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A QUICK REVIEW

SALVATION REQUIRES HEARING

But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Rom 10:14)

HEARING MUST LEAD TO BELIEVING

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

BELIEVING MUST CAUSE REPENTANCE

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, (Acts 3:18-19)

REPENTANCE LEADS TO CONFESSION

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Ro 10:9)

CONFESSED LOYALTY OBEYS IN BAPTISM

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (1 Peter 3:21)

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Common Struggles With This Question:

If I'm not, then it is like I've been living a lie this whole time.

If I'm not, then what about all my loved ones that are like me?

If I'm not, then that means I am not a good person.

If I'm not, then I must have been completely wrong all these years.

If I'm not, then that says I haven't been following God at all.

How can that be true since I'm pretty sure I am a good person?

How can that be true since I believe in God and have been trying to follow Him?

How can that be true since I have experienced times where I'm sure God has guided my life and answered my prayers?

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Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8

“Of great authority”

“had come to Jerusalem to worship”

“reading the prophet Isaiah”

“How can I, except some man should guide me?”

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Cornelius— Acts 10

“a devout man”

“feared God with all his house”

“gave much alms to the people”

“prayed to God always”

“Your prayers and alms have gone up for a memorial before God”

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Apollos— Acts 18

“instructed in the way of the Lord”

“fervent in spirit”

“spoke and taught diligently the things of the Lord”

“expounded to him the way of God more perfectly”

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The Rich Man – Luke 16 The Athenians – Acts 17 The Bereans – Acts 17

Luke 16:27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house-- ²⁸ for I have five brothers - **so that he may warn them**, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

Act 17:11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily **to see if these things were so.**

Acts 17:30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, **but now** He commands all people everywhere to repent...

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Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **(Matt 28:19)**