

EXAMINE YOURSELVES, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH

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I am really concerned today for our nation and our people. In the last 100 years we have put much emphasis on foreign missions at the heart breaking expense of home missions. We have forgotten our own people. We are paying a terrible price for it. We are seeing very few people saved. We must reach our own people if we are to have a basis for continuing foreign missions. Without the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, America is on the way out. Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people (*Proverbs 14:34*). I used to roar: “why can’t our leaders see that it is not radical Islam that is the problem, but Islam itself. While that is true, it does not address the real problem. The only protection we have as a nation against Islam is the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the Lord Jesus Christ that made us free as individuals and as a nation. We are being brought back into the bondage of Islam and paganism because we have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. God help us.

Turn in your Bibles to *2 Corinthians 13:5*:

⁵Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? *2 Corinthians 13:5*

As you take a look back on the past year and your life that came before it, I would like to ask you this question: “If you were to die today, do you know for a fact that you would not go to hell?” Hell is an eternally burning place at the end of a Lord Jesus Christ rejecting life. The two longest passages dealing with hell in the New Testament involve the Lord Jesus Christ. In the one he is warning of the coming judgment of hell and the lake of fire. In the other he is the presiding judge sentencing the lost to hell and the lake of fire. So I ask you tonight have you examined yourself to see if you are in the faith. Do you have who it takes to get into heaven. The door into heaven is not a sinner’s prayer, a baptismal pool, your church membership, or through your works. The only door to heaven is the Lord Jesus Christ. In *John 10:7-18*, the Lord Jesus Christ declared that he was the door. The Lord Jesus Christ also said in *John 14:6*, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

I would also like for you to examine yourself today to see if your conduct has hindered your friends and family from coming to salvation. Would you pray the prayer of *Psalms 139:23-24*:

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalms 139:23-24*

I have dealt with a particular man about his salvation many times in the past. He was raised a Roman Catholic. We used to work together. He was supposed to have experienced conversion in 1993. Following his so-called conversion, he joined a Southern Baptist church that was the weakest of the weak. Of course this fundamental Baptist Church made sure he was planted in the killing fields of the NIV which I eventually persuaded him to throw in the trash. Let me remind you that if you have any English version of the Bible other than the King James Bible, then you have a corrupt version

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of the Bible. Now, since his so-called conversion, he has experienced two divorces plus a shack up job that he swore that he was not sleeping with. If I believed that, I would believe that the Devil is not going to be cast into the Lake of Fire. At the very least, there was the greatest appearance of evil even if there was absolutely nothing going on. *1 Thessalonians 5:22* says that we are to abstain from all appearance of evil. He also has a dirty mouth.

Ask the average unsaved person that is not affiliated with a church if they think professing “Christians” should live together out of Biblical wedlock and you will quickly be told NO. Yet many in the so-called Christian church who claim to be Christians experience no Holy Ghost conviction when they daily live in fornication and/or adultery. I have a problem with that because the Bible says that fornicators and adulterers are without the gate. Put in plainer words, the Bible says that fornicators and adulterers are unsaved, unsaved, unsaved. If you can live in open sin without the chastisement of the Lord, then the Bible says you are a bastard and not a child. The Bible says in *Hebrews 12:6-8*:

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. ⁷ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? ⁸ But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. *Hebrews 12:6-8*

The other problem I have with someone who says that they are a Christian and continues to live in fornication week after week and month after month is this: If they can continue to live in their sin and get by with it without God killing them, then either the Word of God is a lie or they are not saved. Which do you think I would pick? According to *1 Corinthians 5:5* and *1 John 5:16* there is a sin unto death. If you continue in open sin proclaiming yourself to be saved, why hasn't God killed you yet? It could quite possibly be that you are not saved. Most people today would expect you to believe they are saved regardless of their life screaming: “Hey I am going to hell”. What does your conduct say about your profession? It would be the greatest of tragedies for you to have sit on the pews of fundamental Bible believing churches and then to be told by the Lord Jesus Christ to get out of His sight because he never knew you. Many years ago a survey was done that asked what people's favorite Bible verse was. The overwhelming favorite then was *John 3:16*. In recent years that survey was repeated and the overwhelming favorite was *Matthew 7:1* which says: Judge not, that ye be not judged. What a sad commentary on the state of today's American Christianity. It is clear from the context of Matthew chapter 7 that there is no wholesale command not to judge. Verses 2-5 clearly indicate that hypocritical judgment is in view. Let's look at *Matthew 7:1-5*:

¹ Judge not, that ye be not judged. ² For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. ³ And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ⁴ Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye? ⁵ Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. *Matthew 7:1-5*

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When *Matthew 7:1* is read and interpreted in context, it is not condemning all judging. It is condemning hypocritical judgement. Get the beam out of your eyes before you try to get the splinter out of your brother's eyes! *John 7:24* says: "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment".

