

will answer when we call upon His Name, *“Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity.”* The Lord Jesus said in **Matthew 7:7**, that if we will ask, seek, and knock, He will hear us. The Lord desires to hear from us as we look unto Him for Salvation. Again, no one enters into God’s Kingdom if they refuse to call upon His name in repentance and faith.

## ✠ CONCLUSION

There are many invitations given in Holy Scriptures (**Genesis 7:1**; **Isaiah 1:18**; **Matthew 11:28-29**; **Revelation 22:17**). In **Revelation 3:20**, the Lord promises fellowship to those who respond to His invitation, *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”* May we take heed to God’s Word and not put off this salvation that is offered to us through the Lord Jesus Christ. According to **Proverbs 1:28**, there may be a day when it is too late, *“Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.”*

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*“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.”*

**John 1:12**

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

**John 3:16**

*“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

**John 3:36**



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*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*  
**Acts 16:31**

# The RICHES

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*“hath appeared to all men.” Titus 2:11*

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## The A B C's of Salvation

*“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**Acts 20:21**

### ✠ Eternal Life ✠

The simplicity of the gospel is revealed in Holy Scripture, that is, God’s plan of salvation is made plain to mankind (you can be saved and know it). Throughout the Bible we see the need to acknowledge our sins, to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and to call upon the name of the Lord. Salvation is a gift provided by God through the death of His Son, but must be received by man. May we prayerfully consider this most important subject. Amen.

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*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* **Romans 10:9-13**

This article will consider three important words that are essential to salvation (acknowledge, believe, and call).

## ✝ ACKNOWLEDGE MY SINS

The gospel is summed up in **Acts 20:21**, “*Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*” There is clearly the need of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To acknowledge one’s sins is to repent. The word acknowledge means to admit my condition, to own up, or avow. We are guilty before a Holy and Righteous God, unable to save ourselves (separated from God). The Bible shows that all have sinned (**Romans 3:23**), and that none are righteous (**Romans 3:10**), and that the wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**). According to **Isaiah 53:6**, we are all like sheep gone astray and in **Isaiah 64:6**, all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Again, in **Genesis 8:21**, the Scripture declares that the imaginations of man’s heart is evil from his youth. In view of these facts, we are told in **I John 1:8-9** that we must confess our sins to have forgiveness, “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

To acknowledge my sins is to repent. Repentance is a Biblical doctrine and is as essential to salvation as faith is. The word repentance is found at least one hundred times in the Bible and some sixty times alone in the New Testament. Repentance is a change of mind accompanied with sorrow, and regret, resulting in a change of life. The church at Thessalonica turned from idols to serve the Living and True God (**I Thessalonians 1:9**). Repentance is a part of the gospel (**Mark 1:14-15; Luke 3:3-14; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Acts 11:18; Acts 5:31; Acts 17:30-31; Acts 26:16-20**). We must acknowledge our sins in order to have forgiveness and receive eternal life, (**Psalm 32:5; Psalm 51:3; Jeremiah 3:13; Hosea 5:15; I John 1:8-9**).

## ✝ BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Scripture speaks of repentance and faith. In **Acts 20:21**, these two words are bound together. To believe is to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is, we are to put our trust, confidence, and hope in Christ. According to **John 20:28-31**, the Scriptures are given to us that we might believe and be saved. Jesus Christ is the Son of God (**Matthew 16:16**). He is

the way, truth, and life (**John 14:6**) and whosoever believeth in Him shall have eternal life (**John 3:15-16,18,36**). There is no salvation without receiving Christ as Lord and Savior, **John 1:12**, “*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.*”

The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes (**Romans 1:16**). In **Hebrews 11:6**, it is impossible to please God without faith. We are to repent and believe the gospel in **Mark 1:15**, “*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*” The Lord Jesus is the one mediator between God and man, **I Timothy 2:5**, “*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*” If we acknowledge the Son, then we can have the Father also (**I John 2:23**). According to **I John 4:15**, we must confess that Jesus is the Son of God, “*Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*” Faith in Jesus Christ is necessary for one to enter into the kingdom of God. There is no other name whereby we can be saved. In **Romans 10:9**, we must confess the Lord Jesus in order to be saved, “*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*” Receive Him today.

## ✝ CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

**Romans 10:13**, says, “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” This is the sinner’s prayer. To call is to pray, cry for help, to request, to appeal, or to speak. In other words, it is to speak to God and ask for forgiveness as the repentant thief on the cross in **Luke 23:40-43**. He asked to be remembered by the Lord when he entered into His kingdom and was promised eternal life.

In **Genesis 4:25-26**, the Bible says that men began to call upon the name of the Lord, that is, they began to pray in faith. The word call is used many times in Holy Scripture in reference to prayer (**Psalm 50:15; Jeremiah 33:3; James 5:14; I Peter 1:17; I Corinthians 1:2; Acts 9:14; Acts 7:59-60**). In **Acts 2:21**, Peter’s sermon requires men and women to call on the Lord to be saved, “*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” We are to seek the Lord and to call upon His Name while He is near (**Isaiah 55:6**). We are promised in **Isaiah 58:9**, that God