

# God's Plan Of Salvation

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## Hearing God's Word

(Ro 10:17)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
  - a. Greeting...
2. We are going to start a new series of lessons today entitled "God's Plan Of Salvation."
  - a. We are going to look at each step in God's plan individually.
  - b. We are then going to look at ways in which we can teach other this great plan.
3. There are six basic steps needed in order for one to become a child of God.
  - a. Hearing/study God's Word
  - b. Put one's faith in Jesus
  - c. Give one's life over to God in repentance
  - d. Confess Jesus as the Son of God
  - e. Be immersed/baptized for the forgiveness of sins.
  - f. Live a faithful life for God
4. With this in mind let us examine "Hearing God's Word."

### I. Hearing Defined

- A. English Definition
  1. "ascertain, catch on, determine, find out, learn, see, tumble, unearth" (Merriam-Webster, I. (1996). Merriam-Webster's collegiate thesaurus. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.)
  2. "the act of perceiving sound." (<http://goo.gl/gBliF>)
- B. Greek Definition
  1. The Greek word in **Ro 10:17** "ἀκοή" or "ak-oe."
    - i. "in the plural with akouo, "to hear," lit., "was heard into the ears of someone," i.e., came to the knowledge of" (Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). Vol. 2: Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (189). Nashville, TN: T. Nelson.)
    - ii. "hearing, news, pay attention to, listen carefully..." (Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: Based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition.). New York: United Bible Societies.)
- C. The idea is that of listening and learning

### II. Hearing (Studying)

- A. Studying enables us to know about Christ
  1. **Ro 10:17** "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."<sup>1</sup>
  2. **II Ti 2:15** "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (KJV)
- B. Studying enables us to love Christ
  1. **Mt 11:29** "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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2. **I Jn 5:2** "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments."
- C. Studying enables us to obey Christ
  1. **Ps 119:7-8** "I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. 8 I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!"
  2. **Lk 6:46** "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"
  3. **I Jn 2:6** "whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

### III. Hearing (Listening)

- A. Listening enables us to learn from those that have put in the study
  1. **Ro 10:13-14** "For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"
  2. **Jb 32:10** "So I say, 'Listen to me, I too will tell what I think.'" (NASB95)
- B. Listening enables us to process information quicker without trying to overload our brain with speaking
  1. **Ja 1:19** "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger"
  2. **Pr 10:19** "When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent."
- C. Keep in mind that the one teaching might not be accurate to the scripture as well
  1. That is why even though it is good to listen to those that have put in the study it is always better to take what was said and study it to make sure it is right.
    - i. **Ac 17:11** "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."

### CONCLUSION

1. As you can see there is more to "hearing" than just studying. In order to properly obey the the Word of God to hear we must not only listen but be willing to study.
  - a. God has given us all we need to take hold of the salvation He is offering.
    - i. **Ti 2:11** "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people"
  - b. It is up to us to go take hold of it and it starts by learning what is expected of us.
    - i. **Ph 2:12** "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"
2. Question: Can you adequately tell teach someone this step of God's Plan of Salvation?
  - a. If not take this lesson and learn it so that you can show the importance of this step to those that are in need of hearing it.
  - b. If you can than make sure you are all the time giving God the glory.

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### 3. Invitation

- a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
  - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
  - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
  - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
  - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
  - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
  - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
  - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**