Christians are to judge righteous judgment. The sad thing is that most of the time *Matthew 7:1* is quoted it is coming straight through Satan's mind into your mouth. What is the greater tragedy is that Matthew chapter 7 is the chapter in the New Testament that has the strongest condemnation of false professors. Matthew chapter 7 is a condemnation of the religionists that go about to establish their own righteousness by working in and through the church. They do religious works in the power of their flesh and expect heaven in return, or at least not to be cast into hell. The Lord Jesus Christ himself will say I never knew you. Let's read a little more of it in context:

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. ²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. *Matthew 7:13-23*

How then are we to discern false professors and false prophets if we are not to judge. The rule is context, context, context. Never pull a verse out of context especially to justify your sin. It may work with men, but the Lord Jesus Christ will see right through it. A verse pulled out of context is a pretext to teach or preach false doctrine.

Another thing that amazes me is the Christian parents who will tolerate the most ungodly conduct out of their own children and even defend them in their sin. I am not talking about those Christian parents who were saved after their children were grown even though there is much application for them in what I am saying. What I am talking about is Christian parents who raised their children in a Christian home and yet once those children become adults, the parents will allow those children to participate in what is condemned as sin by the Word of God. Mothers are usually the greater offender in this area even though fathers are guilty of it many times. A man has abdicated, or given up, his God given responsibility to put sin out of his home if he yields to a wife's insistence that an adult or minor child's sin be tolerated in his home. To shirk this responsibility is sin. Sin should never be tolerated by a Christian man in his own home. It is a bad testimony and the yielding of the

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sanctity of the home to Satan. When you yield to Satan in your home, then he becomes the master of your home. If you say that you are a Christian and tolerate sin in your home, then you are guilty of hypocrisy. Known sin in the home will quench the work of the Holy Ghost in lost family members and will create division in the home. Known sin will limit what the Holy Ghost could do with you both inside and outside your home. Known sin will grieve the Holy Ghost which will lead to discontent, strife, and sometimes even hatred. IN SHORT, TO TOLERATE SIN IS SIN ITSELF. If you tolerate sin in your home then you become a partaker of that sin. Paul told Timothy in *1 Timothy 5:22*: "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure". Folks, the Holy Ghost abides in purity. Soul winning is an issue of purity. The apostle John also said that if you receive sin into your house, then you become a partaker in that sin. *2 John 6-11* says:

⁶ And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. ⁹ Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: ¹¹ For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. *2 John 6-11*

Notice the use of the phrases "commandments", "transgresseth", "doctrine of Christ", and evil deeds. What the Holy Ghost is saying through John is that if you invite into your house those that walk not after the commandments or that transgress and abide not in the doctrine of Christ that you become a partaker in their evil deeds. Allowing those transgressors into your home is like inviting Satan, or an antichrist into your home. To allow such like into your home is to bed down with the Devil. Note also that those who abide in sinful behaviour "hath not God". In plainer words, they are NOT SAVED. *Ephesians 5:7* says: "Be Not ye therefore partakers with them". We are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them (*Ephesians 5:11*). These verses are very powerful especially if you consider that they occur in the longest passage in the New Testament dealing with relationships and holiness in the church, in our lives individually, and in our family life. Read it for yourself in *Ephesians 4 and 5* where we find 65 verses. Paul is saying the very same thing John is in *2 John* except he has added quite a few more details. You cannot make exceptions for your family members. We have two sons who will not bring their shack ups with them into our homes because they know we will not put up with it. They also know that we believe that their behaviour is ungodly.

You should not allow your children to rest in the delusion that they are saved if they continue in open sin such as drug and alcohol use, fornication, adultery, sodomy, pedophilia, and pornography because if the rapture takes place and your children have been under conviction of the Holy Ghost they are without hope in the tribulation. To accept such behaviour is to accept the very real possibility that your children are on their way to hell if you do not make a conviction bringing stand based on the

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holiness of God. Here is the warning from the word of God:

⁶ Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 *Thessalonians 1:6-8*

⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. ⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 *Thessalonians 2:7-12*

