

People are saved when God saves them.

Acts 11:13 – 18

- A. God is our Saviour, not just Jesus Christ but the entire Godhead.
1. We read in Jude, **Jude 1:25** "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." – the word God is the entire trinity.
 - a. The Father elects, **Ephesians 1:4** "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"
 - b. The Son was born in LIKENESS of sinful flesh, lived among man, in all points fleshly perfected the law, voluntarily took our place on the cross for our sins, suffered our condemnation, suffered the pain in our stead, shed His blood to cleanse and pardon our sins, and died, was buried, and rose from the grave for our salvation that we might live as He does. **Colossians 1:13 - 14** "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (14.) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"
 - c. The Holy Spirit delivers that glorious salvation to us, and keeps us, and will deliver us. **Romans 8:13 - 16** "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"
 2. Salvation is NOT accomplished through any other method, if you were not saved by the entire Godhead you are not saved. Peter said in verse 1 of Acts 11 "And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God." This receiving of the word of God was the receiving of the Gospel. This receiving is only accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. **Romans 3:11** "There is none that understandeth, **there is none that seeketh after God.**"
 - b. **Romans 8:6 - 9** "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."
 - c. **John 10:1 - 3** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (2) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out." – The Porter or the door keeper must be the Holy Spirit.
 - d. People hear the gospel, or the voice of Jesus Christ once the door has been open, because the natural man does not hear Christ until they are quickened and their ears are given the ability to hear. **2 Corinthians 3:14 - 17** "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. (15) But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. (16) Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of

the Lord is, there is liberty." – The blindness or the veil that prevents one to see is only removed by the Holy Spirit, not everyone has eyes to see and ears to hear, both are given by the Holy Spirit.

- B. God has given to us Salvation, by mercy, grace, and love. **Acts 11:17 - 18** "Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? (18) When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life."
1. Peter says "God gave them the like gift as he did unto us" that gift is salvation in Jesus Christ. How many times does God call salvation a gift? **1 Corinthians 1:27 - 31** "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; (28) And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: (29) That no flesh should glory in his presence. (30) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: (31) That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."
 2. God's saving grace, the very redemption and salvation which was purchased and obtained for God's elect by the blood of Jesus Christ at Calvary is for the very elect sinners by God Himself. through the irresistible power and grace of God the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 2:8 - 14** "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (11) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
- C. Only the Holy Spirit can bring a lost sinner, one who is at enmity with God, one who denies and rejects Jesus Christ as Saviour to believe and be saved. **Acts 11:18** "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.**"
1. The word "granted" means - to give something to someone or to bestow a gift to someone – it also means - to supply, furnish, necessary things for salvation, to reach out, extend, deliver and present the gift of salvation. **John 1:10 - 11** "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. (11) He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."
 2. Salvation is a hidden message to the lost. **2 Corinthians 4:1 - 6** "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; (2) But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (3) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the

glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (5) For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." - Salvation can only be seen once the Holy Spirit quickens you spirit, giving you eyes to see and ears to hear.

3. Satan through sin has blinded the worlds population making lost people unable to put together the puzzle of salvation and coming to Christ. **Isaiah 60:1 - 2** "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. (2) For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."