

Scriptures That Speak About Salvation

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Scriptures Which Speak of What One Must Do in Order to be Saved, Have Eternal Life

- 1. One needs to receive Jesus, i.e. believe in His name.** 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 those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:10-13)
- 2. One must be born again / born from above.** 3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again ¹ he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:1-3)
- 3. One must not only be born the first time (born of water = born of the flesh), but also be born of the Spirit.** 4 Nicodemus *said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water ² and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (John 3:4-6)

¹ John 3:3 - again. The Greek word *ánōthen* ([509](#)) means “from above” or “again.” Jesus probably used it in both senses. We must be “born again” and we must be “born from above.”

² John 3:5 - born of water: Some denominations insist this phrase refers to water baptism. But that is extremely unlikely in the context. (1) No Greek noun or verb for baptism or baptize appears in this passage. (2) The context of *ánōthen* ([509](#)), “again,” has to incorporate the idea of a second birth. That means the first birth, one’s natural, physical birth is in view. (3) The phrase in John 3:6 “that which is born of the flesh,” in context, must refer to natural birth because “that which is born of the Spirit” refers to spiritual birth. (4) Even today we talk about a pregnant woman’s “water” breaking as the sign of an impending birth. “Born of water” logically refers to natural birth, not water baptism. Those who insist “water” refers to water baptism have to import the idea from other contexts. We call that [eisegesis](#) – reading something into the text that is not there.

4. **If one believes in Jesus, the Son of man, and the only-begotten Son of God, he will not perish, but has eternal life.** 14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man ³ be lifted up; 15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:14-18)
5. **He who believes in the Son has eternal life.** 36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:36)
6. **He who hears Jesus’ word and believes Him who sent Him has eternal life.** 24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. (John 5:24)
7. **The [Apostle John](#) wrote about the miraculous signs Jesus performed so that his readers would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, they might have life.** 30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31)
8. **Believe.** 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him ⁴ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.
9. **Believe in the Lord Jesus.** 29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They said,

³ John 3:14 - Son of Man: This is a [Messianic](#) term Jesus used of Himself. At the time, it was not popularly understood as a Messianic term, but that was a deliberate strategy of Jesus. It has two meanings: (1) Jesus is the ultimate Man, the fulfillment of all it means to be Man as God created him. (2) Jesus was definitely borrowing the term from Daniel 7:13-14, which unquestionably conveys a [Messianic](#) flavor. See the comments of [Thomas Constable](#).

⁴ Acts 13:38 - Him: In the previous context, this refers to Jesus Christ.

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”
(Acts 16:29-31)

10. **Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead.** 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)
11. **One is saved by grace through faith in Jesus, apart from any works he has done. Works are the result of salvation, not the cause of salvation.** 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10)
12. **One must believe that Jesus is the Christ to be born of God.** 1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. (1 John 5:1)
13. **One must believe in the Son of God; one must “have” or “possess” the Son of God.** 10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. 11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
14. **Those who believe in the name of the Son of God possess eternal life.** 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)
15. **Jesus stated that He stands at the door knocking. If any person hears and opens the door, He will enter and have close fellowship with him.** 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. (Rev. 3:20)

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