

*“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee Wise Unto Salvation Through Faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by Inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in Righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:14-17 KJV*



If you do not know you are lost, you'll not see your need of Salvation. A drowning soul cries for help, because death is become a reality and they have found their own efforts useless! Fear of death has a way of bringing wisdom to our life! *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”* Those who do not fear the Wrath of a jealous God are fools of the highest order! *“The fool hath said in his heart, “There is no God!”* Denying the very real threat of drowning does not prevent its imminent occurrence, and the flood of water over one's head will force foolish thoughts of affecting one's own rescue far from thought! However, unless there is a lifeguard, even a cry for help will go unaided. Several things must happen for one to be saved. There must be a realization of utter hopelessness. There must be the wisdom of knowing that without help death will occur. There must be an immediate urgency to cry for salvation. And there must be an able life guard to hear and respond. Many times a victim is pulled from the water in a lifeless state and CPR must be initiated to bring them back from the brink of death! Life is literally breathed back into them! In many ways this is similar to the Salvation of a one's soul. We will not cry to Jesus for help until we understand that all human effort is futile! This understanding is only affected through faith in God's Word. Until you believe you are dying, that you are helpless, and that Christ is your only Hope of escape, you will die in the sea of iniquity into which you are born! *“He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed! Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him: for he that cometh to God must...DILIGENTLY seek Him.”* Diligence is determined, single-minded, obsession. When death stares you in the face, all else is suddenly irrelevant! Preserving life becomes the single focus of desire.

Salvation comes to hapless fools,  
Who fully trust in Christ the Lord,  
Forsaking all their foolish ways,  
And by true faith obey God's Word. –CGP

Sadly, many see their dying condition and still think they can affect their own Salvation through human effort; the same way drowning men flail helplessly at the water! *“Neither is there Salvation in any other: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. That at the Name of Jesus EVERY knee should bow, and that EVERY tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him (faith in the Word of God).”* We have a Saviour Who immediately sees the flailing hands of the sinner's silent cry for help and is ready, able, and present to breathe Eternal Life into the lifeless soul who through faith trusts Him totally for their deliverance from eternal Death! To be rescued we must totally yield ourselves to the Life-Giver lest we perish forever in our sin! The sinner need only stay relaxed in the arms of the Rescuer and breathe *“Breath of Life”* to be saved!

*“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 KJV*