

Necessities of Salvation

Different denominations teach different things when it comes to obtaining salvation. Some say that we are saved by faith only, and others teach that we are saved by grace only. Some have even accused the churches of Christ of teaching that we are saved by works only. The question we must ask is this: What does the Bible say we are saved by?

1. Endurance (*Mt. 10:22*)
2. Baptism (*Mk. 16:16*)
3. Believe in Christ (*Acts 16:30-31*)
4. Gospel of Christ (*Rom. 1:16*)
5. Blood of Christ (*Rom. 5:9*)
6. Life of Christ (*Rom. 5:10*)
7. Confession (*Rom. 10:10*)
8. Message of the Cross (*I Cor. 1:18*)
9. Godly Sorrow (*II Cor. 7:10*)
10. Grace (*Eph. 2:8*)
11. Purpose of God (*II Tim. 1:9*)
12. Mercy (*Titus 3:5*)
13. Obedience (*Heb. 5:9*)
14. Works (*Js. 2:14-26*)
15. Faith (*I Pet. 1:5, 9*)
16. Will of God (*II Pet. 3:9*)
17. Longsuffering of God (*II Pet. 3:15*)

As you can see, there are many things that are necessary for salvation. We should also note that it is very possible that several other things could be added to this list; and many other Biblical references could also be given for each item in the list. No single thing in this list is more important than any other. If we were to remove just one item, we would not be able to obtain salvation according to the word of God. We are not saved by any one thing (i.e. “faith only,” “grace only,” “works only,” etc.).

All of the things in this list add up to one thing: Christ. We are saved only in Christ (*Acts 4:12*). It is only because He was willing to come to this earth and suffer and die on the cross that we can have the hope of eternal life. If we rely on any one thing to provide for our salvation, we are denying the word of God. If we rely solely on our own merits to obtain salvation, we are denying the power of God. It is only when our life follows the will of God that we will be saved (*Mt. 7:21*).