

Who Can Be Saved?

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Jesus Christ commissioned His gospel to be preached to *“all the nations”* (Matt. 28:19) and to *“every creature”* (Mk. 16:15), so **potentially** every human being can be saved. However, to be more specific, note the following biblical statements:

1. *“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city”* (Rev. 22:14). Those who do the commandments of God have the right to enter into heaven. The disobedient do not have that privilege (2 Thess. 1:8).
2. *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven”* (Matt. 7:21). Not even all religious people will be saved. Not even those who claim faith in Jesus as their Savior will be saved. But those who **do the will of God!** Only by searching the Scriptures carefully (Acts 17:11) can we be sure that we are doing the will of God. There are many false teachers and deceivers who will turn away people from the truth (Matt. 7:22-23; Eph. 4:14; 1 Tim. 4:1-3).
3. *“And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God”* (Rom. 6:13). Each person should present himself to God as one who desires to be an instrument of righteousness to God.

How?

How can those be saved who are willing to do His commandments, who desire to do the will of God, and who will present themselves to God as instruments of righteousness?

The answer is fairly simple. **Hear the gospel** of Jesus Christ and its saving message, Romans 10:14. Upon hearing the truth of the gospel, **believe** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Acts 8:37. Upon that faith, **repent of your sins**, Acts 2:38. Sins separate us from God, Isaiah 59:1-2. Furthermore, confess your faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God by declaring with your mouth: *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God”* (Acts 8:37). Once you have reached this station in life, then you are ready to be **baptized for the remission of your sins** (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Having been baptized for the remission of sins, you simultaneously have been *“baptized into Christ”* (Gal. 3:27). You have been baptized into the *“one body”* (1 Cor. 12:13). You are now part of the Lord’s church because Jesus has added you to it (Acts 2:47).

What Blessings?

Having been baptized into Christ, or into His church, there are numerous blessings found there (Eph. 1:3). Redemption and forgiveness of your past sins by the blood of Christ (Eph. 1:7); salvation from past sins (2 Tim. 2:10), and deliverance from spiritual death (2 Cor. 1:10).

Most especially, rejoice because your names are written in heaven (Lk. 10:20; Rev. 21:27).

You Cannot Be Saved Alone!

It should be abundantly evident that you cannot accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, and remain alone at home and be saved. The Lord adds His saved to the church (Acts 2:47). The Lord joins His disciples together in one body (1 Cor. 12). By one Spirit all the saved have been baptized into one body (1 Cor. 12:13). You cannot read your New Testament carefully and come away with the idea that salvation is **solely** and **only** a personal matter. True Christians are all part of the *“family”* of God (Eph. 3:15).

There are too many today who want to believe in Jesus as their Savior, but who also want to **reject** the church built by Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:18) because they have been turned off by *“corporate worship.”* Dear reader, search the Scriptures carefully, learn the truth about the Lord’s church, and be a faithful member of a local congregation accepted by Jesus.