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What Must I Do to Be Saved — the Foundation

INTRO

The Foundation study answered the great question, what must I do to be saved? This devotional is for the person who has obeyed that answer. Salvation (being saved by God from sin and from death) does not end on the day you are baptized. It begins on that day. This devotional walks with you through one whole day of the new life, morning, noon, and night (Psalm 55:17).

MORNING — SEEK ME EARLY

A. Psalm 5:3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct [H6186 arak] my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

MY VOICE SHALT THOU HEAR IN THE MORNING → IN THE MORNING WILL I DIRECT MY PRAYER UNTO THEE, AND WILL LOOK UP.

B. Lamentations 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies [H2617 chesed] that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. (23) They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT → THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING + GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.

C. 1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk [G1051 gala] of the word, that ye may grow [G837 auxano] thereby:

AS NEWBORN BABES + DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD → THAT YE MAY GROW THEREBY.

(My personal thoughts — this morning, remember that you woke up as a person God has saved, and his compassions are new again this morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). Jesus rose up before daylight to pray, so speak to God before you speak to anyone else (Mark 1:35). Then feed on the word of God the way a newborn baby feeds on milk.)

NOON — AND AT NOON WILL I PRAY

A. Psalm 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon [H6672 tsohar], will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

EVENING, AND MORNING, AND AT NOON, WILL I PRAY → AND HE SHALL HEAR MY VOICE.

B. Acts 10:9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray [G4336 proseuchomai] about the sixth hour:

PETER WENT UP UPON THE ROOFTOP TO PRAY ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR.

C. Acts 2:46 And they, continuing [G4342 **proskartereo**] daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD → DID EAT THEIR MEAT WITH GLADNESS AND SINGLENES OF HEART.

(My personal thoughts — at midday, stop for a short time, because Peter prayed on an ordinary roof at an ordinary hour of an ordinary day (Acts 10:9). The first believers continued daily, not one day of the week (Acts 2:46). Say the morning verse again in your heart, pray a short prayer, and then go back to your work.)

NIGHT — MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT

A. Psalm 63:6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate [H1897 **hagah**] on thee in the night watches.

I REMEMBER THEE UPON MY BED + MEDITATE ON THEE IN THE NIGHT WATCHES.

B. 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine [G3985 **peirazo**] yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove [G1381 **dokimazo**] your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

EXAMINE YOURSELVES, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH + PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES → JESUS CHRIST IS IN YOU.

C. John 15:4 Abide [G3306 **meno**] in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU + AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN THE VINE.

D. Psalm 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace [H7965 **shalom**], and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety [H983 **betach**].

I WILL BOTH LAY ME DOWN IN PEACE, AND SLEEP → THOU, LORD, ONLY MAKEST ME DWELL IN SAFETY.

(My personal thoughts — tonight, examine yourself with honest eyes, whether you are still in the faith, and confess any sin to God before you sleep (2 Corinthians 13:5). Jesus is called the vine, which means the living plant that gives life to every branch joined to it, and a branch at night does no work but only stays joined (John 15:4). So stay joined to Jesus, and then lie down in peace, and sleep (Psalm 4:8).)

THE WORD TO HIDE IN THE HEART

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid [H6845 **tsaphan**] in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART → THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart [H3824 **lebab**]: (7) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

THESE WORDS SHALL BE IN THINE HEART → WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.

Morning, noon, and night are not three separate duties. They are one whole walk with God through one day. Salvation begins in the truth. It continues in the truth, one ordinary day at a time. Let the word of God rise with you in the morning. Let it steady you at noon. Let it lie down with you at night. Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

APPLY TODAY

1. This morning, before you eat, read the morning verses out loud one time. Then thank God for one new mercy. A mercy is a kindness from God that you did not earn (Lamentations 3:23).
2. At noon, stop your work for two minutes. Say a short prayer right where you are, the way Peter prayed at the sixth hour (Acts 10:9).

3. Tonight, before you sleep, examine your day. If you find sin, confess that sin to God before you sleep (2 Corinthians 13:5).
4. Tonight, say the memory verse out loud until you can say it with your eyes closed (Psalm 119:11).

THE PRAYER

My Father in heaven, I thank you for saving me. I did not earn salvation. You gave salvation to me through Jesus Christ your Son. Hear my voice in the morning. In the morning I will direct my prayer to you, and I will look up. Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. Make me hungry for the pure milk of your word, so that I may grow. At noon I will pray, and you will hear my voice. Help me continue daily, with gladness and singleness of heart. At night I will remember you on my bed. Help me examine myself, whether I am still in the faith. If I find sin, help me confess that sin and turn from that sin. Help me stay joined to Jesus, the true vine, because apart from Jesus I can do nothing. I hide your word in my heart, so that I will not sin against you. Keep me from growing lukewarm. Keep my love for you burning, morning, noon, and night. Help me endure to the end, so that I may be saved. You have given me a living hope. You keep me by your power, through faith, to salvation. So I will lay myself down in peace and sleep. You alone, LORD, make me live in safety. Amen.

CLOSING

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **[G1656 eleos]** hath begotten us again **[G313 anagennao]** unto a lively hope **[G1680 elpis]** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) Who are kept by the power **[G1411 dunamis]** of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE → AN INHERITANCE RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU → KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION.

(My personal thoughts — God began your salvation, and he keeps it by his own power. So walk with God every morning, every noon, and every night. Your hope is reserved in heaven, and it does not fade away.)

GREEK KEYWORDS

“milk” — **G1051 gala** — milk

the word of God is the first food of the new life

“grow” — **G837 auxano** — to grow, to enlarge

the newborn child of God grows by the milk of the word

“pray” — **G4336 proseuchomai** — to pray to God, to worship

Peter prayed on the housetop at the sixth hour, an ordinary hour of an ordinary day

“continuing” — **G4342 proskartereo** — to continue in, to give oneself continually

the first believers gave themselves to God daily, not one day of the week

“examine” — **G3985 peirazo** — to test, to examine, to prove

the saved person tests his own heart each night

“prove” — **G1381 dokimazo** — to test, and by testing to approve

the testing is done to approve, not to condemn

“abide” — **G3306 meno** — to stay, to remain, to dwell, to continue

the branch bears fruit only while the branch stays joined to the vine

“mercy” — **G1656 eleos** — mercy, compassion

God saves according to his abundant mercy

“again” — **G313 anagennao** — to beget again, to give new birth

God has given the saved person a new birth to a living hope

“hope” — **G1680 elpis** — expectation, confidence

the living hope stands on the resurrection of Jesus Christ

“power” — **G1411 dunamis** — power, might, strength

God's own power keeps the saved person to the end

HEBREW KEYWORDS

“direct” — **H6186 arak** — to set in order, to arrange

the morning prayer is laid out in order before God

“mercies” — **H2617 chesed** — kindness, mercy, favour

the mercies of the LORD keep us from being consumed

“noon” — **H6672 tsohar** — double light, noon, midday

the brightest hour of the day is also an hour of prayer

“meditate” — **H1897 hagah** — to murmur, to ponder, to meditate

the night watches are for remembering God on the bed

“peace” — **H7965 shalom** — peace, wholeness, welfare

the saved person lies down in peace

“safety” — **H983 betach** — safety, security, a place of refuge

the LORD alone makes the sleeper dwell in safety

“hid” — **H6845 tsaphan** — to hide, to treasure up

the word is treasured up in the heart against sin

“heart” — **H3824 lebab** — the heart, the inner man

the words of God are to live in the heart all day