What's Wrong With Religious Denominations?

	Denominations	The Lord's Church	Denominations	The Lord's Church
	1. Many bodies.	1. One body (Matthew 16:18 16:18; I Corinthians 12:20).	8. Change teaching.	8. Bible stays the same (Matthew 24:35).
	2. Founded by men.	2. Founded by Christ (Matthew 16:18).	9. Many faiths.10. Many baptisms.	9. One faith (Ephesians 4:5).10. One Baptism
	3. Human heads.	3. Christ the head (Ephesians 1:22-23).	11. Men join denomin-	(Ephesians 4:5). 11. God adds to His
	4. Human creeds.	4. Bible alone (II Timothy 3:16,17).	ational churches. 12. Approve of division.	church (Acts 2:47). 12. Jesus prayed for unity
	5. Human names.	5. Christians - Disciples (Acts 11:26).	13. Follow human	(John 17:20,21). 13. Rejects human
	6. Many gospels.	6. One gospel (Galatians 1:8,9).	traditions. 14. Practice unscriptural	traditions. (Col. 2:8). 14. Worships in spirit
	7. Membership not essential for salvation.	7. Membership essential for salvation.	worship.	and in truth. (John 4:24).
		(Ephesians 5:23).	Why Be A Part of A Denomination?	

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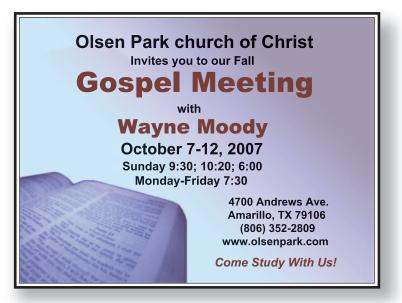
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"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Then the apostle Paul question by their jailer. ed in the city of Philippi ly-"Sirs, what must I because of their work for do to be saved?" (Acts the cause of Christ, after 16:30, NKJV). Although the Lord miraculously he may have been confreed them, they were cerned with his physical asked a very important salvation (Cont. on pg. 2)

and his companion The frightened man Silas were imprison- asked them earnest-

"What Must I Do To Be **Saved?**" (Cont. from pg. 1) because the prison security had been compromised, the apostle Paul taught him something much more valuable. He responded—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31). The jailer, heeded Paul's words. The text tells us—"Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized." (Acts 16:32-33).

This example serves as an important lesson to us in this day and age when we must ask this same question in our lives. Let's notice some elements of this account:

I. Belief & Confession

The first thing that the apostle teaches him is that he must believe in Jesus Christ. The book of Hebrews tells us—"without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6). This is not what Paul said led the man to do a dra-

a faith based upon opinion, or personal imagination, but on the solid evidence of the message of God's revealed word. Romans 10:17 teaches us—" faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

The kind of belief that Paul advocates is not simply a recognition of who Jesus is, but an active and living faith that lives out what it has accepted. Part of this involves the courage to acknowledge before others the faith which one has come to possess. In Matthew 10:32,33 Jesus taught—"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." James teaches us that true faith must be accompanied with obedience, declaring to us—"faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17).

II. Repentance.

In the account of the Philippian jailer, after Paul told the man about faith in Jesus he "spoke the word of the Lord to him" (Acts 16:32). Something about **shall we do?"** (Acts 2:37). He respond- put on Christ in baptism. ed—"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Repentance means that we stop doing what is wrong and commit ourselves to do right. In the example of the Philippian jailer this seems to be what is reflected in his tending to their wounds. Perhaps he had been responsible for some of those wounds.

III. Baptism.

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matic thing—"he took them the same things—"immediately he and all his hour of the night and washed their family were baptized." (Acts 16:33). stripes" (Acts 16:33). Did Paul talk to In his epistle to the Galatians Paul the man about repentance as he had taught that in baptism one puts on done on other occasions? In Acts 26:20 Christ. He wrote—"For you are all Paul claimed that he declared—"to sons of God through faith in Christ those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, Jesus. For as many of you as were and throughout all the region of Ju- baptized into Christ have put on dea, and then to the Gentiles, that Christ." (Galatians 3:26-28). Paul himthey should repent, turn to God, and self had once been taught this same do works befitting repentance." Was truth. Acts 22:16 recounts that he was the necessity for repentance a part of told—"now why are you waiting? the "word of the Lord" which he de- Arise and be baptized, and wash clared to the man? It certainly was away your sins, calling on the name when Peter taught on the day of Pente- of the Lord." At that time, he (just like cost. When Peter was asked—"what the Philippian Jailer) was obedient and

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Saved? As we consider our own relationship to God we would do well to consider the example of the Philippian jailer. The same things that were involved in his conversion still apply to mankind today. If we would be saved we must believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God, confess Him before others, repent of our sins and be baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins.

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