



are we saved like the
**THIEF ON THE
CROSS?**

Luke 23:39-43 (p 1217)

THE THIEF ON THE CROSS



We learn from the saved thief on the cross that we are all sinners in need of a Savior, and no matter the number of our sins and no matter if we, or the world, think our sins are minor or extreme, it is never too late to repent and accept the free gift of salvation.



The Thief: His Story

We know little about the man.

- He was a condemned man.
- Was he a companion of Barabbas?
Luke 23:25 (p 1216); Mark 15:6-7 (p 1174)
- He knew his punishment was just.
Luke 23:41 (p 1217)
- He knew something about the kingdom of Christ.
Luke 23:42 (p 1217)



The Thief: His Story

He reviled Jesus with the other man.

Matthew 27:38-44 (p 1149)

Sometime in the early hours of crucifixion, he changed.

Luke 23:33-34 (p 1217)

He believed in the wrath of God!

Luke 23:40 (p 1217)



The Man In The Middle

Jesus was arrested, tried, and condemned to die

Acts 2:22-23 (p 1254)

Jesus died at the hands of those He came to save

Acts 3:13-15 (p 1255)

Jesus never sinned and died a sinless man

Hebrews 4:15 (p 1375)



The Man In The Middle

Jesus proved He was the Son of God with authority

Mark 2:1-12 (p 1152)

- ✓ Jesus forgave the man of his sins **(v5)**
- ✓ Challenged by scribes **(v7)**
- ✓ Jesus poses a question **(v9)**
- ✓ Jesus proves His divinity **(vv10-12)**

Jesus had the **POWER**
and the **AUTHORITY** to
forgive sins

Luke 7:36-50

(p 1189)

Luke 19:9-10

(p 1209)



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The thief lived and died under the Law of Moses

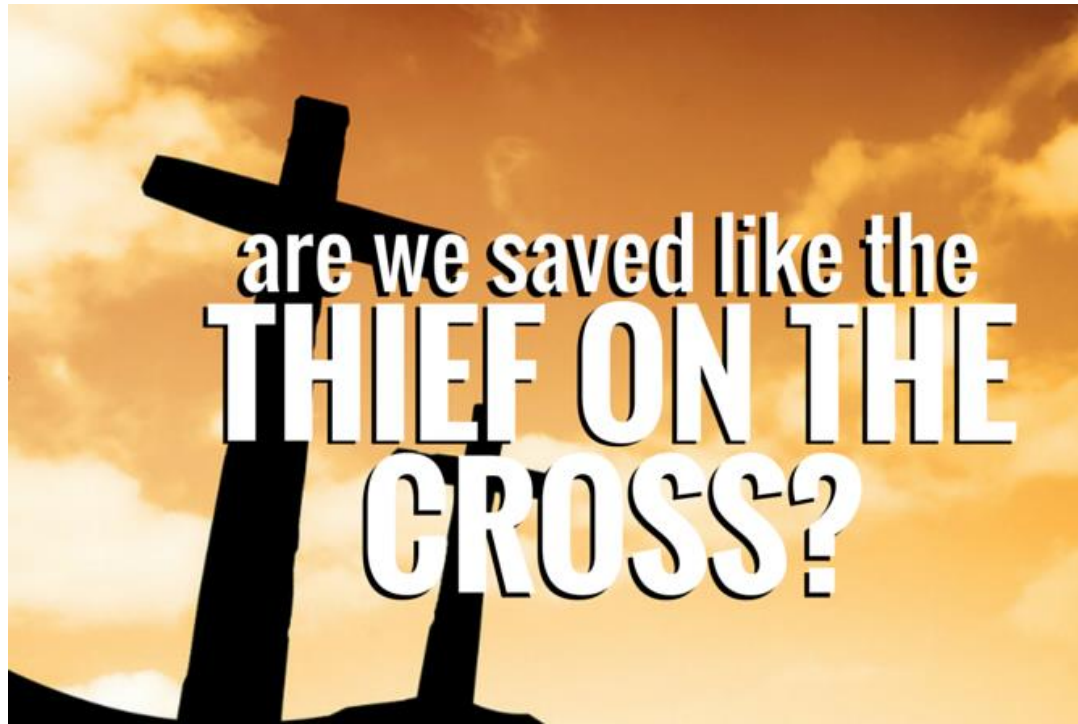
Ephesians 2:14-16 (p 1344)



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The thief did not obey the pattern of the New Testament

Romans 10:8-10 (p 1303)



Does the thief on the cross answer the objection to baptism?

What did Jesus tell His disciples?

Matthew 28:18-20 (p 1150)

Mark 16:15-16 (p 1176)

IN HIM YOU WERE ALSO CIRCUMCISED WITH THE CIRCUMCISION MADE WITHOUT HANDS, BY PUTTING OFF THE BODY OF THE SINS OF THE FLESH, BY THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, **BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM**, IN WHICH YOU ALSO WERE RAISED WITH HIM THROUGH FAITH IN THE WORKING OF GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.

COLOSSIANS 2:11-12 (P 1354)

THERE IS ALSO AN ANTITYPE WHICH **NOW SAVES US**
— **BAPTISM** (NOT THE REMOVAL OF THE FILTH OF THE
FLESH, BUT THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE
TOWARD GOD), THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF
JESUS CHRIST.

1 PETER 3:21 (P 1393)