

Are you ready to wash away your sins and fully commit to serving God?

“Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.”

This is what was said to Paul after he prayed and fasted for three days. Acts 22:16 He was looking toward Jesus, but he still had all his old sins!

There is amazing power in that one act of obedience! **Baptism** is the only way to contact **the blood of Jesus** that was spilled for us in his crucifixion. Romans 6:1-4 describes the beautiful parallels with baptism and the death, **burial**, and resurrection of Jesus. The old sins are now gone forever and we start **a new life!**
Hallelujah!

Our journey is not over with baptism. It is just beginning!

God has given us **3** important helps to keep us faithful until we see Him some day!

1. His Spirit

For power to defeat sin and help in prayer (Acts 2:38, Romans 8:26-28, Romans 1:4-5)

2. Forgiveness

through prayer After baptism, when you stumble and sin, ask God for forgiveness and help to be obedient (James 5:13-16)

3. The Church

God adds you to his church family when you are baptized. The church is a body that cares for each other and helps us on our journey of faith (Acts 2:46-47, 1 Cor. 12:13, Galatians 6:9-10)

Come see us at:

Southside Church of Christ
2101 Hemphill, Fort Worth 76110
817-923-8276; Worship at 9:30AM



God wants you to be saved! The Bible says God, “wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” - 1 Timothy 2:4

Like the jailer in Philippi asked the apostle Paul, are you asking,

“What must I do to be saved?”

First, you should know that God loves that you are searching in his **Word!** You are like the people from Berea that God called noble because they “received the word with great eagerness, examining the scriptures daily.” John 17:17 says, “Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”

To be saved, you must have Faith.

“By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 You see, God’s **amazing generosity** or grace allows us to receive salvation even when we don’t deserve it! But it is crucial that we have a faith that inspires action.

Be careful here! Many would have you think that believing in the **One True God** provides your ticket into the pearly gates. Not so! James 2:19 says, “You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! **Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.**”

Let’s keep looking. We know we must have faith, and that is good, but there is more.

Repentance

Are you saying to yourself, “I have done so many things wrong in my life, the Lord may not forgive me”? We are all in the same predicament. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” according to the book of Romans.

So, what do we do? 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 says, “I rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of **repentance**; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God... Sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, **leading to salvation.**”

The Bible says repent. Not a word we hear everyday, it means making a total 180° turn in our lives. Once we were going the wrong way and now we are looking toward Jesus! In Hebrews, the Bible says, “let us lay aside every weight and the sin

which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus.**”

Some call it an inward decision producing an outward change: not a decision a tiny baby can make, but a decision that those old enough to have made mistakes surely can!

Now you want to tell everyone!

Jesus says, “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also **confess** him before My Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 10:32

Romans 10:9 definitely says that confession is part of our salvation. “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.”

So, now what...?