

Puzzled? Piecing Together Our Salvation

Introduction:

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 through grace, or faith, or even baptism.
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*)
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 were used to make a point.*

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 the God's complete counsel.**
3. **It is my hope that perhaps this example may be used to help teach others this very important truth.**
4. **When we piece together our salvation by the word of God, then we can have everlasting peace in our salvation with our God.**

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