

What is Said Directly about Salvation in the Book of Acts?

Read the verses in bold text and then answer the questions that follow.

Acts 27:20, 31 refer to salvation from drowning, but most of the references in Acts are spiritual salvation.

Acts 15:1. This led to a major “conference” of the early church leaders to discuss doctrine (vv. 2-6).

1. What were the (false) teachers referred to in this verse saying a person had to do in order to be saved? Do vv. 5 and 10 add anything to your answer of what they were saying?

Acts 15:11. These are the words of Peter about this matter at that same conference. Peter’s statement was part of what led to the decision that Gentiles were not required to become converts to Judaism in order to be saved (vv. 7-35).

2. Through what does Peter say *are* we saved?
3. Can you think of something parallel to the false teachers on this occasion, that people today say (or might say) is necessary to be saved but really isn’t? (think carefully!)

Acts 4:12

4. By what name are we saved? What light does Acts 4:7 shed on the meaning of “name” in this context? What are some other names by which we are saved? (okay, that was a trick question)

Acts 16:31

5. How are we saved according to this verse? Is this one line all of Paul’s answer to that question? (see v. 32, also vv. 33-34; for the fully account read vv. 16-40).

Acts 2:21

6. How are we saved according to this verse? What do you think it means to call on the name of the Lord? What does 22:16 add to your understanding of this?

Acts 2:40

7. Taken out of context, this verse could be twisted to support the idea that we are able to save ourselves by our own goodness. What do you think the verse means in the context of vv. 36-40?

8. Based on your answers to questions 2-7 (and the passages those questions are based on) how would you summarize the way a person is saved?

Acts 2:47

9. What does this verse say happens to a person when they are saved (see also v. 41)? What do you think this means? Why do you think the Lord does this? What are some of the practical implications we should gain from the fact that the Lord does this?

Acts 13:26, 47; 28:28

10. Who is salvation for, according to these three verses, that would have been surprising to many first century Jews? How would you apply this truth to the church today? How would you apply this truth to yourself, personally, right here in San Antonio?

Review each of your answers above and summarize some of the things we can learn about salvation from the book of Acts. Do any of these things makes you feel like you need to do something you're not currently doing? If so, what?