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## The good news message of Salvation Pt 3 Receive, confess and believe.

In our previous studies on this topic we identified the gospel message for today – how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. In this teaching we establish that for a man to be saved today, when he hears **this** gospel he is required to receive it, confess the Lord Jesus, and believe the message in his heart.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

For a person to be saved in this age and therefore a Christian, he is required to:–

### 1. Receive the good news message of salvation that Christ gave to Paul.

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand...For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (1Cor 15:1, 3).

The fact that Christ died for **all** men (2Cor.5: 14, 15) means His blood is sufficient to cleanse every human being. But each person, to be saved is required to **receive** this gospel message from God that He gave unto “all men unto justification of life” (Rom.5: 18), and not reject the Lord of glory.

### 2. Confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Rom.10: 9 & 10).

The lost person is also required to confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus (hence it is called the “gospel of Christ” – 2Cor.10: 14). For it is with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### 3. Believe in his heart that God hath raised him from the dead.

“That if thou shalt...believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness...” (Rom.10: 9 & 10).

The lost person is also required to believe the gospel message. NOT in his head, as he would with science, or mathematics, but in his heart. Because it “with the heart man believeth unto righteousness”. Philip tells the eunuch that he must believe “with all thine heart” (Acts 8: 37).

Additional comments on our three points.

Note: Baptism is not mentioned in Paul’s message, but rather he specifically **excludes** baptism as the risen Lord sent him – “not to baptize, but to preach the gospel...” (1Cor.1: 17).

Applying the teaching to our life today.

When the media report on Christianity their story is about Roman Catholics, often where the journalist and news reader are Roman Catholics. And so the world sees Christianity as Catholicism.

Question to think about.

What claim to being Christian do Roman Catholics have when their teaching requires a person to be baptised, confirmed, receive the Eucharist and do works of charity for salvation?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

None! The Catechisms of Rome proclaim “another gospel”, the gospel of the kingdom (Catech. 1427) which the risen Lord did not give to Paul, and they do not require their adherents to receive or believe that gospel. Then they add to the kingdom gospel their traditions, and in doing so they “confound the wise” (1Cor.1: 27) because they receive not the love of the truth”, and so are given over to “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie...” (2Thes.2:11). Let us encourage any who preach and believe “another gospel” to receive, confess, and believe the gospel of Christ crucified.