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What does "saved" mean?



Tonight

"OIKOS—8 to 15" Video Training
@ Tim & Gina's House
5:00 p.m. Food & Conversation
6:00 p.m.—Video #5

TUESDAY

Elementary Ministry @ 5:00 p.m.
Combined Middle/Elementary
Meal @ 5:45 p.m.
Middle School Ministry @ 6:15 p.m.

My very dear friend, Dr. Alan Redpath, has a motto that has hung in every one of his studies during his pastoral years: "Beware of the Barrenness of a Busy Life." George Goodman, that great Brethren Bible teacher, used to say, "Beware lest service sap spirituality."

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Trinity Evangelical Reformed Church

What must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:25-34

Sunday Morning
September 4, 2016

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 10:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Acts 2:37 (ESV)

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Acts 16:25–35 (ESV)

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

WHAT MUST I DO?

Romans 4:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...”

Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Titus 3:5 (ESV)

⁵ ...he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit...”

HOWEVER

Regarding “doing”, Peter in Acts 2 did not tell the crowd there was nothing they could do after they heard the Gospel message on the day of Pentecost.

Regarding “doing”, Paul did not answer the Philippian jailor by saying there was nothing he could do when he cried out, “What must I do to be saved?”

WE KNOW WHAT WE CAN’T DO

We cannot merit salvation by any works of our own.

We cannot just go through religious motions.