

How Many Ways to Salvation through Jesus?

Many people know we must be saved through Jesus, but they wonder whether Jesus might save different people in different ways. Consider things required of everyone for salvation.

Jesus' Death

John 3:16 – God so loved the **world** that He gave His only begotten Son

1 Timothy 2:6 – He gave Himself a ransom for **all**.

Hebrews 2:9 – By the grace of God He tasted death for **everyone**.

2 Corinthians 5:15 – He died for all.

To be saved through Jesus, all must be saved by means of His death

The Gospel

Rom. 1:16 – The gospel is the power of God to salvation for **everyone** who believes

Mark 16:15 – Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to **every** creature.

Galatians 1:8,9 – **Anyone** who preaches a different gospel is accursed. (Rev. 22:18f)

There is only one gospel. We must not change or tamper with it. It is the same for all.

Hearing or Learning the Gospel

John 6:44,45 – **No** one can come to Jesus unless the Father draws him. They shall **all** be taught by God. Therefore **everyone** who has heard and learned from the Father comes

Mark 16:15 – Go into all the **world** and preach the gospel to **every** creature.

Romans 10:17 – So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Since there is only one gospel and no one has the right to preach a different gospel, the gospel we must learn is the same for all.

(Matthew 11:28,29; Acts 3:22,23)

Faith

Romans 1:16 – The gospel is the power of God to salvation for **everyone** who believes

John 3:16 – **Whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life

Mark 16:15,16 – The gospel says **whoever** believes and is baptized will be saved

John 8:24 – Jesus said, “If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins”

Ephesians 4:4-6 – There is one body, one **faith**, one God and Father of all

So not only must we learn the gospel, we must all learn the **same** gospel. And not only must all believe, we must all have the **same** faith.

Repentance

Acts 17:30 – God commands **all men everywhere** to repent.

2 Peter 3:9 – The Lord does not want **any** to perish but **all** should come to repentance

Acts 2:38,39 – Repent, and let **every one of you** be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. For the promise is to **as many as the Lord will call**.

So repentance is another universal requirement of salvation. All must learn and believe the same gospel. Then all must repent and determine to turn from sin and serve the Lord.

(Luke 13:3,5; 24:47)

Obedience

Hebrews 5:9 – Jesus became the author of eternal salvation to **all** who obey Him.

Matthew 7:24-27 – **Whoever** hears Jesus' sayings and does them has a house that will not fall. **Everyone** who does not do them has a house that will fall. (Cf. vv 21-23.)

Romans 2:6-11 – The Lord will judge **each** according to his works. Eternal life is for **everyone** who does good. But wrath for **every soul of man** who does evil

Acts 10:34,35 – In **every** nation **whoever** fears Him and works righteousness is accepted
2 Thessalonians 1:8,9 – Jesus will come in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel

The one gospel that we must all learn says obedience is required for all. The one faith that we must all believe requires us to believe that obedience is necessary.

(2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 12:50; John 14:23; James 1:23-25; Romans 1:5)

Confession of Christ

Matthew 10:32,33 – **Whoever** confesses Jesus, him I will confess before My Father.

1 John 4:15 – **Whoever** confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him.

Romans 10:9,10 – With the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Confession is another universal requirement of salvation. But this is an outward act of obedience. If confession is required, then outward acts are required to be saved.

Baptism

Mark 16:15,16 – Preach to **every creature**, he who believes and is baptized will be saved

John 3:3,5 – Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom

Acts 2:38,39 – **Every one of you** be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. For the promise is to **as many as the Lord our God will call**.

Romans 6:3,4 – **As many** as were baptized into Christ were baptized into His death

Galatians 3:26,27 – **As many of you as** were baptized into Christ have put on Christ

The number of those baptized is the same as the number of those in Christ. So baptism is a universal requirement for salvation.

(Matthew 28:18,19)

The Church

Matthew 16:18 – Jesus planned and built His church.

Acts 2:47 – The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved

Acts 20:28 – Jesus purchased the church with His own blood.

Ephesians 5:23,25 – Christ is Savior of the the body. He gave Himself for the church.

Ephesians 4:3-6 – There is one body and one God and Father of all

1 Corinthians 12:20 – There are many members, yet one body.

All saved people are in Jesus' church. Church membership is another universal requirement of salvation and fellowship with Christ. The one body must teach and believe the one faith.

(Romans 12:4,5; 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 12:25; John 17:20-23; Galatians 5:19-21; Luke 11:17)

Faithful Living

Matthew 28:19,20 – **All nations** should be taught to observe all Jesus' commands

John 15:6 – If **anyone** does not abide in Jesus, he is cast out and burned

2 Corinthians 5:15 – Christ died for **all**, that they should live for Him

Hebrews 12:15 – Look carefully lest **anyone** fall short of the grace of God (10:38)

2 John 9 – **Whoever** does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God

Continuing to live faithfully after conversion is another universal requirement to ultimately receive eternal life through Jesus.

(Hebrews 12:15; 10:38; Matthew 16:24-27; James 5:19,20; 2 John 9-11)

Conclusion

Acts 10:34,35; Romans 2:6-11 – God shows no partiality. The conditions of salvation are the same for all.

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