

Google Salvation

Scripture Text:

Google is very handy, yet it doesn't know everything.

- Launched in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin
- Name taken from googol – 1 followed by 100 zeroes
- The world's #1 search engine

The idea for this sermon came when I was writing another sermon, I quickly Googled something, typed it in wrong and came up with this sermon idea.

1. What does Google say is required for salvation? (Results from the first page only)

- a. AllAboutGod.com
 - i. Acknowledge God
 - ii. Recite Sinner's Prayer
 - iii. Tell others
- b. BillyGraham.org
 - i. Confess
 - ii. Believe
 - iii. Link to "Accept Jesus as Lord of Your Life"
- c. JSM.org – Jimmy Swaggart
 - i. Believe
 - ii. Sinner's Prayer
 - iii. Baptism – downloadable tracts "How To Be Saved" & "Baptism of the Holy Spirit"
- d. FocusOnFamily.com
 - i. Believe
 - ii. Justified Faith
- e. CreationToday.Org
 - i. Believe
 - ii. Repent
 - iii. Sinner's Prayer
- f. JoeMcGeeMinistries.org
 - i. Video
 - ii. Sinner's Prayer
- g. WikiHow.com – 2 options
 - i. Following the Bible – direct quotes
 1. Accept Jesus as the Son of God
 2. Read about Jesus on the cross to understand salvation
 3. Devote yourself fully to God in everything you do
 4. Be kind and respectful of other people
 5. Volunteer & serve your community to spread love and kindness

- ii. Asking for Salvation through Prayer
 - 1. Confess your sins through prayer to communicate to God
 - 2. Recite a prayer asking for forgiveness when you sin
 - 3. Pray for the salvation of non-believers
 - 4. Make a plan to avoid temptation and sin
- h. ActiveChtistianity.org and The ChristianWorldview.org were the same; GotQustions.org could not be found.
- i. Aside: What is the Sinner's Prayer?
 - i. It is **not** found in the Bible.
 - ii. Example: "Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner and that I deserve to go to hell. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins. I do now receive him as my Lord and personal Savior. I promise to serve you to the best of my ability. Please save me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

2. What does the Word of God say is required for salvation?

- a. Example on Pentecost – Ac. 2
 - i. Repent – 37,38
 - ii. Baptized – 38-41
 - iii. Remission of sins – 38-47
- b. Example in Samaria – Ac. 8
 - i. Believed – 12
 - ii. Baptized – 12, 13
- c. Example of the Eunuch – Ac. 8
 - i. Believed – 36-37
 - ii. Confessed – 37
 - iii. Baptized – 38
 - iv. Rejoiced – 39
- d. Example of Saul – Ac. 9
 - i. Baptized – 18
 - ii. Sins washed away – Ac. 22:16
- e. Example of Cornelius – Ac. 10
 - i. Believed – 44
 - ii. Baptized – 48
 - iii. Remission of sins – 43
- f. Example of the Jailer – Ac. 16
 - i. Believed – 31
 - ii. Baptized – 33
- g. Example of Lydia – Ac. 16
 - i. Believed – 14
 - ii. Baptized – 15
- h. In order: hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized.

3. Who should we listen to?

- a. We are going to be judged by the Word of God – John 12:48
- b. The Word of God remains – Matthew 24:35
- c. God's Word is perfect, doesn't contradict – II Tim. 3:16-17

Google may have the answer to a lot of questions, but it is not right when it comes to salvation.

Why waste something so valuable as your soul over something the internet says?

The choice is yours – we've studied exactly how to be saved, now it is up to you. What will you do with this information?

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