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**Participation: What Does It Take to Be Saved?  
Why All the Confusion About Salvation?**

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**1. Poor Understanding of Bible Terminology**

**a. Using Different Terms for the \_\_\_\_\_ Experience (Saved)**

**Some Terms Used for Salvation**

(These are accurate, but they can confuse or be misunderstood.)

- 1) Be Born Again
- 2) Be Converted
- 3) Be Saved
- 4) Become a Believer
- 5) Become a Child of God
- 6) Become a Christian
- 7) Become Part of God's Family
- 8) Get Saved
- 9) Give Your Life to Christ
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Using \_\_\_\_\_ as Separate Ideas**

**HAVE FAITH – BELIEVE – TRUST**

**c. Using Unclear or Inaccurate Phrases as Separate \_\_\_\_\_**

**Are These the Same Step or Different Steps?**

- 1) Accept Jesus as your personal Savior.
- 2) Acknowledge that you are a sinner.
- 3) Ask God to forgive you/your sins.
- 4) Ask Jesus into your heart.
- 5) Ask God/Jesus to save you.
- 6) Be sorry for your sins.
- 7) Believe in God.
- 8) Believe in Jesus.
- 9) Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 10) Believe that Jesus died for your sins.
- 11) Call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12) Confess your sins.
- 13) Open the door of your heart.
- 14) Pray this prayer.

15) Put your trust in God.

16) Receive Jesus as your Savior.

17) Repent of your sins.

18) Surrender your heart to the Lord.

19) Surrender your life to the Lord.

20) Trust the Lord to save you.

21) \_\_\_\_\_

22) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Poor Bible Study Methods and Practices**

**1 Tim 1:3-7** As I urged you when I went into Macedonia-- remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. <sup>5</sup> Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, <sup>6</sup> from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

**James 3:1** My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

**2 Tim 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- a. **Accepting \_\_\_\_\_ contradictions as additional steps or conditions** (do you add all the passages up, then?)
- b. **Assuming a word has only \_\_\_\_\_ meaning ("saved")**
- c. **Being \_\_\_\_\_ with terms** (we think & study with words)
- d. **Choosing \_\_\_\_\_ verses over \_\_\_\_\_ verses**
- e. **Drawing conclusions \_\_\_\_\_ studying thoroughly**
- f. **Engaging \_\_\_\_\_ teachers** (1 Tim 1:3-7; James 3:1)
- g. **Failing to compare the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture** (2 Tim 2:15)
- h. **Forgetting that the bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority, not men's teachings**
- i. **Neglecting to \_\_\_\_\_ and understand terms**
- j. **Ignoring the immediate \_\_\_\_\_** (verses before & after)
- k. **\_\_\_\_\_ teachings without studying them oneself** (especially pastors)
- l. **Using any curriculum / materials without \_\_\_\_\_ them for biblical accuracy** (good materials are rare...)