

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Is heaven a “reward” which God gives to those who earn it because of their good life, or is it a gift given to those who put their faith in Christ, or is it a combination of both?

It seems logical to believe that God is going to reward Heaven to those who earn it by their good life. If God is just; if He punishes evil and rewards good, what other alternative could there be? What other method would He use for determining who will be saved and who will not? Heaven does not come as a “reward” for anything we have done; but rather as a “gift” of God’s grace. Paul wrote, “For by grace are you saved through faith. . .it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8-9).

Yes, salvation is a gift given to man by the grace of God, but the gift must be received. Going back to the question asked, “What must I do to be saved?”. Peter gave us the answer when he was asked that very question. His answer was, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, . . .(Acts 2:38). In Acts 2:41, we read that those “who gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” To receive the forgiveness of past sins, which separate us from God, we must do the same thing those 3,000 did on the day of Pentecost.

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