

# Understanding Salvation



## COMMON SALVATION:

Jude 1:3,

*"I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation."*

NOTE

**Contrary To What We Have Been Taught  
Jude Did Not Change His Mind  
Concerning What He Wrote About.**

1. A "**common salvation**" was being promoted because "**certain men crept in unawares**" (Jude 1:4).
2. The Greek word translated "**common**" here is "**koinos**." It has been translated "**defiled**", "**unclean**", and "**unholy**" in the following verses.

- \* **Mark 7:2**, "**defiled**."
- \* **Romans 14:14**, "**unclean**." (3x)
- \* **Hebrews 10:29**, "**unholy thing**."

3. The problem was a "**defiled**", "**unclean**", "**unholy**" plan of salvation was running rampant among the churches.

**We are dealing with the same  
problem today.**

# **“BUT”**

## **THE WORD BUT OCCURS JUST UNDER 4000 TIMES IN THE BIBLE:**

- **“But”**
  - “A conjunction used to introduce something contrasting with what has already been mentioned.”

### **Examples In The Book of Jude:**

#### **Jude 1:6,**

- “...the angels which kept not their first estate, **but** left their own habitation,”

#### **Jude 1:19-20,**

- “These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. **But ye,** beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,”

### **Jude 1:3,**

“Beloved, when **I gave all diligence to write** unto you of the common salvation, it was **needful** for me to write unto you, and **exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.”

- “Emphasize the greatest possible amount.”
- There is no **“But”** here!
- **Contend:** “To assert something as a position in an argument.” (With Conviction)!
- **Assert:** “To state a fact confidently and forcefully.”

## **ALL DILIGENCE:**

### **Jude 1:3,**

“**I gave all diligence** to write unto you of the common salvation.”

1. **Jude**, “...gave **all diligence**” to write and warn them.
2. **Diligence:**
  - a. Conveying the thought of anxiety, of watchful interest and earnestness.
  - b. **Translated**, “*haste*,” “*earnest care*.”

## NEEDFUL TO WRITE:

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“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, **it was needful for me to write unto you**, and exhort you that **ye should earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.”

1. **Needful**, Translated “**distress**” three times.
2. When a Doctor’s patient goes into distress that patient is in serious trouble.
3. Christians were to “**earnestly contend for the faith.**”

## BIBLE CREEPS:

### Jude 1:4,

“For there are **certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Bible Creeps:

- They were, “**ungodly men**” (V.4).
- They, “**crept in unawares**” (V.4).
- They were, “**turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**” (V.4).
- They were, “**denying the Lord.**” (V.4).
- They, “**feast with you**” (V.12).
- They were, “**...among them**” (V.15).

## PAUL WROTE ABOUT THE SAME PROBLEM:

### Galatians 1:6-9,

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another gospel**:

7 Which is not another; but **there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any **other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed.**

9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any **other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed.**

### Accursed Is Not Hell:

According to Strong’s Concordance, the Greek word translated “accursed” (anathema) has nothing to do with going to Hell. It was an Old Testament type of publicly exposing those who were doctrinally wrong by having their names “**...hung upon the walls or columns of the temple, or put in some other conspicuous place.**”

## TWO TYPES OF APOSTATES:

**Jude** refers to **unsaved** promoters of apostasy.

**Peter** refers to **Christian** promoters of apostasy.

### Second Peter 2:1

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, **even denying the Lord that bought them**, (*“Bought”* Trans. *“redeemed”* 3x) and bring upon themselves swift destruction.” (*“Destruction”* Trans. *“waste”* 2x)

## COMMON SALVATION = APOSTASY:

Over 100 years ago, Gipsy Smith warned about our new present day, common salvation. In his message “Repent Ye,” Gipsy Smith said...

*“I am afraid that in our zeal to get people into the kingdom or the church we have lowered the standard. I am afraid that in our zeal to get people into what we call the church, we have been more anxious about heads than hearts. In order to capture, we have compromised and lost. We have been more concerned about filling our church registers than we have about the kingdom.”*



Gipsy Smith

## INCENTIVE SALVATION:

Just like the business world, we offer an incentive to get people to say yes to our sales pitch. We offer the *incentive* of Heaven, to all who will simply pray a prayer. We ask, “*would you like to know for sure that you will go to Heaven when you die?*” Well, who wouldn’t?

