

Being a Student of Prayer After Salvation

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Scripture Text: Acts 4:11-12, John 1:11-12 NKJV 11 *This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'* 12 *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men* by which we must be saved. This scripture is taken from the context of chapter 3 where Peter and John had healed a cripple beggar at the temple courts. They had been meeting every-day in the temple courts proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. The Sanhedrin seized and jailed them for healing this man. They questioned them the following day asking, "By what authority or Name did you do this?" People were turning to Jesus from Peter and John's message of Salvation in Jesus the resurrected Christ.

VERSE 11 *This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'* In Mark chapter 5 Jesus brought a young girl back to life and in chapter 6 He returns home to speak in the temple where He was rejected. Familiarity breeds contempt a good example is in Mark 6:3 NKJV *"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So, they were offended at Him.* He was rejected by the people who thought that they knew Him and where He was from.

VERSE 12 *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

Salvation is found in no other person or other thing that allows you entrance to enter Heaven. Jesus told the disciples that He was going to depart from them in John chapter 13 and 14. In reassuring them of His commitment to keep them focused on Him, He said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* John 14:6 (NKJV) You can't make a more definitive statement than what Jesus said!

John 1:11-12 *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

VERSE 11 *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.* The purpose for Jesus coming into the world was to give His life for us. John 12:44-48 NKJV 44 *Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*

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who believe in His name: John the Baptist applies to Jesus mission in Matthew 3:11 KJV *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:”* Jesus came into the world to save us and establish a New People who were no longer ruled by the Law of the Old Testament. His people would be born again of the water and the Holy Spirit to usher in a Dispensation of Grace for all people. Ephesians 2:89 NKJV *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

The Lord anointed Apostle Paul with the task of preaching and reaching the Gentiles with the Gospel of Grace and not of works. When Paul and Silas were asked the question, “What must I do to be saved” by their jailor. They replied, in Act 16:31 NKJV *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”* Earnest belief in Christ will lead people to true repentance (Godly Sorrow).

In Romans 10:9-10 NKJV 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

APPLICATION:

**Believing in Jesus for the saving of your soul is the guarantee that we have eternal life.*

Prayer is accentual for maintaining your relationship and spiritual balance.

Prayer is having a conversation with God that involves speaking, listening and taking - action. The very day that you repented of your sins and invited Jesus into your heart was the start of your prayer life. Luke 18:1 (NIV) *“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,”* He used this parable about the widow and the Unjust Judge who would not respond to her ply.

Here are four crucial steps to the Process of Prayer:

1. Rid your heart of all sinful thoughts – Psalms 66:18 *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”*
2. Set aside your thoughts which will enable you to sanctify your prayers. Psalm 139:23-24 (NKJV) 23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*
3. Make your supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks flow from your heart to your lips to God’s heart. This leads to an opportunity to listen for the Lord to speak to you while you wait. Psalms 40:1 (KJVY2K) *I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.*
4. Be consistent in Prayer, conversing to the Lord throughout the day. This will keep you centered when the unexpected happens in an attempt to derail you from your peace. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJBV 16 *Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

These are four disciplines that are accentual for maintaining your relationship and spiritual balance.

APPLICATION:

**Prayer in the life of every believer is not an option; prayer is a necessity.*