

“True Salvation”

(Acts 9:21; John 8:31; Acts 2:42; Titus 2:14)

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A word to new believers...

1. Transformation! Acts 9:1-2, 19-22

- Saul hated Christians.**
- Saul becomes a Christian.**
- What happened? Transformation!**

**True salvation produces an inward
change that results in an
outward transformation!**

In Christ you receive a new nature.

¹⁷Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

⁸Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

Matthew 3:8

A word to all believers...

2. Continuation! John 8:31

- True salvation results in continuing in God's Word.**
- Continue means to abide in and remain both in faith and obedience to God's Word.**

³¹So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

Believers are not saved by abiding in God's Word, but believers abide in God's Word because they have been saved.

It's one thing to profess belief in Jesus; it's another thing to actually believe and receive Jesus. When you believe and receive Jesus you will continue His Word.

**If you have no desire to know God's Word and
no intention to do God's will, then, according
to Jesus, you haven't truly been saved!
(John 8:31; Matthew 12:50)**

A word to Matt Doster...

3. Dedication!

Three-fold challenge as deacon:

- **Be daily devoted to Christ. (Matt. 6:33; Acts 4:13)**
- **Be faithfully devoted to Cortney. (Eph. 5:25, 28; 1 Peter 3:7)**
- **Be diligently devoted to teaching and training Lucas.
(Deut. 6:4-9; 2 Tim. 3:12b)**
- **Be practically devoted to the church. (Titus 2:14; Acts 2:42)**

Sermon in a Sentence:

**True salvation results in transformation,
continuation, and dedication To Christ and
God's Word!**

Application:

- 1. Write down ways your life has been transformed by Jesus, how your life has changed since coming to Christ.**
- 2. Based on Jesus' definition of true salvation, are you truly saved? Are you living under the authority of Scripture and continuing in God's Word? John 8:31**
- 3. Faith@Home: Spend time as a family or with a friend praying for Matt Doster and the Deacons of Mt. Sinai. Pray that they will be devoted to Christ, their family responsibilities, and God's Church. Reach out to your Deacon and ask them how you can pray for them.**