Salvation

A Scripture-Based Bible Study

A structured study of the new birth, repentance, baptism, the Holy Ghost, and holiness.

Pattern throughout the bible. Animal sacrifices.

1 • You Must Be Born Again

Jesus tells Nicodemus that to enter the kingdom of God, a person must be born of water and of the Spirit. Begin by reading their conversation and noticing how Jesus describes this new birth.

> John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
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> 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
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> 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
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> 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
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> 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
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> 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
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> 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

2 • Keys to the Kingdom

Jesus tells Peter that He will give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Keep that promise in mind as you read Peter’s answer to the crowd in Acts 2.

> Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
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> 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

3 • Tarry in Jerusalem

Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father’s promise. Acts describes what happened when that promise was fulfilled and how Peter answered the people who asked what to do.

> Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

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.

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.

4 • Repentance

Repentance means turning from sin and toward God. Read what Jesus says about the need to repent alongside the promise of forgiveness in 1 John.

Matthew 7:13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God

Luke 13:3 “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”

1 John 1:9“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

5 • Baptism

In Acts 2:38, Peter tells the crowd to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Read that instruction alongside what Jesus says about belief and baptism.

required and for the remission of sin, we take on the identity of Christ, sinless. Type of marriage union. In Jesus name

https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/bible-verses-about-baptism/

> Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

6 • The Holy Ghost

In Acts 19, Paul asks a group of disciples whether they have received the Holy Ghost. Follow the conversation and notice what Paul asks them about their baptism.

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> ACTS 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
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> 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
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> 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
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> 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

7 • Holiness & Enduring Faith

Hebrews calls believers to pursue holiness, and Jesus calls His followers to endure. Read these passages together and consider what they teach about continuing in faith.

> Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Eternal security is a sham

> Matthew 25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
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> 6 “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom [a]is coming; go out to meet him!’ 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
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> 11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ 12 But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour [b]in which the Son of Man is coming.

Matthew 24:13 But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved.

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