

II. "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

This was a question asked by a man in a Philippian jail many centuries ago! You may read the account in the New Testament book of Acts Chapter 16 verses 16-34; (Acts 16:16-34). The Apostle Paul answered the question in Acts 16:31 "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." What did the man desire to be saved from? He knew as you do that there will come a day when you will die! What is beyond death? Does a person cease to exist after death or is there life beyond the grave? Man has often struggled with this question. What does the Bible Say?

On page 3 you will find figure 4, which shows man to be a triune being made in the likeness and image of God (Genesis 1:26-27;)! Note in the figure, three circles. The inner circle represents the Spirit which is the part of man that deals with the spirit world, the next circle represents the Soul which is made up of man's 1. mind, 2. emotions, and 3. the will (with which we make choices and decisions). The outer circle represents the body which houses the soul and spirit. Since God is triune (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit==see Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22; which tells of the baptism of God the Son (Jesus), the descent of the Holy Ghost (another name for the Holy Spirit) to the Son, and God the Father speaking from heaven), God created man to be a triune being with a Spirit, Soul and Body (see 1 Thessalonians 5:23 in the New Testament).

At death the soul and spirit are separated from the body as is described in the third book of the New Testament--Luke 16:19-31.

The rich man was unprepared for death because he had not believed in the Eternal God! God is Holy and without any sin (Revelation 4:8) but ALL MEN HAVE SINNED--see Romans 3:23 and 3:10. SIN PAYS WAGES--see Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is DEATH"! Also Romans 5:12 states that "by one man sin entered into the world, and DEATH BY SIN; and so DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN for that ALL HAVE SINNED". That is why all men experienced physical DEATH because ALL HAVE SINNED! There are TWO TYPES OF DEATH to consider. (1) We are all familiar with physical DEATH! (2) The other death is spiritual death which results in the SECOND DEATH as described in Revelation (last book in the New Testament) 20:14-15 and Revelation 21:8. The SECOND DEATH is being cast into the Lake of Fire which results in eternal separation from Jesus Christ who is ETERNAL LIFE (see 1 John 5:11-12): There is only ONE WAY to be SAVED FROM THE SECOND DEATH and that is through BELIEVING IN AND RECEIVING THE LORD JESUS I CHRIST AS SAVIOUR! CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY FOR SIN==see Romans 5:8.

Romans 10:9-10, 13 explains we must CONFESS OUR FAITH IN CHRIST AND BELIEVE IN OUR HEART. Verse 13 tells us to PRAY to the Lord Jesus and invite Him into our life! Talk to Him as you would a friend! Understand that He died on a cross in our place enduring the judgement of God for our sin (II Corinthians 5:21). Understand that He arose from the grave the third day conquering death! He lives today and will send the Holy Spirit into your spirit (John 3:6) if you believe in His death, burial and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-4;)! Now consider again these simple facts.

1. YOU HAVE SINNED by doing what you know is wrong! Stealing one item makes a person a thief. Telling one lie makes a person a liar. Because we are sinners we have all sinned at least one time and thus are sinners!
2. THE PENALTY FOR SIN IS DEATH! "The wages of sin is death Romans 6:23a.
3. CHRIST JESUS PAID THE PENALTY! "But God commendeth (showed forth) His love toward us, in that while we were yet, sinners, Christ died for our us" Romans 5:8;
4. CONFESS AND BELIEVE IN CHRIST JESUS! "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. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9-10, 13.
5. PRAY ASKING JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE! How? The Lord Jesus is closer then the air you are breathing ! He will hear you if you will talk to him even though you can not see Him. Tell Him something like this, "DEAR LORD JESUS, I KNOW I AM A SINNER. I KNOW I CAN NOT SAVE MY SELF! I AM SORRY FOR ALL MY SIN! I BELIEVE YOU DIED FOR MY SIN, THAT YOU WERE BURIED AND AROSE FROM THE GRAVE. I BELIEVE YOU LIVE TODAY! PLEASE COME INTO MY LIFE AND CLEANSE MY SIN WITH YOUR PRECIOUS BLOOD WHICH CLEANSSES FROM ALL SIN (1 JOHN 1:7b "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin!) I NOW TURN FROM MY WAY AND EFFORTS TO TRUST YOU ONLY TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN AND MAKE ME PURE IN MY SPIRIT! I NOW RECEIVE YOU AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOUR! THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY PRAYER AND COMING TO LIVE IN MY LIFE! YOU SAID THAT IF I WOULD CALL ON YOUR NAME BELIEVING IN YOU, YOU WOULD COME INTO MY LIFE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT SALVATION FROM SIN! :IN JESUS NAME I PRAY TRUSTING HIM ALONE TO SAVE ME!

AMEN!!

The Lord says in Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man will hear my voice, (it is that strong urging you have inviting you to let Jesus into your life) and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup (fellowship) with him and he with me!" WON'T YOU ASK THE LORD JESUS TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE NOW? !!

If you have received the Lord Jesus into your heart through reading this paper, please write to me at the following address so I can send you additional help in your New Life In Christ.

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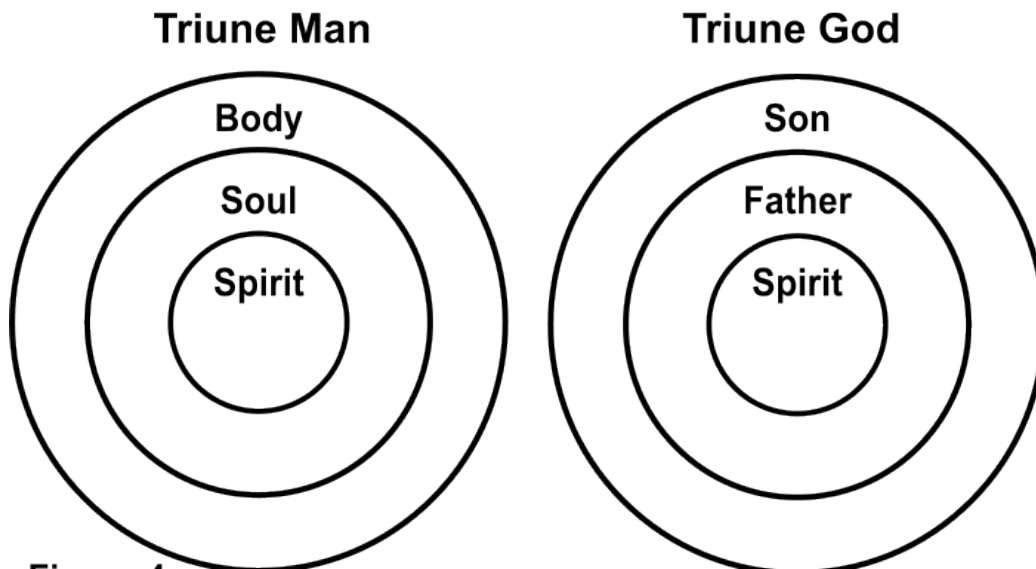


Figure 4

1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18, 19

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

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