

Ask Jesus – “Just Do It”

By: David Burruss

Driving around in Little Rock, I noticed a billboard advertisement and If I do what this billboard says, I will simply say, "Lord, save me!" and I am saved. This is what a major denomination in this area teaches from the radio, television, billboards, and pulpits. But Jesus has an answer to those who want salvation from sin simply by uttering the words "Lord, save me" or "Jesus, come into my heart". Jesus' answer is found in Matthew 7:21 – “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

Another reason for the belief that the Bible supports this assertion is that we are instructed to "ask and it shall be given you" in Matthew 7:7. However, the verse says much more than that. Jesus said, “ASK, and it will be given to you; SEEK, and you will find; KNOCK, and it will be opened to you: For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8). It involves more than just asking; it also involves seeking and knocking.

Anything for which we ask must be according to His will. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." We cannot ask the Lord to save us a way that is not "according to His will". Faith only and praying your sins away are not according to His will and we cannot ask Christ to save us by doing either of them. He will only save us from sins if we DO ACCORDING TO HIS WILL. To properly "seek" the Lord, we must do His will wholeheartedly. "Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!" (Psalms 119:2).

The Scriptures teach that we are saved by the blood of Christ. (Matthew 26:28). We contact the blood of Christ when we "have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine" (Romans 6:17). When we are "baptized into Jesus Christ", we are "baptized into His death". "Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:3-4). Jesus has TOLD us what to do, so just do it!