

# **SAVE YOURSELF FROM THIS UNTOWARD GENERATION**

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**Act 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

**Act 2:40** **And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.**

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

**Php 2:12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

Php 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Php 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

**Save yourselves** - This expression here denotes, preserve yourselves from the **influence, opinions,** and **fate of this**

**generation.** It implies that they were to use diligence and effort to deliver themselves.

**Save Yourselves from this:**

1. Crooked Generation
2. This Perverted Generation
3. This false-minded Generation
4. Perverse Generation

**HOW DO I SAVE MYSELF?**

1. **Building up your faith by praying in the Holy Ghost.**

**Jud 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jud 1:22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Jud 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

2. **Staying full of the Holy Ghost:**

**Tit 3:5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

**Mat 25:7** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

3. **Save Yourself from the Influence of This World:**

- a. **The World would like to influence you by their way of thinking, there lifestyles and their fashions.** We are in the world, but we are not of this world. **We need to influence this world!**

Joh 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

**Joh 15:19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

- b. **We are the salt of this World,** Or we are the preserving Power in this earth.

**Mat 5:13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

**Mat 5:13**

**Ye are the salt of the earth** - Salt renders food pleasant and preserves from putrefaction. So Christians, by their lives and instructions, are to keep the world from entire moral corruption. By bringing down the blessing of God in answer to their prayers, and by our influence and example, and by preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ.

**Salt have lost its savour** - That is, if it has become tasteless, or has lost its preserving properties. The salt used in this country is a chemical compound - chloride of sodium - and if the saltiness were lost, or it were to lose its savor, there would be nothing remaining.

- c. **By their styles and fashions, and their morals or the lack of them.**

**1Pe 1:14** As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:  
1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;  
1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

**Not fashioning yourselves** - Not forming or modeling your life after the styles and fashions of this world, that are a product of a sinful lifestyles of this world.

**The Christian is to be as different from what he was himself before conversion as he is from his fellow-men.** He is to be governed by new laws, to aim at new objects, and to mould his life in accordance with new principles.

**Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*  
Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## 2. **By The Opinions of This World:**

**Col 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.  
Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.  
Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

### **Col 2:8**

**Beware lest any man spoil you** - The word “spoil” now commonly means, to corrupt, to cause to decay and perish, as fruit is spoiled by keeping too long.

“Take heed lest anyone plunder or rob you of your faith and hope by philosophy.” These false teachers would strip them of their faith and hope, as an invading army would rob a country of all that was valuable.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**1Co 1:19** For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

1Co 1:20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

### 3. **By the Fate of this World:**

**1Th 5:3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noah *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

**Mat 24:39** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

### 4. **Save Yourselves from this Perverse before His Soon Coming.**

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Luk 21:35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.