

He is the great Physician but He can save us only if we are willing to take his remedy. Read every one of these Bible references. If you have not obeyed the gospel, do so today.

AS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH I WILL:

1. Meet with other Christians on the first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7). This is the Communion service and is done in remembrance of Christ (1 Cor. 11:25).
2. I will join with other Christians in singing praises to God. (Eph. 5:19).
3. I will give as I am prospered and will bring in my Contribution on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2).
4. I will pray to God to thank him for his blessings and to secure his help (Mark 11:25-26).
5. I will not only be taught but as a Christian will seek to teach others also realizing that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15).
6. I will keep in mind that when I have done all, I am still yet an unprofitable servant who can be saved only by the grace of God.

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Steps Into Christ

"We Walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7)

There are certain things which sinners must do in order to be saved. Peter called to the multitude on the day the church began. "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." (Acts 2:40 NKJV). Every step we take in becoming a Christian must be done as an act of faith. We "walk in the steps of that faith of our father - Abraham" (Romans 4:12). When we walk we take steps. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). Everything we do in becoming a Christian may be referred to as a step of faith.

I. THE FIRST STEP IS HEARING THE TRUTH

1. In order for us to hear, someone must preach the gospel to us (Romans 10:14).
2. Jesus commanded the apostles to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).
3. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught of God (John 6:45).
4. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16). No one can be saved unless this gospel is preached to them.

II. THE SECOND STEP IS TO BELIEVE IN CHRIST

1. "Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).
2. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).
3. The things done by Jesus were written so that men might believe and be saved (John 20:30-31).

4. Our faith avails only when it works by love (Gal. 5:6).
5. "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (James 2:24).
The faith that saves is the faith that obeys. Man must exercise faith and the faith must exercise the man. No man ever received any kind of blessing on account of his own faith until after that faith had expressed itself in action. One who does not have faith enough to obey, does not have faith enough to be saved.

III. THE THIRD STEP IS TO REPENT OF SINS

1. Jesus said we must repent or perish (Luke 13:3,5).
2. All men are commanded to repent because judgment day is coming (Acts 17:30).
3. Repentance is not godly sorrow but godly sorrow works repentance (2 Cor. 7:10).
4. When Jonah preached, the men of Ninevah repented (Matt. 12:41).
5. The goodness of God and the fear of judgment leads us to repent (2 Cor. 7:10; 2 Cor. 5:10).

IV. THE FOURTH STEP IS TO CONFESS FAITH IN CHRIST

1. No one can be a Christian unless he believes in Christ. The church is built on the foundation of the good confession (Matt. 16:18).
2. Timothy made his confession (profession) before many witnesses (1 Tim. 6:12).
3. The Ethiopian Eunuch said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).
4. Some who believed refused to confess Christ because they were afraid (John 12:42-43).
5. We confess with the mouth that which we believe in our hearts (Rom. 10:10).
6. Stephen was killed for making the good confession (Acts 7:57-60).

V. THE FIFTH STEP IS TO BE BAPTIZED

1. We are baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).
2. We are baptized into the death of Christ where he shed his blood (Rom. 6:3-4).
3. We are baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:18-20).
4. Baptism is a burial (Rom. 6:3-4; Col 2:12).
5. There is one baptism now (Eph. 4:5).
6. Remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit are promised to people after they are baptized (Acts 2:38).
7. Saul of Tarsus was baptized in order that his sins might be washed away (Acts 22:16).
8. To be a friend of Christ, we must obey his commandments (John 15:14).
9. Jesus said, "He that believeth and has been baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).
10. All who obey the gospel are saved by the Lord. The Lord adds to his church all who are being saved (Acts 2:47).

From this study we are led to conclude that all who will hear the gospel, believe in Christ with all their hearts, repent of all their sins, confess their faith that Jesus is the Son of God and then be buried with him in baptism for the remission of their sins will be saved from past sins and added by the Lord to his church. These are the steps in to Christ - the things we must do to receive the benefits of the great sacrifice which Christ made for us.