
Why All the Confusion About Salvation?

1. A Lack of Understanding of Bible Terminology

a. Using Different Terms or Phrases for the Same Experience

SAVED: Ways Salvation Is Referred To

1. Be Born Again
2. Be Saved
3. Become a Believer
4. Become a Christian
5. Become Part of God's Family
6. Get Saved
7. _____
8. _____

b. Confusing Synonyms that Mean the Same Thing

HAVE FAITH [=] BELIEVE [=] TRUST

c. Repeating Unclear or Inaccurate Phrases → More Steps

Are These The Same Step or Different Steps?

1. Accept Jesus as your personal Savior.
2. Acknowledge that you are a sinner.
3. Ask God to forgive you/your sins.
4. Ask Jesus into your heart.
5. Ask Jesus to save you.
6. Be sorry for your sins.
7. Believe in God.
8. Believe in Jesus.
9. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. Believe that Jesus died for your sins.
11. Call upon the name of the Lord.
12. Confess your sins.
13. Open the door of your heart.
14. Put your trust in God.
15. Receive Jesus as your Savior.
16. Repent of your sins.
17. Surrender your heart to the Lord.
18. Surrender your life to the Lord.
19. Trust the Lord to save you.
20. _____

2. Poor Bible Study Methods

a. Using Curriculum Without Reviewing It For Accuracy

b. Being Sloppy with Terms (you think & study with words)

c. Drawing Conclusions Before Studying Thoroughly

d. Ignoring the Immediate Context (verses next to)

e. Failing To Compare with the Rest of Scripture

f. Accepting Seeming Contradictions as Additional Steps or Conditions (do you add all the passages up, then?)

g. Choosing Unclear Verses over Clear Verses

h. Forgetting That the Bible Is the Final Authority, Not Men's Teachings