As a parent, or a soul winner, you cannot trust somebody else's profession of salvation. Only them and the Holy Ghost know for sure that they are saved. The only thing that you can possibly believe is the fruit of repentance in their lives and even that can be deceptive. It is especially true today that the proof of salvation is in the walk and not in the talk. If you are a parent that has a child in open sin, it is best to assume that they are lost and prepare a course of action based upon that assumption. Do not worry about offending them. If they are lost, is it better to offend them than to let them die in their sin and go to hell. If they are saved and they get offended, they will get over it. Most Christian parents in America who think their children, including adult children, are saved are in bad need of a reality check. Never, never get upset when a person questions whether or not one of your professing children is saved. Never, never argue with a person, especially a child, whether they are saved or use the expression "you know you are saved" when they are doubting their salvation. When you do either of those you are hindering either the correcting work or the convicting saving work of the Holy Ghost of God. Only them and the Holy Ghost of God know for sure that they are saved. If you enter yourself into the mix, you are guilty of usurping the ministry of God the Holy Ghost. It is God the Holy Ghost that does the drawing and convicting. It is God the Holy Ghost that does the conversion. It is God the Holy Ghost that does the regeneration, or resurrection. It is God the Holy Ghost that gives the assurance of salvation. You put yourself in the place of the Holy Ghost of God when you argue with someone "that they know they are saved" regardless of whether their life screams that they are on their way to hell fire and damnation. If there is no fruit, then they are not rooted in the tree of life. If you are in open sin, you cannot convince me that you are saved. If you are having constant doubts about whether you are saved do not tell me that the devil is making you doubt your salvation. The Devil would never do that if he knew you were lost. Let me return to my earlier illustration about my friend.

I was on my way to a funeral one Friday night in Newport, Tennessee when I received a phone call

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from a friend. He told me that he urgently needed to talk with me. We talked about things in general for a little while after I arrived at his house. Then we started talking about the Bible which is where we always end up at in our conversations. As our conversation progressed, we got into a conversation about devils. From there we ended up in the scriptures where I started a discussion about salvation when he all of a sudden blurted out that he did not think he was saved. I had my doubts about his salvation for a long time because of his life style and some long standing doctrinal issues rooted in his Roman Catholic upbringing and his obsession with the Pentecostalism of his ex wife. He is obsessed with tongues, fear of losing salvation, Holy Ghost baptism, devils/demons, and prayer clothes. Knowing his back ground, I asked him if he had ever been saved or did he believe that he had lost his salvation. I could not get a straight answer out of him other than referring to some sin in his life. I knew the devil had walked into the room when his Pentecostal friend walked in and kept telling him “you know you are saved”. I strongly sensed the presence of evil from that moment on. What a hindrance from the devil. Since that time he has gone from bad to worse in his temperament. He has gone to frequent use of curse words in his conversation. When I tell him that his drunken brother is not saved, he tells me that his brother says he knows God. And I say, yeh that’s scriptural. So do the devils know God and tremble (*James 2:19*), but they will not be going to heaven. He said that he had never heard that before. After the devil inserted his friend into the conversation, we were never able to get back to salvation again that night. Of course, the root cause of his lack of assurance of salvation was a lack of repentance. He really liked the one, two, three repeat after me prayers. “One, two, three repeat after me, and in hell spend an eternity”. That is the Devil’s poetry in motion. My friend, Mike, was a victim of “Easy Believism”, or what some folks call “Easy Prayerism”. He had been manipulated by a marketeering salesman into praying an unbelieving sinner’s prayer where there was no evidence of the convicting work of the Holy Ghost, and then pronounced saved by a crooked salesman. He was a faithless, baptized, and unrepentant false professor. Apostate churches and apostate and heretical so-called “soul winners” get so many false professions today for at least eight reasons. Those reasons are:

1. Sending forth unsaved and unholy seed bearers.
2. Sending forth unholy saved seed bearers who lack the spiritual discernment of how to deal with lost folks because they have grieved the Holy Ghost.
3. Using corruptible seed (in other words any book but the King James Bible)
4. Lack of knowledge of the scriptures dealing with salvation.
5. No conviction of the Holy Ghost.
6. No presentation of faith and repentance.
7. Refusing to forsake canned salvation plans when it is obvious that the Holy Ghost is leading in a different direction. The Romans Road and other “canned” presentations of the gospel do not work in many cases. The spiritually discerning soul winner must be ready and willing to take a different path when led of the Holy Ghost. Most of the breathless presentations of the gospel today do not give the Holy Ghost time to work.
8. No push for a public confession of faith. Saved folks are not ashamed of the Gospel.

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The word repent in its different forms is used in the New Testament 64 times in 54 verses. The message we get from these facts should be that God is very serious about this doctrine of repentance. In fact God is so serious about repentance that He says “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”. The three absolute essentials in salvation are faith, repentance, and public confession.

