

Jesus Preached Salvation Through Faith

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SCRIPTURE: John 3.14-21

TEXT: *John 8:22-24 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*

INTRO: We strongly and tenaciously hold that salvation is by grace through faith. There are those who teach that baptism is essential to salvation. But, they will not find such doctrine in the preaching of Jesus. Some teach that the observance of the Lord's Supper is essential to salvation but they will not find such doctrine in the preaching of Jesus. Some teach that one is saved by joining some particular church but, search as they will, they will never find such doctrine in the preaching of Jesus. Jesus preached again and a gain that one is saved through faith in his finished work.

I. POSITIVELY, JESUS PREACHED TAUGHT THAT ONE IS SAVED BY FAITH

A. Jesus began his ministry calling on men to repent and believe the gospel. **Mark 1:14-15** *Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

B. In his message to Nicodemus Jesus clearly set forth that salvation is through faith. **John 3:14-16** *And as Moses lifted*

up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

C. Jesus preached to Nicodemus that one who believes is not condemned. ***John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believe d in the name of the only begotten Son of God.***

D. Jesus preached that it is the Father's will that those who believe on him may have everlasting live. ***John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and bel ieveth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.***

E. Jesus taught the multitude who would make him king that the work of God is believing on Christ. ***John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.***

F. Jesus preached that the one who believes in him will not abide in darkness. ***John 12:44-47 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believet h not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.***

G. Jesus taught that the one who believes on him shall live spiritually. ***John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he***

were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

H. Jesus preached that the believer shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life. **John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

I. Jesus preached that the one believing on him shall never hunger or thirst spiritually. **John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

J. Jesus preached that the one who believes on him will have the Holy Spirit in them. **John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**

K. Jesus preached that believers would do greater works than he—*i. e.*, greater in number, not in quality. **John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

L. Jesus taught that men should only believe. **Mark 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.**

M. Jesus preached that those who believe will be saved. **Luke 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then**

cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

N. Jesus taught the necessity of faith. ***John 9:35-38***
Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

O. Jesus sometimes used other terminology in which the necessity of faith is set forth. ***John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.***

P. Jesus preached that his sheep believe on him. ***John 10:26-28 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.***

Q. Jesus preached that one must believe in the light (Jesus Christ) to be a child of light. ***John 12:36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Je sus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.***

R. Jesus mediatorial prayer was for those who believe on him. ***John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.***

S. Jesus taught that one is sanctified through faith in him. ***Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may***

receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

II. NEGATIVELY, JESUS TAUGHT THAT THE ONE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE ON HIM WILL NOT BE SAVED

A. He preached that the unbeliever is condemned because he has not believed. ***John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.***

B. Jesus preached that the one who does not believe on him will surely be damned. ***Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.***

C. Jesus preached that the one who does not believe in him will surely die in his sins. ***John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.***

D. Jesus preached that the one who does not believe does not have his word abiding in him. ***John 5:38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.***

III. OTHERS TAUGHT THIS SAME DOCTRINE THAT JESUS PREACHED

A. John taught that men who believe are sons of God. ***John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.***

B. Paul taught that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe. ***Romans 1:16 For I am not***

ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

C. John taught that the one who believes on Christ has the witness in himself and can know that he has eternal life. ***1 John 5:10-13 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.***

D. John the Baptist taught both the negative and positive sides of what Jesus preached. ***John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***

E. Philip taught that one who believes with all of his heart is a proper subject for baptism. ***Acts 8:36-37 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 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.***

F. Peter preached that God purifies the hearts of Jews and Gentiles by faith. ***Acts 15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.***

G. Paul taught that the true believer in Christ shall never be ashamed. ***Romans 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a***

stumblingstone and rock of offence: and wh osoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

H. Peter, as the prophets did, preached that those who believe on Christ shall have remission of sins. ***Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that throu gh his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.***

I. When the Philippian jailer cried out to know the way of salvation he was told to believe and he would be saved. ***Acts 16:30-31 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***

J. Paul preached that justification before God is through faith. ***Acts 13:38-39 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that thr ough this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:***

K. John taught that the believer has life through the name of Christ. ***John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.***

L. Paul taught that with the heart man believes unto righteousness. ***Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

M. Paul taught that we are the children of God through faith. ***Galatians 3:22-26 But the scripture hath concluded all***

under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

CONC: I have laid line upon line and precept upon precept showing that salvation is through faith. It is of faith that it might be by grace. ***Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.*** And salvation is by grace through faith and nothing that we can do is needed to complete that salvation. ***Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.***