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Instantly Saved?

Someone asked Evangelist Biederwolf **how long it takes to get saved** and he answered, "You might as well expect to shoot off a gun by inches, as to expect a man to be converted by degrees! I can swim easily and have saved a number of people. I have never yet found one who didn't want **instantaneous salvation** from drowning. Suppose I had stood on the bank and cried, 'Well, how did you get in there?' Wouldn't the victim have called, 'For heaven's sake **help me out quick** and we'll talk about that later?' If I'd come to you and say, 'You're so far gone that God will have to work on you for 48 hours at least before you can have any assurance of salvation,' you would reply, 'I can't wait. **I may be dead and in hell before that time.** I want to be **saved now!**' "

"What must I do to be saved?" cried the Roman jailor to Paul the Apostle. What did he tell him? Give up your bad habits and be decent? No, that's reformation—not salvation. Did he tell him to join the church? No! Joining a church will not make you a Christian! Paul told him to do one thing: "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**" (Acts 16:30-32). Believing **on** Christ is not the same as believing **about** Him. To believe **on** Christ is to put your entire confidence in Him—to trust Him completely. If you will **believe on Jesus now** to save you from your sins, He will **instantly save** you just as He did the jailer.

God says, "...In the day of salvation have I succored (helped) thee: behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). You can be **instantly saved** right **now!** Believe **on** Jesus **now!** Ask Him to save you **now!**

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