requires that I work on Sunday.”

THE LORD: “I gave my life for thee, what hast thou given for me?” “...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end” (John 13:1).

“You see, Lord, my wife just doesn’t understand or appreciate me. She nags, and nags, and nags until I just can’t take any more. You understand, don’t you Lord? You wouldn’t expect any man to live with a woman like that, would you, Lord?”

THE LORD: “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38). “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord” (Isa. 55:8).

“You see, Lord, we are a very close family. My father and mother are dear to me. I wouldn’t do anything to hurt them. We have these family get-togethers so seldom—you understand, don’t you, Lord? Missing worship now and then to be with my father & mother isn’t so bad, is it Lord?”

THE LORD: “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matt. 10:37)

“And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead” (Matt. 8:21, 22).

If you think Jesus didn’t experience these conflicts in his life you just haven’t read your New Testament (Heb. 4:14, 15).

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Sermon Notes: Sept. 5, 2021 Speaker: _____

Topic: _____

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Continue prayers for those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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