

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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This is the story of 5 men who had 5 very different (and incorrect) views of Bible salvation.

One man boldly proclaimed that he had Repented of his sins and therefore he was saved.

The second man was equally bold in saying that he had been Baptized (without repenting or confessing Christ) and was now saved.

The third man said that he had Confessed Christ as the Son of God and could be assured of his salvation.

The fourth man said that he Believed God's Word and salvation was his.

The fifth man said he had Heard the Word proclaimed and he was sure that he was saved.

Each of these men is wrong! They each had participated in only one of the steps of salvation that we read of in the Bible. No, there is no 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... etc listing the plan of salvation in the exact order. Yet, the 5 acts that are part of the "plan" are clearly contained in scripture and must be followed. A *logical reasoning* of each will clearly dictate the order. Hear (Rom 10:17), Believe (John 8:24), Repent (Luke 13:3), Confess (Rom 10:10) and be Baptized (Acts 2:38). Only then will the Lord add you to His church (Acts 2:47).

Are you ready to submit your will to God's and be immersed into the watery grave of baptism?

But wait. We have a sixth man who says that he has done each of the 5 steps and in the proper order. Is he then saved? This man not only followed the logical steps outlined in scripture, but he recognizes that there is one more step required – live faithfully until death (Rev 2:10). Only then can one be assured of eternal salvation.

Yet, somewhere along the line, he stumbles and "*falls short of the glory of God.*" He is not lost because God has given him a remedy for his shortcomings (Acts 8:22). He must do something. He can repent of his sins and be assured of God's forgiveness.

Have you stumbled somewhere along the way and need to do as this man did?

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland