

SIMPLE TRUTHS ABOUT SALVATION

Acts 22:1-22

1. Salvation is not hereditary

I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law... (3)

2. Salvation is not a product of religious zeal

and was zealous toward God as you all are today. I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, (3-4)

3. Salvation is a supernatural gift of God

Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?(6-7)

4. Salvation is received through humility and faith

So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.' (10)

5. Salvation makes you a part of God's family

Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. (12-13)

6. Salvation is for a purpose

Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. (14-15)

7. Salvation is obvious to outsiders

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' Then He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.' (16, 21)