

So now I am saved - what now ?

1. Miracle – committing to Christ. (Beginning of the road)

- Rom 8 : 16 “God’s Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God’s children.”
- He bought me free from the devil - I’m Heaven-bound.

2. So what now?

- So shall we sit and wait for Him to return, to take us to Heaven?
- That’s not what we were made for.
- And definitely not the reason why He had made you to be “His child”.
- Like some of the Civil Servants ---
- Like in the time of the ‘Maccabeans’ – lived in caves.
- 2 Cor. 6 : 17 “You must leave them and separate yourselves from them. Have nothing to do with what is unclean, and I will accept you. I will be your Father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

3. But no, somewhere, somehow we missed it !

- Do you really think that God is satisfied - on the one hand - to see His Son, Jesus, being ridiculed, flogged, spat upon - and then finally have Him nailed to a cross to die?
- For what?
- Just to see - on the other hand – those He had redeemed by this act, lack of zeal and enthusiasm that you and I show, in carrying His Name to all and sundry, right through, “to the ends of the earth”. Is He satisfied? “Is my Master satisfied with me?”

4. Scripture reading for today

- Rom 6 : 1 – 8 - think of the example of baptism:-

What shall we say, then? Should we continue to live in sin so that God's grace will increase? Certainly not! We have died to sin—how then can we go on living in it? For surely you know that when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into union with his death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.

For since we have become one with him in dying as he did, in the same way we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was. And we know that our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin. For when we die, we are set free from the power of sin. Since we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

5. Jesus calling His disciples

- He would say to them, “Follow Me”. (Mat. 4 : 18 – 22)
- And immediately they would leave everything and follow Him.
- “Big Christian” - in Japan, called “A follower of Jesus.”
- Mathew 4 ; 9 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets.

Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and

followed Him.

- Lk 14 : 26 Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well.

6. E.g. Pastor from Pakistan – “are you ready to die?”

- Die to yourself – your own interests and desires.
- And possibly, even your life !
- Dying for Jesus - why not live for him in the meantime?
- We have had :- commitment, leaving all behind – following Him.

7. Repentance

- “Metanoia” - “Penduga” - turn around.
- Luke 3 - John ---“repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand !”
- Stop doing the wrong things you have done in the past. (Or neglecting)
- John 16 : 8 - When He comes, He will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.
- e.g. The blind ‘Mandla’ at Kwa Siza Bantu.
- Prov 28 : 13 You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you.
- (Personal testimony). (Time-out)

8. N.B. Repent from occult sin - it ‘binds you’ and ‘has a hold on you’ for the rest of your life - unless you are willing to bring it ‘to the light’ (repent of it) and let someone pray with you / and for you, to break the bondage of the devil in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- What is occult Fortune telling, divination, seances, dead people's prayers, witchcraft, lucky charms, bowing to other gods.
- (1 Cor 8 : 4) Do I imply, then, that an idol or the food offered to it really amounts to anything? No! What I am saying, is that what is sacrificed on pagan altars is offered to demons, not to God. And I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink from the Lord's cup and also from the cup of demons; you cannot eat at the Lord's table and also at the table of demons.
- James 5 : 16 "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a good (righteous) person has a powerful effect."

9. Restitution

- Zachaeus - Lk 19 : 1 – 10 - v.19 - "Today salvation has come to this house." Make right with those you have harmed in the past.
Don't have your testimony blemished by something that happened in the past.
- (Own testimony)

10. Come to know Him as your Heavenly Father. E.g. Bible reading, praying.
The One who really loves you !

11. Get involved in the Ministry of reaching others for Jesus.
Mat 24 : 46 "Happy are those whom their Master will find busy in this way, at the time He returns."
(Not like we often see the Civil Servants do.)