BY WHAT ARE WE SAVED?

1st.1 Jn.1,7 But if we walk in the light,as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son,cleanseth us from all sin.--He.13,12Wherefore Jesus also,that He mig t sanctify the people with His own blood,suffered without the gate. Ro.5,8Justified by His blood.--Ac.20,28 He purchased the church with His own blood.--Heb.9,14 His blood cleanses our conscience.Also Heb.13,12. Heb.9,24-28 Christ entered Heaven itself,with His blood to make atonement for our sins.--Rev.1,5 Unto Him that loved us,and washed us from our sins in His own blood.--Heb.13,20 Now the God of peace,that brought again from the dead,our Lord Jesus,that great shepherd of the sheep,thru the blood of the everlasting covenant,make you perfect in every good work.

From the foregoing references we learn that the blood of Christ is the first item ,and an important item in our salvation--As we read in Heb.9,22 And almost all things are by the law(of Moses)purged with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.And we learn that Faith on our part,of these facts,is absolutely necessary,For we read in Heb,11,6 That without Faith,it is impossible to please Him,for he that cometh to God must believe that He is,andthat He is a rewarder of them that obey Him,then in Ro.10,17 So then faith cometh by hearing,and hearing by the word of God. But are we saved by faith alone as some teach?

James tells us in chapter 2,verse 14 What doth it profit my brethren tho a man say he hath faith and hath not works,can faith save him?verse 17 Even so faith,if it hath not works,is dead being alone.-Verse 20 Wilt thou know O vain man,that faith without works is dead?Then he illustrates by Abraham being justified by works,when he offered up his son Isaac as a sacrifice,and also,Rahab the harlot was justified by works,when she received the messengers and sent them out another way.Verse 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead,so faith without works is dead also.

We gather from these scriptures that there is work to do,even Faith is more work than many will do.Then there is repentance which Christ made in Lu.13,3Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.Also Ac.3,19 Peter accusing the Jews of Killing Christ,the prince of Life,Repent ye ~~the~~ thereforeand be converted that your sins may be blotted out.Also Ac.17,30 Paul speaking,And the times of this ignorance God winked at,but now commandeth all men every where to repent,A change of life,absolutely necessary .Judging by these references ,can a person be saved without repentance? How many will chance their ways of living?-A work too hard?

How about confession?Jesus Said He that confesseth me before men, him also will I confess before my Father,Christ is our mediator betwwen us and God,Will we be forgiven if He does not confess us before the Father?In Jn.12,42 We read ,that many among the chief priests and rulers believed on Him;but would not confess Him;because of the Pharisees,lest they be put out of the synagogue.Were they saved? Let us now turn to Ro. 10,9& 10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,and ~~she~~ shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,thou shalt be saved.For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.Into-Direction of salvation.In Ac.8,26-40 is related Philip preaching Christ to the Ethiopean, and they came to a certain water,and the Eunuch said See hereis water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?Verse 37 And Philip said,If thou believest with all thine heart,thou mayest.And he answered and said,I ~~believ~~ lieve that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.And he commanded the chariot to stand still,and they went down into the water,both Philip and the Eunuch;andhe baptized him.--He confessed that he believed that Jesus is the Christ.--Confession is made unto salvation,--Why was he baptized? He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,his faith came by hearing Jesus preached,He confessed that he believed it,andwas baptised,what For?the remission of Sins Mk.16,16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,as Jesus commissioned His disciples just before He ascended,Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,he that beli lieveth and is baptized shall be saved,but he that believeth not shall be damned.--Ac 2,38 Peter convinced the Jews that they had crucified the Son of God as the prophets had foretold.They said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles;Men and brethren,what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them,Repent and be baptized,every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins,and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.Verse 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:and there were added unto them about three thousand souls.Verse 47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Why be baptized? For the same reason that they were to believe and repent--to be saved,as we read from Peter who compared the saving of Noah and his family being saved by water,the like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us 1 Pe.3,20-21.-- To wash away sins as Paul was told by Annanias after he had been praying three days.Now,why tarriest thou?Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins.

