

Salvation's Steps

Romans 10:14-15

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- The “five steps”.
- Two unique problems:
 - Do the first four once and move on.
 - Baptism is the last step.
- The “five steps” are a natural progression and they are a good summary.
- Think of the emotions involved in each.

Hearing God's word:

- Knowledge – understanding – penetrates heart.
- Can be devastating – Paul – Jews in Acts 2.
- Can be informing – “so that’s it” – Ethiopian.
- Hearing destroys ignorance of sin.

Believe what God says:

- Know this is right – conviction – trust – hope is born.
- Destroys the love of sin.
- A new belief system – new principles.

Repent – move from sin, toward God

- A decision is made for God.
- Destroys the practice of sin – a will to change –determination to change – willing to give self to God.
- How can a person come to this point and be lost?
 - Gordon Smith questioned about this.
- This is not the point where God places salvation nor entering Christ.
 - John 12:42

Confession of Jesus as Lord:

- A stand is taken.
- You number yourself with God.
- You admit to the world what you believe.
- Destroys the allegiance to sin.
- Hard to confess Jesus and practice sin.

Baptism into Christ:

- The emotion is dependent on the belief in God's promise.
- The emotion most often mentioned is "joy".
- Now in Christ – sins washed away – forgiven – saved.