SALVATION

What Does the Bible Teach?

Acts 16:12-15

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- Do you know you are saved today? Do you know your sins are fully forgiven? Do you know that heaven is your home? You can know!
- Salvation: What does the Bible teach?

First, salvation is <u>needed</u> by everyone.

- "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:9-10
- The conversion of Lydia teaches us the Bible principle that salvation is not only needed by "wicked people," but also by "good" people.

Second, salvation is of the heart.

"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; 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:8-10

Third, salvation is of the Lord.

 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

•	What moves God to open the heart of a lost sinner to the gospel? It happens in answer to <i>prayer</i> . Romans 10:1; Colossians 4:3-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; 1 Timothy 2:1, 4
Fourth, salvation is a	
•	People cannot be saved unless they receive, accept, and apply the message of the gospel.
•	"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thessalonians 2:10
Fifth, salvation leads to good	
•	After a person is saved, there is a natural desire to want to the Lord.
•	"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10