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We must **Repent** of our sins -

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

We must **Be Baptized** into Him -

Mark 16:16 - He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

We must **Remain Faithful** in Christ -

Matthew 24:13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

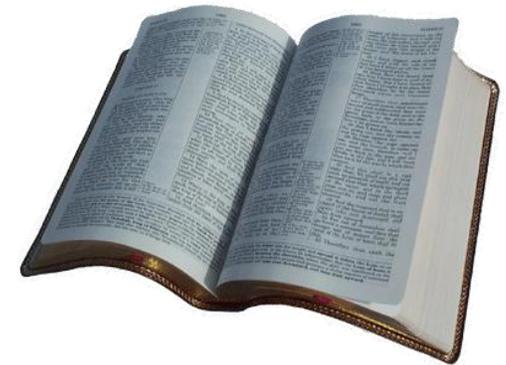
Every time in the New Testament that this question is asked, the same answer was given. It always starts by hearing and ends with being baptized.

Have you ever asked this question? If so, did you understand what you were asking? This is the most important question you will ever ask in your life, and there is an answer that comes from the Bible.

		Hear	Believe	Repent	Confess	Baptized
Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:37-41	✓	✓	✓		✓
Samaria	Acts 8:5-12	✓	✓			✓
The Eunuch	Acts 8:26-40	✓	✓		✓	✓
Saul of Tarsus	Acts 9:1-19	✓				✓
Cornelius	Acts 10:25-48	✓				✓
Lydia	Acts 16:14-15	✓	✓			✓
Philippian Jailer	Acts 16:14-15	✓	✓			✓
Corinthians	Acts 18:4-11	✓	✓			✓
SUMMARY		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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The Most Important Question in the Bible:



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

The most important question in the Bible was asked in Acts 16:30 by a Philippian jailer: "*What Must I Do To Be Saved?*" It is a question asked elsewhere in the New Testament. In Acts 2:37 thousands of people asked this very question. Have you ever asked this?

What is the answer to this question? Perhaps we need to understand what the question itself means. Let's work backwards on this statement and understand why it is so important

What Must I Do **To Be Saved**

"To Be Saved" is the goal of anyone who seeks God. It does not refer to this life, but the next. We have all sinned (Romans 3:23). There is only one penalty for sin: eternal death (Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:14). Eternal death comes on the judgment day, when sinners are cast into Hell. Jesus died so that we might have the chance to avoid this punishment. However, Jesus Himself said that most people would not be saved (Luke 13:23). So this begs the question: is there something I can do to ensure I can be saved and go to heaven?

What Must **I Do** To Be Saved'

"I Do" tells us that there is something that we must personally do to be saved. It rules out actions that are done by others, such as our family, a church, or another person. It means that we are accountable to God to do something. While salvation is free, it is not unconditional.

What **Must** I Do To Be Saved

"Must" speaks to the absolute requirement or need to be done. Some might characterize this as the minimum required to pass; others might say this is the specific command. If I "must" do something, then there is no passing on the obligation; it "must" be done to be saved. Only God can tell us the "must"; it is His salvation, and therefore, His rules.

What Must I Do To Be Saved

"What" implies the nature of the action or actions that must be accomplished by the person who, not being in the right relationship

with God, must do. It means that there is something that *I must do*, and that God has the right to dictate what that is. No man can tell us this; only God has the right to tell us what it is we must do to be saved. Does God tell us what we must do? Yes, through His son Jesus. Jesus tells us the "what" that we must do:

We must **Hear** Him - *Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

We must **Believe** in Him - *John 6:47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.*

We must **Confess** Him - *Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.*