

Puzzled? Piecing Together Our Salvation

Introduction

- **Show a picture of a puzzle: Which piece is the most important?**
1. **Many of us have been Christians for a number of years.**
 - A. **In those years, I wonder how many times we have heard others express that their salvation was based solely on grace, or faith, or even baptism.**
 - 1) **Many denominations teach salvation by faith only.**
 2. **It would be good for us to examine how we are saved.**
 - A. **So, using the Bible as our guide, let's piece together our salvation.**

Salvation

1. **Hope** (Romans 8:24)
2. **Gospel** (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)
3. **Belief** (John 3:16; Acts 16:31)
4. **Baptism** (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21)
5. **Confession** (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)
6. **Mercy** (1 Peter 1:3; Titus 3:5)
7. **Love of the Truth** (2 Thessalonians 2:10)
8. **Faith** (1 Peter 1:9)
(Ephesians 2:8) "by grace you have been saved through faith"
9. **Repentance** (2 Peter 3:9; Luke 13:3)
10. **Grace** (Ephesians 2:5)
11. **Obedience** (Hebrews 5:9)

NOTE: Though not all inclusive, these examples are used to make a point.

- **Which piece is the most important?**
- **Do we need every piece?**

Conclusion

1. **As a puzzle is not complete without all the pieces, neither is our salvation.**
 - A. **We must listen to God and use all of the pieces of His instruction in our life in order to be complete and have salvation.**
 - B. **We cannot pick and choose which things we want to keep or do.**
2. **May we all realize and understand that our salvation is not only through baptism, grace, faith, etc., but rather in keeping God's complete counsel.**

Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

3. **It is my hope that perhaps this example may be used to help teach others this very important truth.**
 - A. **To help others KNOW what God requires for salvation.**
4. **When we piece together our salvation by the word of God, then we can have everlasting peace in our salvation with our God.**

