

# Which One(s) Can Be Left Out and Salvation Remains?

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The people who oppose baptism fail to realize that there are other components to salvation than just faith. Please consider the following workings that are essential to salvation. Of course, faith is the foundation part and the two following passages support this premise; John 8:24 “ **I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins**” ; Hebrews 11:6 “**But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him**”. There are other passages that we could read to support that faith is essential, but we would just repeat what we already know. For those who proclaim that salvation is without the act of baptism and that salvation is by faith only, they should consider the following points. We shall list just a few in this lesson

First, grace is essential, “**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast**” (.Ephesians 2:8-9). Most religious people who say faith is the only component for salvation agree that grace is essential, but they fail to realize that they are in a dilemma, which is, faith is not alone anymore because now we have faith and grace. Both of these items are essential to salvation. Which one will faith only people leave out?

Second, mercy is essential to salvation, “**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost**” (Titus 3:5). Now we have another essential component to salvation, which means we now have three essentials, faith, grace, and mercy. Which one will they leave out?

Third, repentance is essential to salvation, “**I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.** <sup>4</sup> **Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam**

**fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?** <sup>5</sup> **I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**” (Luke 13:3-5), and again in the Book of Acts, “**And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead**” (Acts 17:30, 31). Now there are four essentials, faith, grace, mercy, and repentance. Which one will they leave out?

Fourth the blood of Jesus is essential, “**Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him**” Romans 5:9). Now there are five essentials, faith, grace, mercy, repentance, and the blood of Jesus; which one will they leave out?

Fifth, confession is essential, “**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**” (Romans 10:9, 10). Now which one will they leave out? There are six essentials.

Seventh, baptism is essential to salvation, “**The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ**” (1 Peter 3:21). Now there are seven. The more we study this subject, the bigger the problem gets for those who oppose baptism.

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