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When we talk in terms of being saved, we would not want to be as those who are satisfied with the reading of one verse and resting the remainder of our life on this particular passage. I know of people who read John 3:16 as if they thought that was the only scripture in the entire Bible, and was the Gospel in its completion; however, I will admit that the scripture carries one of the greatest love stories ever told. But to read this one scripture, and then say there is nothing more for me to do, but just believe, would be a spiritual suicide. The things we want to establish in this short lesson is that there is more than one scripture which has to do with you and I being saved. It would not be reasonable to condemn a prisoner with one witness; neither would we want to condemn nor justify ourselves with the passage of love, as is recorded. Would you consider, for awhile, the scriptures which follow, which are also the writing of the hand of God; and weigh them for yourselves, whether or not they are the truth? We are reminded in John 8:32, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* I would like to be fair, and would like for you to take your Bible, and let us read together as follows:

God saves us. 1 Tim. 4:10, *“For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.”* Here we will note that our Maker is also our Saviour, in that He has made it possible for us to be saved.

Christ saves us. Matt. 1:21, *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*

We are saved by His life. Rom. 5:10, *“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.”*

We are saved by His blood. Rom. 5:9, *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”*

We are saved by the Gospel. 1 Cor. 15:1-2, *“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”*

We are saved by grace. Eph. 2:8, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”*

We are saved by faith. Rom. 5:1, *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”*

We are saved by hope. Rom. 8:24, *“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?”*

We are saved by works. James 2:24, “*Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*”

We are saved by words. Here you will note from the reading that Cornelius had heard words from, and through, a vision. Acts 11:13-14, “*And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.*”

We are saved by calling on the name of the Lord. Rom. 10:13, “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”

We are saved by baptism. 1 Pet. 3:21, “*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*”

To whom, and as have read this short lesson from God’s word, we are also reminded in Acts 2:40, “*... Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*” Would you consider these and the many more scriptures to determine within your heart? We find certain people in Acts 17:11, “*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*” Would you search, too?

With Christian love,

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