Jesus never, ever, offered Heaven as an incentive for people to get saved and neither did His followers. Heaven is a tremendous by-product of salvation; however, salvation deals with our repenting of our sin against God. Man needs to understand that we need to fall on our faces and repent before God even if there were no such place as Heaven.

## **A.W. TOZER:**

A.W. Tozer said, *“The crowds-at-any-price mania has taken a firm grip on Christianity and is the motivating power back of a shockingly high percentage of all religious activity.”* Tozer continued, *“In our eagerness to make converts I am afraid we have lately been guilty of using the technique of modern salesmanship...”*



**A.W. Tozer**

## **THE OLD CROSS AND THE NEW:** (1966- 54yrs. ago)

1. A new type of meeting.
2. A new type of preaching.
3. New - Christianity makes no unpleasant demands; rather, it offers the same thing the world does, only on a higher level.
4. The new cross does not slay the sinner, it redirects him.
5. The old cross is a symbol of death.
6. The man in Roman times who took up his cross and started down the road had already said good-by to his friends.
7. In coming to Christ we do not bring our old life up onto a higher plane; we leave it at the cross.
8. We who preach the gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world.
9. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum.
10. Let us preach the old cross and we will know the old power. (A. W. Tozer, Man, the Dwelling Place of God, 1966)

## **D.L. MOODY:**

D.L. Moody said, *“I believe we are making a woeful mistake in taking so many people into the Church who have never been truly convicted of sin.”*



**D.L. Moody**

# UNDERSTANDING SALVATION:

## SALVATION FROM WHAT?

**Exodus 14:13,**

“And Moses said unto the people,  
Fear ye not, **stand still, and see**  
**the salvation of the LORD.**”

**Exodus 14:30,**

“The LORD **saved** Israel  
that day out of the hand  
of the **Egyptians**”

- “**Enemies**”
- “**Philistines**”
- “**Heathen**”
- “**Troubles**”
- “**Distresses**”
- “**The Violent Man**”
- “**Destruction**”

1. **Numbers 10:9**, “Ye shall be **saved** from your **enemies**.”
2. **Second Samuel 19:9**, “**Saved** us out of the hand of our **enemies**.”
3. **Second Samuel 22:4**, “So shall I be **saved** from mine **enemies**.”
4. **Nehemiah 9:27**, “**Saved** out of the hand of their **enemies**.”
5. **Psalms 18:3**, “**Saved** from mine **enemies**.”
6. **Psalms 44:7**, “Thou hast **saved** us from our **enemies**.”
7. **First Samuel 4:3**, “**Saved** us out of the hand of our **enemies**.”
8. **First Samuel 7:8**, “**Saved** us out of the hand of the **Philistines**.”
9. **First Chronicles 16:35**, “**Saved** us...from the **heathen**.”
10. **Psalms 18:3**, “**Saved** from mine **enemies**.”
11. **Psalms 34:6**, “**Saved** him out of all his **troubles**.”
12. **Psalms 44:7**, “**Saved** us from our **enemies**.”
13. **Psalms 107:13**, “**Saved** them out of their **distresses**.”
14. **Psalms 18:1**, “**Delivered** from the hand of all his **enemies**.”
15. **Psalms 18:17**, “**Delivered** me from my strong **enemies**.”
16. **Psalms 18:48**, “**Delivereth** me from mine **enemies**.”
17. **Psalms 18:48**, “**Delivered** me from the **violent man**.”
18. **Psalms 34:4**, “**Delivered** me from all my **fears**.”
19. **Psalms 54:7**, “For he hath **delivered** me out of all **trouble**.”
20. **Psalms 78:42**, “He **delivered** them from the **enemy**.”
21. **Psalms 107:6**, “He **delivered** them out of their **distresses**.”
22. **Psalms 107:20**, “**Delivered** them from their **destructions**.”

## SALVATION FROM ENEMIES!

**Luke 1:71**, “That **we** should be **saved**  
from **our** **enemies**, and from the hand of all  
that hate **us**.”

→ Nation of Israel.

