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“After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!” (Revelation 19:1)

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When we buy a new computer we are anxious to use it. Unfortunately, the manuals to the computer and the software which operate it are often thick, heavy books which take a lot of time to read and digest. Most of us are happy when a “quick start guide” is included. We can start computing by learning the basics and then we can spend time learning the intricacies and details of our system by reading the manuals.

Some are reluctant to become Christians because they look at the Bible the way many people look at computer manuals—that it is a big, heavy book that would take years to read and understand.

Yet, there were those in the first century who became Christians when hearing God's word preached for the first time. They did not know all the facts contained in the Scriptures but they knew the basics to get them started on the road to life. The sermon had supplied the “ABC's” of salvation. After their conversion, they then gave themselves to a diligent study of the word of God in order to know all that He would have them to be and do as His children.

The sermon had served as a kind of “quick start guide” on what one must do to be saved. One must not postpone obedience until he knows everything there is to know in the Bible

about God, Christ, the church, etc. The apostle Paul stressed the urgency of obedience in 2 Corinthians 6:2 when he said, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

In this tract, we are going to set forth the “ABC's” of salvation—that which one needs to know and do in order to be saved.

## **The Bible Is the Inspired Word of God**

2 Timothy 3:16 says that, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” Since it is the inspired word of God:

- It does not change. (Jude 3; 1 Pet. 1:24-25)
- It provides all information pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Pet. 1:3)
- It will save. (Jas. 1:21)
- It will be used in judgment. (John 12:48)
- We must not go beyond it. (2 John 9)

## **The Gospel Is the Power of God Unto Salvation**

Romans 1:16 states this fact. The gospel is the word of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

(Rom. 1:17; Heb. 1:1-2) One must:

- Be called by the gospel. (2 Thess. 2:14)
- Believe the gospel. (Mark 16:15-16)

## **The Church Is In God's Plan of Salvation**

The church was an integral part of God's plan to save mankind. (Eph. 3:8-11)

- Christ died for the church. (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25)
- The church is the body of Christ. (Eph. 1:22-23)
- There is one body. (Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:13)
- The saved are added to it. (Acts 2:47)
- Jesus will save the church. (Eph. 5:23)

## **Obedience Is Necessary to Attain Salvation**

Jesus, in Matthew 7:21, said the one who would enter the kingdom of heaven is the one who “does the will of My Father who is in heaven.” One must:

- Believe in God and Christ. (Heb. 11:6; John 8:24)
- Repent, turn from sin. (Acts 2:38)
- Confess his faith. (Matt. 10:32-33)
- Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16)

## **A Faithful Life Is Required After Baptism**

Jesus told the Christians in Smyrna, “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Rev. 2:10)

- One must continue in the faith. (Col. 1:23)
- A home in heaven is promised to the faithful. (2 Pet. 1:5-11)

## **Conclusion**

Open your New Testament to see if these things are so. If they are, believe them, accept them, and act upon them. Neither linger nor tarry but heed the words of inspiration to, “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16) 🕊