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Already Saved?

Question: Since Jesus Christ died on the cross to save everyone, **must a person do anything about getting saved** or is everyone **already saved**?

In Acts 16:30, the jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**" Did they respond, "Nothing—you are **already saved** because Jesus died on the cross for everyone." **Absolutely not!** They responded, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**"

After Peter preached Christ to the multitude on the Day of Pentecost, "they were pricked in their heart" and asked, "**What shall we do?**" Did Peter respond, "Nothing—everything was **already done** for you on the cross when Jesus died for you." **No!** Peter responded, "**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**" (Acts 2:37-38).

Each person must individually place his/her **faith** in Jesus and **repent** of his/her sins! **Faith** is required, "He that **believeth** and is baptized **shall be saved**; but he that **believeth not** shall be **damned**" (Mark 16:16). **Personal repentance of sin** is required. "**Repent ye** therefore, and **be converted, that your sins may be blotted out**" (Acts 3:19).

God can save you right now! "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**" (Romans 10:9). "For whosoever shall **call upon** the name of the Lord **shall be saved**" (Romans 10:13). **Believe on Jesus** and **receive Him** into your heart—now. "As many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to **them that believe** on his name" (John 1:12).

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