

Teachings of Jesus - #5 How to Be Saved

Memory Verse

John 3:14-15, NKJV *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”.*

As the Israelites were being bitten by snakes in the desert, God instructed Moses to make a bronze one and place it on a pole so that whoever was bitten could look at it and be saved.

Recognize Your Need

Luke 5:30–32 (NKJV) *And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”*

Guilt is not always a bad thing.

John 16:8 *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*

***Psalm 14:3 (NKJV)** *They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.*
Jeremiah 17:9 *“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NKJV) *For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin. **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned,...*

Job 5:7 *Yet man is born to trouble, As the sparks fly upward.*

1 John 1:10 *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

Luke 18:13–14 *And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

John 9:39 (NKJV) *And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”*

Repent

Luke 13:1–5 (NKJV) *There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”*

Acts 2:38 (NKJV) *Then 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.*

Matthew 3:1, 2 *In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

***Matthew 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Repent = Hebrew, nacham, to sigh, breathe strongly, to be sorry, repent. Greek, *metanoio* Feeling regret, think differently, turning from sin to God. Repent = 1. Remorse regret or contrition for past conduct or sin. 2. To feel such regret so as to change one's mind regarding it: as in repenting of intemperate behavior. 3. To make a change for the better as a result of remorse or contrition for one's sins.

How Important Is It For Us To Repent?

2 Peter 3:9 *“...not willing that any should **perish** but that all should come to repentance.*

Romans 2:4 (NKJV) *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*

2 Corinthians 7:9,10 *Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*

Lamentations 3:40 *Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD;*

Restitution

***Ezekiel 33:15** *“if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.*

In the course of his preaching, W. P. Nicholson insisted on the need for restitution where something had to be put right with another person. After one revival held in East Belfast early in 1923, so many tools and pieces of purloined equipment from the shipyard, were returned and in such great quantities that an additional storage sheds had to be built to hold them.

Fruits Of Repentance

Matthew 3:7,8 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,*

Acts 26:20 *"but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.*

***2 Cor 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

Believe In Jesus

James 2:19 (NKJV) *You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!*

Mark 9:23 (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, "If You can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

Luke 8:12 (NKJV) *Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.*

Acts 8:37 (KJV) *And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV) *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

Romans 1:16 (NKJV) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...*

Romans 10:10 (NKJV) *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

The Wedding Garment

Matthew 22:11–12 (NKJV) *"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹² So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless."*

Isaiah 61:10 *I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

Luke 15:22 (NKJV) *"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.*

2 Kings 2:13 (NKJV) *He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.*

Zechariah 3:3–4 (NKJV) *Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."*

Revelation 7:13–14 (NKJV) ¹³ *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

Follow Jesus

Apostles

Mark 1:17, 18 *Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. He can make us fishers of men if we FOLLOW HIM!*

Matthew 9:9 *As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.*

John 1:37 *The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.*

Rich Young Ruler

Mark 10:21, 22 *Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

1 Timothy 6:9 *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

Bartimaeus

Mark 10:52 *Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight **and followed Jesus** on the road. Following Is a choice, He does not drag us.*

A young boy said to his friend, "My Sunday school teacher said I should follow Jesus--but I'm not even allowed to leave the yard."

Distant Following

Mark 14:54 *But Peter followed Him at a distance,...*

Matthew 26:75 *And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, ... And he went out, and wept bitterly.*

It is much easier to Follow Jesus when it's popular

Children get lost following their parents at a distance.

We Follow From Behind

Many want to serve Jesus... as consultants.

When you follow a big rig you get power from the back draft.

The best Christian leaders start as good followers.

Mahatma Gandhi was talking with a friend when a large group passed. He excused himself, "I am their leader and I must catch up with them."