

The Oologah Informer

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Who will be Saved? Jeremy Northrop

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Closing the door on Satan:
Battling Depression
(Isaiah 40:28-29)

PM Sermon:

You don't always get what you
want.

Sunday AM Bible Class:

R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Chuck Northrop

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Radio Program

"The Minister's View" on
KTTRadio.org on Monday's at
9pm.

(About mid-August it will be
moved to Tuesday's at 9am)

Perhaps the most quoted verse in the Bible is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Add to this, the next verse, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." God wants men to be saved. He loves man so much that He gave His Son, so each person could be saved. Peter speaks of this in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Paul said that God "...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). These passages make it clear. God wants everyone to be saved.

The problem in the religious world is not knowing that God wants all men to be saved, but rather understanding how one goes about obtaining salvation. There is a vast difference of opinion concerning what one must do in order to be saved. Therefore, it is extremely crucial to be noble and look to God's word, the Bible, for instructions on salvation (Acts 17:11). There are many people that would simply look to John 3:16 and then say to be saved all one must do is believe in Christ. Some might quote Romans 10:13, "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." There are even some who would say there is nothing man needs to do to be saved because God has done all that needs to be done. These would, in turn, admonish a person to simply enjoy life and know Heaven is waiting for him or her.

It is true the Bible says those who call on Jesus' name will be saved, but Jesus also said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). In other words, there is more to calling on the name of the Lord than simply saying "Lord." It is necessary to consider all the Bible says on this subject in order to properly understand what needs to be done to be saved.

In order to better understand what the Bible says one must do to be saved, it is necessary to look at the instances in the Bible where people were saved and see what they did to get that way. In Acts 2:36-41, the Bible says people were saved by believing and being baptized. In Acts 8:26-40, the Ethiopian eunuch was saved by believing in his heart, confessing Jesus, and being baptized. Saul of Tarsus heard the word from Ananias, was baptized and immediately started living differently — living faithfully (Acts 9:10-22). Cornelius was saved by hearing Peter preach the word and being baptized (Acts 10). The Philippian jailor heard the message from Paul and Silas, showed fruits of repentance by cleaning their wounds and was baptized (Acts 16:25-34).

When the Bible viewed from its entirety, it is easy to see what one must do in order to be saved: One must hear the word of God and believe it. Their belief will cause them to repent of the sins they have committed and confess Jesus

Christ to be the Son of God. Finally, they will be baptized for the remission of their sins and live a faithful life of service and devotion to God. One might criticize this plan by saying there is not one example of one person doing all of these things. If God required it of any of these people, then He will require it of all men. "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). Therefore, we can know that each of these individuals did each of these things even though it may not be specifically mentioned. And we can know that God requires the same of everyone today. Dear reader, save yourself now before it is everlastingly too late.