**Zacharias:**

**Luke 1:74,**

“That he would grant unto  
**us**, that we being  
**delivered** out of the hand  
of **our** **enemies** might  
serve him without fear”

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## **SALVATION FROM DROWNING!**

**Acts 27:20**, “And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, **all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.**”

**Paul:**

**Acts 27:21-25**,

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for **there shall be no loss of any man's life** among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that **it shall be even as it was told me.**

## **SALVATION FROM OUR DISTRESSES!**

**Psalm 107:6**,

“Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and **he delivered them out of their distresses.**”

**Psalm 107:13**,

“Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and **he saved them out of their distresses.**”

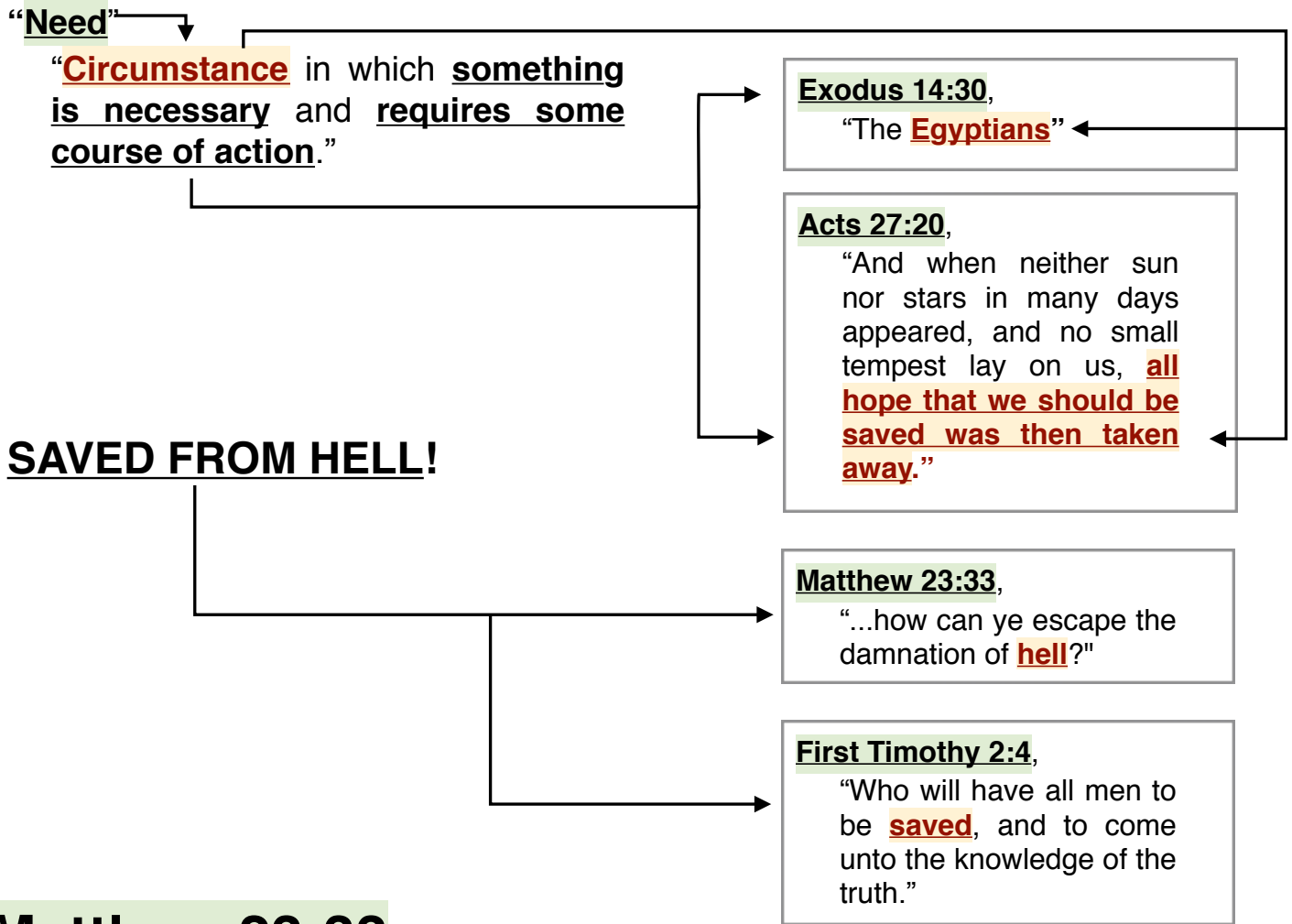
**Psalm 107:19**,

“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and **he saveth them out of their distresses.**”

**Psalm 107:28**,

“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and **he bringeth them out of their distresses.**”

# UNDERSTANDING OUR NEED FOR SALVATION:



## Matthew 23:33,

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?”

