

What Must I Do To Keep Saved?

Intro: We often speak about what we must do to be saved, however we often forget about what we must do to keep or remain saved. To be saved the Scriptures teach that one must believe, John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”; repent, Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”; and be baptized for the remission of sins, Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”; Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” **Once saved by obedience to the Word, 1 Pet. 1:22** “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*”; what must we do to stay that way.

I. READ THE BIBLE DAILY.

A. Psa. 119

1. Verses 15, 16, 24, 40, 47, 48, 70, 77, 97, 103, 127, 131, 140, 143, 148, 159, 163, 167, 174 ¹⁵I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.... ¹⁶I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.... ²⁴Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.... ⁴⁰Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.... ⁴⁷And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.... ⁴⁸My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.... ⁷⁰Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.... ⁷⁷Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.... ⁹⁷O how love I thy law! *it is* my meditation all the day.... ¹⁰³How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!... ¹²⁷Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; *yea, above fine gold*.... ¹³¹I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.... ¹⁴⁰Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.... ¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.... ¹⁴⁸Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.... ¹⁵⁹Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.... ¹⁶³I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.... ¹⁶⁷My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.... ¹⁷⁴I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.” all these express the law is our love and delight.
2. George Reed writes, “King David also shows us what the Word of God can do for us. It can cleanse (vs. 9), quicken (vs. 25), strengthen (vs. 28), confirm (vs. 38), defend (vs. 42), comfort (vs. 50), instruct (vs. 98,99), enlighten (vs. 105), assure (vs. 114), give peace (vs. 165), and deliver (vs. 170). ...It will deliver you from sin (vs. 11), give you understanding (vs. 169), cleanse your ways (vs. 9), and be your meditation all the day long (vs. 97).”

B. Other Scripture also stresses this.

1. Jos. 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”
2. Psa. 1:2 “But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

C. Not only read it but study it.

1. Deu. 6:6-9 “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸And thou shalt bind them

for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. ⁹And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”

2. 2 Tim. 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
3. Heb. 5:12 “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.”; to be a teacher you must study.

II. PRAY REGULARLY.

A. We see the importance of prayer in the life of Christ.

1. Luke 5:16 “And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.”
2. Before choosing the apostles; Luke 6:12-13 “And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. ¹³And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;”
3. John 17.
4. With His supper; Mat. 26:26-27 “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. ²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;”
5. Mat. 26:39 “And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.”
6. If Christ saw the need for prayer, how important should it be in our life?

B. We see the importance of prayer in the teachings of the New Testament.

1. Rom. 12:12 “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”
2. Eph. 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”
3. Col. 4:2 “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;”
4. 1 The. 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

C. We see the importance of prayer in what it accomplishes.

1. Jam. 5:16 “Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”
2. It gives strength and comfort.
3. It stops sin.
4. It brings us closer to God and things spiritual.
5. It will alter what would be.

III. ATTEND EVERY ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH.

A. We are to be worshipers.

1. John 4:23-24 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. ²⁴God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.”
2. Acts 2:42 “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”
3. Acts 20:7 “And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”
4. In the New Testament times they would meet to worship God daily.

- B. Those who fail to worship as they should have a love problem: they do not love God as they should.**
- C. Worship should be a joyous occasion.**

IV. A SINCERE DESIRE TO GO TO HEAVEN.

- A. Psa. 119:112** “I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, *even unto* the end.”
- B. Phi. 3:13-14** “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”
- C. Phi. 1:23** “For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:”
- D. We do and accomplish what we desire to do and accomplish.**

Conclusion: We can go to heaven if we so desire. These simple things will help us to accomplish such.