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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHAT MUST I BE TO BE SAVED?"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

OUR MIDWEEK SERVICE WILL BE MOVED TO TUESDAY NIGHT THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

OUR MIDWEEK SERVICE WILL BE MOVED TO MONDAY NIGHT THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS.

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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WHAT MUST I BE TO BE SAVED?

I. We must be _____.

- A. A seeker is one who is _____ for something.
 - 1. You usually _____ things for which you are seeking.
 - 2. It is extremely rare for someone to _____ upon Christianity.
- B. If we _____ seek, we will find (Matthew 7:8).
- C. We have to be seeking things of a _____ nature (Colossians 3:1-2).
- D. We have to be seeking _____ (Hebrews 11:6).

II. We must be _____.

- A. We must be _____ to serve others (Matthew 23:11).
 - 1. A saved person puts _____ before him or herself.
 - 2. Ephesians 4:1-3.
- B. We aren't going to be saved looking to be _____.
- C. Our _____ set the example for being a servant and we must follow that example (Philippians 2:7).

III. We must be _____.

- A. Paul put it rather _____...(2 Timothy 3:12).
- B. What will help us through the suffering is to remember His _____ to us (Romans 8:17).
- C. We need to remember we have an _____ in suffering (1 Peter 2:21).
 - 1. Not only Jesus, but _____ suffered (2 Timothy 1:12).
 - 2. _____ suffered (Hebrews 11:24-25).
 - 3. The _____ suffered (James 5:10).
 - 4. Early _____ suffered (2 Thessalonians 1:5).

IV. We must be _____.

- A. Those who would be saved must be those who _____ (2 Peter 3:18).
- B. Only the word of God allows us to grow _____ (1 Peter 2:2).
- C. The Old Testament was written for our _____ (Romans 15:4).
 - 1. Learning takes _____.
 - 2. The scriptures make one _____ to salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).

V. We must be _____.

- A. We need to be those who search for _____.
- B. We aren't going to heaven _____.
- C. Jesus told some of His disciples that they would become _____ of men.
 - 1. Fishermen search out _____.
 - 2. That is _____ what we must be doing.
- D. _____ came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).
- E. That is our _____ as well.

ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

Joshua L. Pappas

We live in a so-called "information age," an age of science and learning. Great discoveries that have come to light over the past century have served to greatly increase the quality of life in many lands. Such is indeed wonderful, and we all should hope that, if the world stands, many more wonderful natural truths will be discovered. The renowned scientist Albert Einstein attributed the source of his many contributions to knowledge to the fact that he asked questions. A local research hospital uses the motto: "Asking; Answering." Most everyone should recognize that no great thing ever came without one seeking it. This is true in spiritual matters as well as natural.

At one time the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a new teaching. After Jesus' ascension to heaven to sit at God's right hand as king of the promised spiritual kingdom, He fulfilled His promise of guiding the apostles into all truth when He sent the Holy Spirit to them on the first Day of Pentecost following His death. They began on that day, as recorded in Acts 2, to proclaim the remission of sins through obedient faith in Jesus. The first converts to Christ learned the way of salvation by asking a simple question (Acts 2:37).

Years later, as Acts 17 records, when Paul traveled on his second missionary journey, he came to two cities. At Thessalonica he encountered Jews who did not wish to hear Paul reasoning from the scriptures. They reacted by inciting an angry mob, which led Paul and Silas to have to flee the city secretly. Arriving at the city of Berea, Paul found Jews of reasonable mind. Verse 11 states that they "searched the scriptures daily to see whether these things were so." The Bereans were not afraid to have their beliefs challenged. They did not fear the results of honest inquiry, and as such, many were saved.

Paul foretold of a terrible falling away from God that would come in days later than those in which he wrote (Acts 20:29-31, 2 Thess 2:3, 1 Tim 4:1-5). The prophecies were fulfilled in the nearly total apostasy that dominated the world throughout the Middle-Ages. During the period of history called the Renaissance, a seeking of God's true way began that led to the Restoration Movement of the Nineteenth Century that resulted in a restoration of true Christianity. This all came to be, because a great many were willing to have their beliefs challenged. They were willing to ask questions. They believed that answers could be found.

We can easily see the need for honest inquiry. Yet, many Christians seem to fear honest inquiry, and often hold suspect those who seek answers to tough questions. Even more numerous are those who are afraid to ask for fear of asking something "stupid." Do not ever be afraid to ask questions. Ask, and be willing to have your understanding

challenged as others ask. The truth will always shine forth the brighter as a result of honest inquiry (Matt 7:7-8).