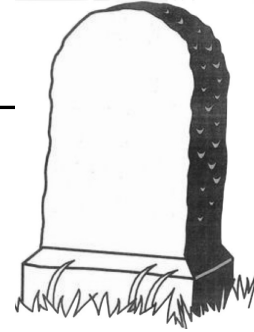
## Matthew 10:28,

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”



# JESUS PREACHED ON HELL!

1. **Matthew 5:22**, "...in danger of **hell** fire."
2. **Matthew 5:29**, "...cast into **hell**."
3. **Matthew 5:30**, "...cast into **hell**."
4. **Matthew 10:28**, "...both soul and body in **hell**."
5. **Matthew 11:23**, "...shalt be brought down to **hell**."
6. **Matthew 16:18**, "...the gates of **hell**."
7. **Matthew 18:9**, "...cast into **hell** fire."
8. **Matthew 23:15**, "...ye make him twofold more the child of **hell** than yourselves."
9. **Matthew 23:33**, "...how can ye escape the damnation of **hell**?"
10. **Mark 9:43**, "...into **hell**, into the fire that never shall be quenched."
11. **Mark 9:44**, "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."
12. **Mark 9:45**, "...cast into **hell**, into the fire that never shall be quenched."
13. **Mark 9:46**, "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."
14. **Mark 9:47**, "...cast into **hell** fire."
15. **Mark 9:48**, "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched"
16. **Luke 10:15**, "...shalt be thrust down to **hell**"
17. **Luke 12:5**, "Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into **hell**."
18. **Luke 16:23**, "...in **hell** he lift up his eyes, being in torments."



**Grave?**

## **John 3:18,**

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is **condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

## **John 5:24,**

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth** on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and **shall not come into condemnation**; but it passed from death unto life."

## **Romans 8:1,**

"There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

# PAID IN FULL:

## John 3:16,

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish**, but have everlasting life.”

## REPENT OR PERISH

### Acts 17:30,

God...commandeth all men every where to **repent.**”

### Luke 13:3,

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, **ye shall all likewise perish.**”

### Luke 13:5,

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, **ye shall all likewise perish.**”

### John 3:15,

“Whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but have eternal life.”

# SALVATION BEGINS WITH HEARING THE WORD OF GOD.

## Romans 10:4,

“How shall they believe in him of whom they have not **heard**? and how shall they **hear** without a **preacher**?”

### Vines Bible Dictionary:

“To be a **herald**,” or, in general, “**to proclaim.**”

## Acts 15:7,

“The Gentiles by my mouth should **hear the word** of the gospel, and believe.”

### Mark 4:20,

“And these are they...such as **hear the word**, and **receive** it, and **bring forth fruit...**”

# HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTION.

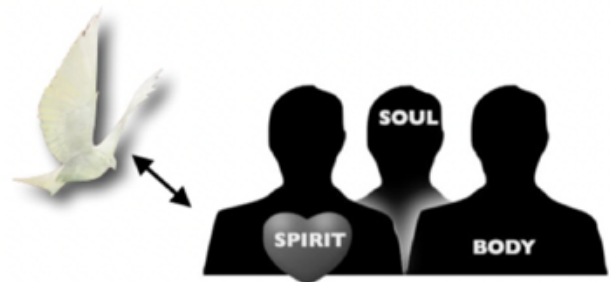
**John 16:8-9,**

“And when he is come, he will **reprove** the world of sin...because they believe not on me.”

**John 8:9,**

“And they which heard it, being **convicted**...”

Same Greek Word



**Romans 8:16,**

“**The Spirit itself** beareth witness with **our spirit**, that we are the children of God:

▶ “**himself**” - 58x

## GOD LEADETH TO REPENTANCE!

**Romans 2:4,**

“Or **despisest** thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**”

**Dictionary:**

“A feeling of **disapproval.**”

**Ephesians 1:3,**

“But **shewed** first unto them...that they should **repent** and turn to God, and do works meet for **repentance.**”

**Matthew 2:8:**

Translated, “**bring word.**”

# “CHOOSE YE THIS DAY”

## Second Timothy 2:25,

“In meekness instructing **those that oppose** themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.”

