

THE
WHY SHOULD I
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“WHY SHOULD I GET SAVED ?”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Acts 2:41-47

A SERIES ON THE LIFE, MINISTRY AND INFLUENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

A Practical Sub-Title:”

**“Scriptural Reason’s Why
You Should Take a Closer Look at Your Local Church”**

Acts 2:41-47

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

WHY SHOULD I GET SAVED ?

1.) *Because Salvation is of The Lord*

Acts 2:41b & 47b

^{41b} *and that day about three thousand souls were added to them...*

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1a.) *The Human Race is Alienated from God*

The Christian-ese Translation; “Alienated means Lost”

The Bible Says;
That Mankind was Created in Righteousness
and was Sinlessness at Creation!

Genesis 1:26a,27-28a

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them...

“..Man in Our image”

Moral Likeness = Independent Abilities

Human's Have the God Given Ability to:
Select, Choose, Determine, Decide, Conclude...

Genesis 2:9

And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. = Choice

Genesis 2:15-17

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:6-15

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" ¹² Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 3:22-24

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-- ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."

The Human Race is Alienated from God

That's Why There's

Fighting and Warring and Murder and Danger and Hatred

Because Salvation is of The Lord

1b.) God is Holy and Sinless

“Holy” meaning
All together separate from Us - Completely Different! - Apart

“Sinless” meaning
Absolutely Perfect, Totally Pure,
(Unable to sin by nature = He can't sin)

Because Salvation is of The Lord

1c.) Mankind Sins by Nature

Romans 3:11-12

There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one."

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Question:

When is a Car Thief, a Car Thief?

Answer:

“Before He Steals the Car”

Because The Theft First Takes Place in His Heart and Mind.

- He Steals Because He's a Thief.

A Man Steals Because He's Thief

A Little Child, a Cookie
and a Moms Who's Out of Site

WHY SHOULD I GET SAVED?

2.) *Because God has Provided the Way*

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2a.) *By Reaching Out to Us*

Remember,
He Intervened in the Garden

Genesis 3:23a, 24

therefore the LORD God sent him out (go to your room) of the garden of Eden...²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. – (it could have been worse)

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life."¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

*(The First and Oldest Verse of Prophecy in the Bible –
That God would do the Saving = Salvation)*

He Reached Out to Us -
In Time and for Eternity

John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Psalm 106:4

*Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people;
Oh, visit me with Your salvation,*

Because God has Provided the Way... By Reaching Out to Us !

John 1:1-4, 10-12, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men... ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Because God has Provided the Way

2b.) By Writing it all Down for Us

**The Bible Says of Itself
That it is the Word of God to Mankind**

***It Also Excludes all Other Religious Writings, Books,
Booklets, and Magazines Sold at Your Doorstep – please!***

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

John 5:39

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

They will pierce his hands and his feet
(Psalm 22)

He will not refuse to die
(Isaiah 53)

He will be born in Bethlehem
(**Micah 5**)

They pull off his beard
(**Isaiah 50**)

He will come to Jerusalem on the back of young donkey
(**Zechariah 9**)

He would be offered as a payment for sins
(**Genesis 22**)

Because God has Provided the Way

2c.) By Coming and Dying in Our Place

Jesus Died a Violent Death.
He was Tortured.

Luke 23:33-34

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do..."

1 John 3:16a NIV

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

Titus 2:13-14a

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed...

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10a

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us...

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

WHY SHOULD I GET SAVED?

3.) *Because Eternity is Ultimate Reality*

3a.) *Heaven is Real*

Haven't you thought about it? – heaven?

It's real because it is –
And because Jesus said it was real.

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Revelation 21:3-6

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

3b.) *Hell is Hot*

God Sends No One to Hell

“He’s Not Willing that any...”

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Hebrews 10:29

how much worse the punishment, do you suppose, will those who refuse be thought worthy of - who have trampled the Son of God underfoot their feet, they have counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and doing this, they insulted the Holy Spirit of grace?

Matthew 25:41b

...'Depart from Me, you cursed ones, into the everlasting fire ***prepared for the devil and his angels:***

Every Man or Woman

Who goes to hell does so by not "APPLYING JESUS CHRIST RIGHTLY!"

3c.) And the Decision is Yours to Make

Warning:

- You're Going to Feel Something Soon!

Either Anxiety of Pressure

Or Anticipation of Joy

Joshua 24:15

...**choose** for yourselves this day whom you will serve...
as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

Revelation 21:6b

I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Warning Here Comes The "Feeling" Part

Romans 10:13

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Romans 10:8-12

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

John 6:37

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

The Invitation!