

Do I Need to Work to Be Saved?

1. Must I _____ to the End to Be Saved?

- **Matt 10:22** (vv.5-23) And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.
- **Matt 24:13** (vv.1-31) But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (cf. Mk 13:1-26)

2. Must I _____ to Be Saved?

- **Rev 2:10** Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- **Rev 2:26** And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations (cf. 2:7,11,17; 3:5,12,21)

3. Must I _____ a Narrow Gate and _____ the Narrow Way?

- **Matt 7:13-14** Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, & there are few who find it.
- **Luke 13:24** Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

4. Must I Take Up My _____ to Be Saved?

- **Matt 16:24-28** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. ²⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." (cf. Mk 8:34-38)
- **Luke 9:23-27** Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. ²⁵ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶ "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. ²⁷ "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

Principles of Salvation

1. What do clear passages say about salvation? (John 3:18; Acts 16:31)

2. Is this requirement found elsewhere in Scripture?

3. What does the questionable passage actually say?

4. What is the context of the questionable passage?

a. Endure to the End:

- What is the time?
- Enduring how?
- Saved from what? (Sin or something else?)

b. Overcome:

- Who is addressed?

c. Narrow Gate/Way:

- Works salvation?

d. Take Up My Cross:

- Who is addressed?
- What is one's life/soul (psuche)?
- What is the result?

5. Is salvation instantaneous or a process?

- **John 3:36** "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- **John 5:24** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
- **John 6:47** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.
- **1 John 5:1** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.
- **1 John 5:12** He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

6. Is salvation earned or given?

- **Acts 15:11** "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."
- **Rom 3:20-22a** Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.
- **Eph 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **2 Tim 1:9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,
- **Titus 3:5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,