Oppose:

→ “**Refuse** to comply with.”

## THE RESULT OF REPENTANCE.

### A CHANGE OF DESIRES:

#### Second Corinthians 5:7,

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is **a new creature**: **old things** are passed away; behold, **all things** are become **new**.”

Translated:

“**Creation** 6 times.

\*The New Natures.

\* Now Two Natures.

\* The Old Nature.

\* The New Nature.

### NEW DESIRES:

#### Romans 10:1:

“Brethren, my heart's **desire** and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”

#### Romans 15:23:

“...having a great **desire** these many years to come unto you.”

# DESIRES OF THE NEW NATURE:

## NEW DESIRES:

### Second Corinthians 7:7,

“...he (Titus) told us your earnest **desire**, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.”

### Galatians 4:20,

“I **desire** to be present with you.”

### Ephesians 3:13,

“I **desire** that ye faint not...”

### Philippians 4:17,

“I **desire** fruit that may abound to your account.”

### Colossians 1:9,

“... do not cease to pray for you, and to **desire** that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”

# DESIRES OF THE OLD NATURE:

### Ephesians 2:3,

“... we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts (“**desires**” 3x) of our flesh, fulfilling the **desires** of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

# DESIRE FOR THE WORD OF GOD:

John 8:47,

“He that is of God **heareth** God's **words.**”

**Translated:**

“**Harken**” - 6x

Psalm 10:8,

“The word is nigh thee, **even in thy mouth**, and in thy heart.”

Acts 15:7,

“The Gentiles **by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel**, and believe.”

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory  
Of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do

# DESIRE CONCERNING GOD’S PEOPLE:

First John 3:14,

“We know that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren.**”

John 15:13,

Greater **love** hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

# DESIRE TO DO THE WILL OF GOD:

First John 2:3,

“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep** his commandments.”

**Translated:**

“**Observe**” - 4x

**Vine Bible Dictionary:**

\* "to **guard**,"

Philippians 2:13,

“For it is God which worketh in you both **to will and to do** of his good pleasure.”

# ARE YOU SAVED?

**Second Corinthians 13:5,**

“**Examine** yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove** your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”

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“Inspect in detail, investigate thoroughly.”

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“Officially agree to or accept as satisfactory.”

# ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

**John 3:3,**

“Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**John 3:7,**

“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be **born again**.”

**First Peter 1:23,**

“Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

## 1. WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

**Romans 3:23,**

“For **all** have sinned, and **come short** of the glory of God”

**Second Corinthians 10:12,**

“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they **measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.**”

**Also Translated:**

“**destitute**”

“Without the basic necessities,”

## 2. THE PRICE OF SIN.

**Romans 6:23,**

“For the **wages** of sin is **death.**”

**The Pleasures of Sin:**

**Hebrews 11:25,**

“**Choosing** rather to suffer affliction **with** the people of God, than to enjoy **the pleasures of sin** for a season;”

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**Spiritually Dead:**

**First Timothy 5:6,**

“But she that **liveth in pleasure** is dead while she liveth.”

**Eternal Hell:**

**Mark 9:45,**

“...cast into **hell**, into **the fire that never shall be quenched.**”

**Hebrews 9:27,**

“ . . . it is appointed unto men once to die, **but after this the judgment.**”

**Christians:**

**Second Corinthians 5:10,**

→ “For **we must all appear** before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what we have done whether good or bad.”

**Christ-Rejectors:**

**Revelation 20:5,**

→ “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was **cast into the lake of fire.**”



### **3. PAID AT CALVARY:**

#### **John 3:16,**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

#### **Romans 5:8,**

“God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died **for us**.”

### **4. HOW TO BE SAVED:**

#### **Acts 16:30,** (Jailer)

“Sirs, what must I do to be **saved**?”

#### **Second Corinthians 5:10,** (Paul & Silas)

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid **many stripes** upon them, they cast them into **prison**, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made **their feet fast in the stocks**.

25 And at midnight **Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:** and **the prisoners heard them**.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, **Do thyself no harm: for we are all here**.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

→ 30 And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

## 5. “REPENT OR PERISH”

**Luke 18:13,**

“God **be merciful to me** a sinner.”

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**John 3:15,**

“Whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but have eternal life.”

## 5. NO CHOICE BUT TO CHOOSE”

“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live.”

(Deuteronomy 30:19)