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Tit.3,5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done,but according to His mercy He saved us.Paul wrote that He had lived in all good conscience before God unto this day,and when he was convinced that he was persecuting the church,he repented and prayed three days,and Annanias was sent to him,and told him that the Lord Jesus had sent him that he (Paul)might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost,and then added,Now why tarriest thou?Arise and be baptised and wash away thy sins,calling on the name of the Lord.Was he saved before his sins were washed away?In answer to his prayers? Ac.10 records the conversion of Cornelieus(the first Gentile) verse 2 A devout man,and one that feared God with all his house,which gave much alms to the people,and prayed to God always.The vision he saw told him to send for Peter Verse 6 He shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.Peter relating the same in chapter 11 verse 14 Who shall tell thee words whereby thee and thy house shall be s saved.~~Verse 10~~ What did peter tell him to do? After he reminded him of the things which he had heard of the gospel being preached in thecountry around there,the Holy Ghost fell on them,Proving to the Jews that God had accepted the Gentiles.Peter said,can any man forbid water that these not be baptized,seeing they have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Ac.10,47-48.

We learn from these examples that it takes more than faith alone to save a person. IT TAKES FAITH,REPENTANC,CONFESSION AND BAPTISM.

Why be baptized? Ac.22,16 It washes away sins.1 Pe.3,21 It saves us. Ac.10.48 It is a command.Eph.5,26 We are sanctified and cleansed by the washing of water by the word,and presented to Christ,a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.It also fulfills the requirement recorded in Christ's conversation with Nicodemas,Jn.3,3-8 Except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.The Spirit,through the apostles revealed the things necessary to do in order to be saved,The words that I speak unto you,they are Spirit and they are life,Jn.6,63..And when these things revealed by theSpirit are complied with,sins are forgiven,washed away,born again,Delivered from the power of darkness,and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, in whom we have redemotion,throug His blood,even theforgiveness of sin. We also have complied with Ro.6,17 and have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine,which was delivered you.Being then made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness.

OBEYED FROM THE HEART THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE.Ro.6 3-5 The death burial,and resurrection of Christ.Know ye not ,that so many of us as was ~~s~~ baptized into Jesus Christ,were baptized into His death?Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we should walk in newness of Life.--Baptized into Christ.Is there any other way to get into Christ? 2 Cor.5,7 Therefore if a man be in Christ he is a new creature,Old things have passed away,behold all things have ~~been~~ become new.Anew life for God,We also are at the same time For by one Spirit are we all baptized ~~int~~ into one body(the church)1Cor.12,13.

Ro.6,17 we learned that we obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine,(the death burial,and resurrection of Christ)and were made free from sin.We also learn from 1Pe.1,22 Seeing ye have purified your hearts in obeying the truth through the Spirit,~~through~~ unto unfeigned love of the brethren,see that ye love oneanother with a pure heart fervently, being born again,not of corruptible seed,but of incorruptible,by the word of God,which liveth and abideth forever.

Baptised into Christ Ro.6,3---Baptized into one body 2 Cor.5,17-- He that is Joined to the Lord is one Spirit 1 Cor 6,16.

The commands of our saviour has been carried out,saved,cleansed,sanctified,redeemed,born again,not by faith alone but by obeying the other things mentioned in the scriptures,which are revealed by the Spirit through the apostles as Paul informs us in Eph.3,3 How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery (as I wrote afore in few words) whereby when ye read,ye may understand my knowledge in the mysteries of Christ which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men,as is now revealed unto us by his holy apostles and prophets,through the Spirit.

Just before Christ ascended Mt.28,18 ANd Jesus came and spake unto them;saying,All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.Go ye therefore fore,and teach all nations,baptizing them in the name of the Father,and of the Son,and of the Holy Ghost:teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:and lo!I am with you always even to the end ~~of~~ of the world.--We are now in position to realize the need of "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"Phil.2,12.--2 Tim.2,15 Study to shew thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the word of truth.-1 Pe.2,2 As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word,that ye may grow thereby.--Grow in Grace and knowledge 2 Pe.3,18.

He.4,9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.Verse 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest,,,

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