

3. By action and work, James 2:18; Heb. 10:25; Acts 8:38.
4. Before "many witnesses" as possible, I Tim. 5:12.

Suggested Hymns:

1. "The Great Physician"
2. "Out of my Bondage, Sorrow and Night, Jesus, I Come".

"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

Acts 16:30

THE WEIGHT OF THE QUESTION

1. No question can be more important, Mat. 16:26.
2. Asked in substance three other times, Matt. 19:16; Acts 2:37; Acts 22:10.

THE QUESTION ANALYZED

1. "To be saved" is the principle thought.
 - (a) Two kinds of salvation: temporal or physical, and spiritual. Heb. 2:3.
 - (b) He already had the first, verses 27, 28.
 - (c) He now was anxious for soul salvation.
2. Repeat the question, using various meanings of "saved", such as *forgiveness, pardon, etc.*
3. "I" expresses personal responsibility, Ezek. 18:4.
 - (a) "What must I do to escape damnation."
 - (b) Not what must God do; not yet what the preacher must do; But "*What must I do?*"
4. "Do" is the positive, overt act.
 - (a) Sinners *can* and *must* do something, Acts 2:40.
 - (b) Can come to Christ in his way, Matt. 11:28-30.
5. "Must" expresses the greatest necessity.
 - (a) "Ye *must* be born again," John 3:8.
 - (b) ". . . what thou *must* do", Acts 9:6.

THE QUESTION ANSWERED

1. Correctly, by an inspired apostle, John 16:13.
2. Must agree with:
 - (a) What Jesus requires in the Great Commission, Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15, 16; Luke 24:46, 47.
 - (b) Peter on Pentecost, Acts 2:38.
3. Each inspired preacher answered the sinner according to where he found him.
 - (1) Unbelievers must first believe.
 - (2) Believing sinners must repent.

- (3) Penitent believers must be baptized.
4. We know what Paul told the jailor to do by knowing what the jailor did in obedience, 34.
 - (a) Paul preached to all in his house, 32.
 - (b) The jailor believed, 34.
 - (c) The jailor repented, 33a.
 - (d) The jailor was baptized, 33b.

Suggested Hymns:

1. "A Charge I Have".
2. "Trust and Obey".

REPENTANCE**Acts 17:30****WHAT IS REPENTANCE?**

1. "To *have another mind*". Acts 2:38.
 - (a) "He repented and went". Mat. 21:28-29.
 - (b) Nineveh changed their minds. Mat. 12:41; Jonah 3:10.
2. *Change of the will*. Rev. 2:21.
 - (a) The wicked must forsake his way. Isa. 55:7.
 - (b) "I will arise and go. . ." Luke 15:18.
 - (c) Repentance is impossible if the willpower has been destroyed. Heb. 6:6.
3. *Reformation of life toward God*. Acts 20:21
Repeat the text with these meanings.

REPENTANCE IS NECESSARY TO ETERNAL LIFE.

1. It is the hardest step in God's scheme of redemption. Mat. 21:32.
2. It is unto life. Acts 11:18.
3. It unto remission of sins. Acts 2:38.
4. Therefore:
 - (a) All men are commanded to repent. Acts 17:30.
 - (b) "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

REPENTANCE MUST BEAR FRUIT. Mat. 3:8.

1. *Words of mouth by way of confession are good, as expressed by*:
 - (a) "I have sinned". 2 Sam. 12:13.
 - (b) "God, be merciful to me a sinner". Luke 18:13.
 - (c) "What shall I do Lord"? Acts 22:10.
2. But *deeds* are better. (Mat. 7:20) We know that:
 - (a) Ninevites repented by covering themselves with sack-cloth and sitting in ashes. Jonah 3:5-10.
 - (b) The older son repented and went. Mat. 21:29.
 - (c) Thessalonians turned to serving the living God. I Thes. 1:9.
 - (d) The Ephesians burned their books of magic. Acts 19:
 - (e) The jailor washed Paul's back, Acts 16:33a.
 - (f) Showed repentance toward God by being baptized immediately. Acts 16:33b.

Suggested Hymns:

1. "Father, Hear Thy Children's Call".
2. "Pass Me Not".

CONFESSION OF CHRIST IS ESSENTIAL**Luke 12:8-9; Rom. 10:10.****INTRODUCTION:**

1. Christ requires it of every one, Matt. 10:32-33.
2. Made by word and deed, John 12:42; Phil. 2:11.
3. To deny him is eternal ruin, Text; 2 Tim. 2:12.
4. It is "unto salvation", a step nearer, Rom. 10:10.

WHAT IS THIS CONFESSION?

1. To confess is "to make known", to "disclose".
2. Your faith in Christ, which you have in your heart, must be made known, Rom. 10:10.
3. The essential facts about Christ:
 - (a) "God hath raised him from the dead", Rom. 10:10.
 - (b) That he is Son of God, Acts 8:37.
 - (c) That he is "both Lord and Christ" to you, Acts 2:36.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE CONFESSION?

1. "What did I say? What did I confess?"
2. Your confession should have meant that:
 - (a) Jesus was born of a virgin; lived among men, suffered with them.
 - (b) He died for your sins; that after the third day he was raised, I Cor. 15:1-4.
 - (c) You believe every thing he taught and did.
 - (d) He now mediates for you in heaven, Heb. 7:26, 27; I John 2:1-2.
 - (e) Salvation is in his name only, Acts 4:12.
 - (f) That you will take your cross and follow him, Luke 14:27.
 - (g) You will dispise what he dispises; love what he loves.

HOW TO MAKE THE CONFESSION?

1. It is hard to make, depending upon:
 - (a) Age and environments, John 9:22, 34; 12:42.
 - (b) Caused the death of Jesus, Matt. 26:63-68.
 - (c) Expresses the depth of one's faith, Acts 8:37.
 - (d) The popularity of the church, Acts 28:22.
2. From the heart with the mouth, Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.