

1. How Does One Call Upon the Name of the Lord to Be Saved?

For “Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved” (Ro 10:13). How should one do this?

2. How Did Paul Call Upon the Name of the Lord to Be Saved?

Read Acts 9:1-20; 22:1-16. How does it read to you?

3. One Should Call Upon His Name in Baptism

When making new disciples (Christians), Jesus commanded teachers/baptizers to call upon the name of the Lord in a person's baptism, saying, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). So then, how does one call upon the name of the Lord in a person's baptism? What does one say?

Answer Key / Explanation

STOP! Before you read the answers, please fully answer the questions to the left. In this way you will learn best.

Q1-Q2: Paul said this: “Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved” (Ro 10:13). How then did Paul himself call upon the name of the Lord to be saved? Paul said that Jesus sent a man named Ananias to him to tell him how to do it. For example, Ananias said to Paul, “And now why do you delay? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name” (Ac 22:16). And so, Ananias told Paul to call upon the name of the Lord in his baptism to wash away his sins, to receive the forgiveness of his sins, to be saved. [Actually, the person who baptized him/the baptizer called upon the name of the Lord for him]. Evidently, this is how someone is to call upon the name of the Lord to be saved, in baptism, not in prayer [a so called “sinners’ prayer”].

Now if we look at the details of Paul's conversion to Jesus Christ, we will see that before he was baptized, evidently he believed that Jesus was Lord, saying, “who are you, Lord?”. He was repenting, for he did not eat for three days. He also was on his knees praying to God. But praying for salvation is not what he was taught to do. This is why Ananias told Paul not to delay in prayer to the Lord, but to instead call on His name in baptism. [Remember, Ananias was sent to Paul by Jesus Himself. And so we can know for certain that what Ananias told Paul to do was the exact way in which the Lord wanted Paul to call upon His name to be saved].

Q3: Jesus said, “Make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). In other words, during a person's baptism, the baptizer is supposed to call upon the name of the Father, the Son [Jesus Christ], and the Holy Spirit. For example, when I baptize someone who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ, as we are in the water, I say, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for the remission of your sins”. Then I bury and quickly raise the person.

Jesus said, “He who has believed [in the gospel] and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned (Mk 16:16). So to be saved from one's sins, one must not only believe in the gospel, but also be baptized. Obviously, unbelievers, those who have “disbelieved” the gospel, do not get baptized, and therefore they are “condemned” to

the fire of hell. Would atheists or agnostics get baptized for the Son of God, meaning deity? Certainly not! They don't believe in the deity! They are unbelievers.

But someone will say, “We do not have to be baptized to be saved. We are saved by grace, not works.” Doesn't the gospel of God's grace include baptism? Doesn't God favor [i.e. grace] baptism? Think about it. Consider Noah. The Bible says that he was saved by God's grace. “But Noah found favor [grace] in the eyes of the LORD” (Ge 6:8). Yet he still had to be carried safely through the water to be saved. For example, Peter said, “God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you” (1 Pe 3:20, 21). So God wants a person to be carried safely through the water of baptism by a baptizer in the name of the Lord. Indeed, He favors it.



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The gospel encourages us to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus to be saved. For example, it says, **"Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Ro 10:13)**. But from what will we be saved? Through the name of Jesus Christ, God will save us from our sins [for example, our unbelief, our sexual immorality, adultery, fornication, perversions, lying, stealing, idolatry, magic, murder, covetousness, profanity, sensuality, etc. SEE 1 Cor 6:9, 10 and Rev 21:8].

Through the name of Jesus, God will forgive us. He will grant each one of us a pardon for all of the sins which we have committed against Him and all of the sins which we have committed against all others, if we truly repent (SEE Lk 24:47). We cannot continue in these sins and still be saved (SEE Ro 6:1). We must separate ourselves from them. And so we will be saved from God's WRATH (Jesus received God's wrath for our sins on His cross).

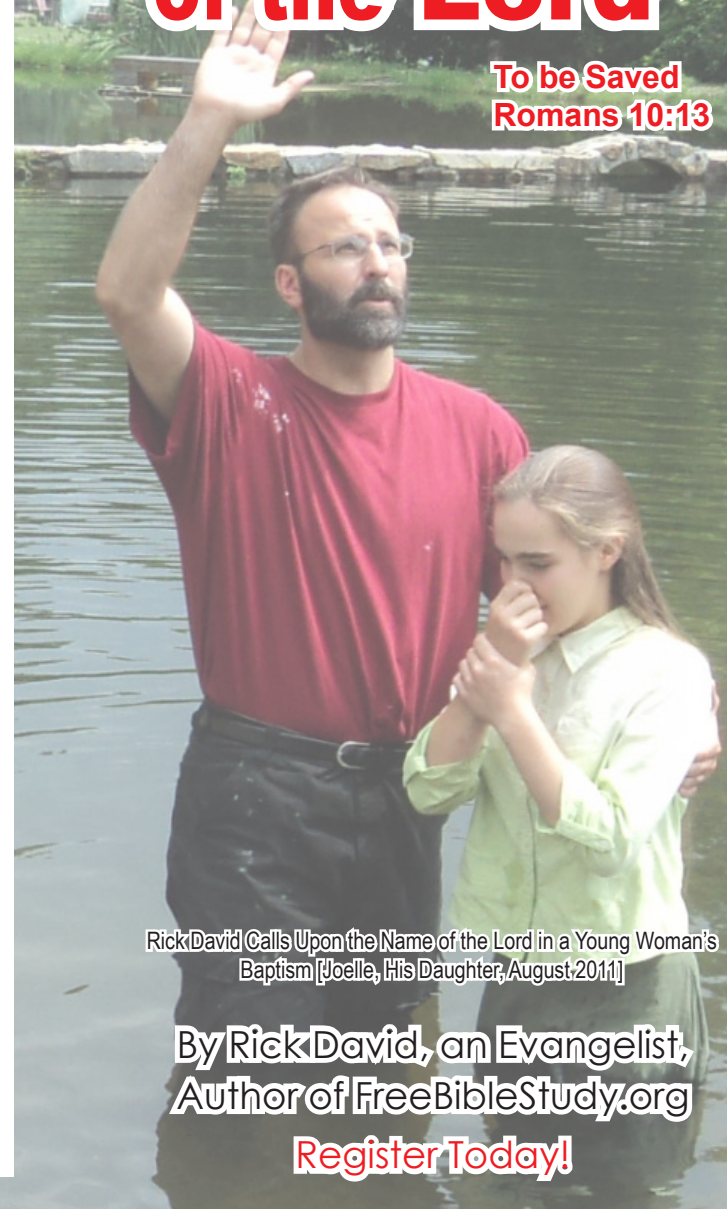
Through the name of Jesus Christ, we will be saved from the penalty for our sins, which is eternal condemnation, hell. Instead we will receive God's praise. We will receive His GRACE, meaning His favor. We will have the remission of our sins and the hope of eternal life, heaven.

But first we must **"call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Ro 10:13)**. Do you know how to do it? When you complete this self-test worksheet, you will know exactly how to call on the name of the Lord to be saved. It has everything to do with how God intended for us to do it.

As soon as you believe that Jesus is Lord and Christ, I encourage you to call on the name of the Lord to be saved. Rick David, an Evangelist & Author of FreeBibleStudy.org

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