A survey of professions of faith in the Southern Baptist Convention was completed in 1993. During that particular year, there were 150,000 so-called professions that were accompanied by baptism. In a follow up survey, the following statistics were revealed concerning the original 150,000 baptisms. Of the 150,00 baptisms, 40.5%, or 60,750 baptisms, were for what the candidates said was conversion. Of the 150,000 baptisms, 3,000 were under 5 years of age. The remaining 86,250 were baptized because they REDEDICATED their lives! What! Whatever happened to believer's baptism? You do not baptize folks for rededication. Baptism is a one time act that follows faith and repentance. This particular survey covered 854 churches. What is wrong with this picture?! We have a whole denomination of so-called Baptists where the majority of baptisms are for rededications. That is a slap in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ and the church of the Living God! It shows the depth of apostasy and heresy in America's Baptist churches. I believe that the tragedy of the real situation is much worse than the above figures revealed even in 1993. I doubt very seriously that even 10% of the above 150,000 were saved. Here we are 33 years later and do you really think the situation is any better? I will assure you that it is much worse now than then. I am convinced that most people that tell me they are saved when we are out knocking doors are lost and on their way to an eternally burning hell. I will no longer ask anyone if they were to die today if they know for sure that they are going to heaven, but I will ask them if they are sure they are not going to hell. The Lord Jesus Christ never referred to heaven when dealing with a lost sinner about their salvation. He always dealt with their sin and the reality of hell. Hell is an eternally burning place for lost sinners at the end of a Christ rejecting life. You will burn in hell for eternity if you do not put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of your sins, and make a public confession of faith. If you have not repented of your sin, there will be no fruit. If there is no fruit, there is no root of salvation and the tree of your false profession will die. The tree of life does not consistently bring forth corrupt fruit. So what was missing from the above Southern Baptist scenario and many like Independent Baptist Scenarios? The obvious conclusion is that most of these people were not, and are not, saved. They had never come to repentance in their hearts. They had a head knowledge of the existence of the Lord Jesus Christ, but it went no further than that. I can have a complete knowledge of the Biblical facts concerning salvation, but as long as I do not receive those facts and the Lord Jesus Christ into my heart through faith and repentance I am still a lost sinner on my way to hell. Are you saved and still on your way to hell as most of the above Southern Baptist “Converts” are. The problem is that they have received another gospel unto condemnation in eternally burning torment in the lake of fire. The above false “converts” should have been told that the Bible says the following about repentance:

³I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye

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shall all likewise perish. *Luke 13:3-5*

¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; *Acts 3:19*

¹⁸ When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. *Acts 11:18*

²¹ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts 20:21*

⁹ Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. *2 Corinthians 7:9-10*

The message to five of the seven churches in the book of Revelation was to repent. Those that are condemned in the book of Revelation were condemned because they did not repent (four different times). Repentance is the only way to restoration and regeneration. For the lost sinner, repentance is the only way to establish an eternal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. For the saved sinner, repentance is the only way to maintain fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

For a person to get saved they must first realize that they are lost and on their way to hell. The person must also be under the conviction of the Holy Ghost. You cannot get saved any time that you want. God must draw you through the conviction of the Holy Ghost. A person must also put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of their sin, and make a public confession of their faith. Repentance does not mean that you must quit every sin before you can get saved. That would be a works based or Lordship Salvation. What follows below are some Bible facts about salvation:

⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. *John 6:44*

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: ¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. ¹² They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. *Romans 3:10-12*

²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; *Romans 3:23*

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷

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For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. ¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. ¹¹ And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. *Romans 5:6-11*

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. *John 3:3-5*

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. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 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. *John 3:16-18*

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. *John 3:36*

⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹ 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. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. *Romans 10:8-17*

⁸ 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. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship,

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created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. *Ephesians 2:8-10*

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; ² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. ³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: *1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

What you have just heard is the facts of the gospel. The facts of the gospel can be intellectually believed in the head, but they will do you absolutely no good if you will not by faith receive them and the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart. *John 1:11-12* says:

¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 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: *John 1:11-12*

Will you exercise faith, repent of your sin, and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour today? Or, why will you die in your sin and go to hell. It is either repent and receive the atonement of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ or burn in hell for eternity!

ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

Are you washed in the blood,
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

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Refrain

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Refrain

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

EXAMINE YOURSELVES, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH

Refrain

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Now by this I'll overcome—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Now by this I'll reach my home—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Glory! Glory! This I sing—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain