

God's Plan of Salvation:

1. Hear - Romans 10:17
2. Believe - Mark 16:16
3. Repent - Acts 2:38
4. Confess - Romans 10:10
5. Be baptized - Acts 22:16
6. Live faithfully - Revelation 2:10

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## Remember - Part 2

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In our previous article we examined things God spoke about the need for people to remember in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, God equally expects us to remember certain things as well. Let's examine some more things the Bible encourages us to remember!

- Jesus challenged the disciples to remember the miracles he had done in feeding the five thousand and the four thousand with very little food (Matthew 16:5-12). Jesus was not concerned about whether they had enough bread. Jesus was concerned about the influence though the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees might have on His followers. It is easy to forget some things which will help us see God's care, power, etc. if we are not diligent to remember such things.
- Jesus calls upon us to, "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32, NKJV). Lot's wife was told along with the rest of Lot's family to flee from the city of Sodom because God was going to destroy it and not to look back (Genesis 19:15-17). Lot's wife decided to look back and was turned into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:26). Lot's wife reminds us to follow God's commands and of the serious consequences of violating His

commandments. Lot's wife may demonstrate how people can become tied to earthly things to the point they are unwilling to leave such things behind in order to obey God.

- Those who came to the tomb of Jesus are told by the angel to remember what Jesus said about His resurrection (Luke 24:1-8). Jesus had predicted He would rise from the dead the third day and His prediction came to pass. Such would be one evidence Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus instructs His disciples to, "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master'" (John 15:20, NKJV). Jesus is teaching that if the world rejected and persecuted Him they will also persecute His followers. When we remember how the world treated Jesus and that we are followers of Him, it will not surprise us when the world mistreats us as well.
- Paul commanded the elders at Ephesus to, "watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears" (Acts 20:31, NKJV). Elders need to be watchful for the souls within the congregation. The elders at Ephesus need to remember Paul's warnings and His example as he was among them. Paul watched and warned about error and these elders are to do a similar thing.
- We are encouraged to remember the words of Jesus (Acts 20:35; Jude 17). All of the sayings of Jesus are important for us to remember because He possesses all authority (Matthew 28:18) and it is His word that will judge us on the last day (John 12:48).
- We need to remember our reliance upon the root instead of boasting as though we support ourselves spiritually (Romans

11:18). If we begin thinking we are sufficient by ourselves, then we are on a path which will lead us toward pride, etc.

- God expects His people to remember the poor (Galatians 2:10). Remembering the poor will lead us to be generous and help those who are in need as God teaches us to do. A similar but slightly different thought is the command to remember the prisoners (Hebrews 13:3). We need not forget those who are suffering for the cause of Christ even if we are not facing the same sort of struggles ourselves (Colossians 4:18).
- We need to remember where we came from before our conversion (Ephesians 2:11-13). Remembering where we once were will help keep us humble, will cause us to be thankful for what God has done for us, etc.
- If we are falling from our previous commitment to God, part of the process of coming back involves remembering where we once were (Revelation 2:5; 3:3).
- The Lord's Supper is a remembrance we observe weekly to remember Christ's death (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). God wants the death of Christ to constantly be on our mind and so set up a memorial by which we can remember His death.

Let's make sure we are remembering the things which will help us in our service to God!