

## Wise unto Salvation

The Scriptures instruct us in salvation, “And that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation** through faith [*faithfulness*] which is in Christ Jesus” (2Ti 3:15). No church, minister, or belief system suffices or substitutes. It’s the Scriptures that are able to give us the wisdom we need to obtain eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wisdom unto salvation begins with knowing and worshipping the true God as He revealed Himself to His people and was declared by His only begotten Son Jesus Christ: “Thou shalt have no other gods before me” (Exo 20:3); “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD” (Deu 6:4); “No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him**” (Jhn 1:18); “Ye worship ye know not what: **we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews**” (Jhn 4:22); “And this is **life eternal**, that they might **know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent” (Jhn 17:3).

Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is committing ourselves to be faithful to Him unto death and possibly dying for His name as He died for our sins: “And he that **taketh not his cross, and followeth after me**, is not worthy of me” (Mat 10:38); “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it” (Mat 16:25); “He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal” (Jhn 12:25); “Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**” (Rom 6:3); “being made **conformable unto his death**; If by any means I might **attain unto the resurrection of the dead**” (Phl 3:10-11); “These all died in faith [*faithfulness*]” (Heb 11:13); “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev 2:10); “they loved not their lives unto the death” (Rev 12:11).

We must not be ashamed of Jesus Christ and His teaching but confess Him before people: “Whosoever therefore shall **confess me before men**, him will I **confess also before my Father** which is in heaven. But whosoever shall **deny me before men**, him will I also **deny before my Father** which is in heaven.” (Mat 10:32-33); “For whosoever shall be **ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed**, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father’s, and of the

holy angels” (Luk 9:26); “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation” (Rom 1:16).

Jesus taught that we must live to the righteous standard in His Sermon on the Mount to enter the kingdom, “For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness** shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, **ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven**” (Mat 5:20). We must keep His commandment of love, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, **do ye even so to them**: for this is the law and the prophets” (Mat 7:12). And we will suffer affliction along the way, “Because strait *is* the gate, and **narrow [afflicted] is the way, which leadeth unto life**” (Mat 7:14). But we must do what He said, “whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them** ... every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them not**” (Mat 7:24,26), “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and **do not the things which I say?**” (Luk 6:46).

We must keep Christ’s commandments to have eternal life: “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Mat 28:20); “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (Jhn 14:15); “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me” (Jhn 14:21); “If a man love me, he will keep my words” (Jhn 14:23); “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you” (Jhn 15:14); “But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected” (1Jo 2:5); “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments” (1Jo 5:3); “Blessed *are* they that **do his commandments**, that they may **have right to the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Rev 22:14).

We will be judged by the law of love: “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Mat 6:14-15); “Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment” (1Jo 4:17); “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself ... For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment” (Jas 2:8,13).

For over 1,000 years the Scriptures were withheld from the world by the Roman Catholic Church and people perished. But now that we have the Scriptures, we must prayerfully seek God for the wisdom to understand the truth about salvation. It’s “the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.”