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WHAT ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS?

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What about other biblical accounts of faith?

Abraham

Romans 4:1-4, 19-22; James 2:21-24; Hebrews 11:8

Israel at the Red Sea

Hebrews 11:29; Exodus 14:13-15

Israel at Jericho

Hebrews 11:30; Joshua 6:2-5

Naaman

2 Kings 5:9-14

WHAT ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS?

What about John's baptism?

How do you know the thief wasn't baptized?

Luke 3:3; Mark 1:5; John 4:1-2

John's baptism was a divine command for remission of sins.

Luke 3:3; 7:27 (cf. Malachi 3:1)

How did God view refusal to submit to John's baptism?

Luke 7:29-30

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What about Jesus' authority on earth to forgive sins?

It would be presumptuous to deny that anyone Jesus said He forgave was forgiven.

Luke 23:42-43; 7:48-50; John 8:10-11; Mark 2:1-12

It is also presumptuous to suggest Jesus did not, would not, or must not require something for salvation that He did not require of others before.

Mark 2:10; Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23; Acts 2:38

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What about the New Covenant?

Jesus forgave the thief during the Old Covenant.

The Law of Moses Anticipated a New Covenant

Hebrews 8:7-13; 9:15-18

Jesus came in the flesh and died, inaugurating the New Covenant which includes baptism.

Hebrews 9:26-28; 10:5-10, 19-22

This salvation must not be neglected!

Hebrews 2:1-4

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What about all the conversions in Acts?

Acts records the mission of Jesus' apostles to preach the gospel, saving the lost. Every conversion account demonstrates the way of salvation, and all include the necessity of baptism.

Acts 2:38, 41 (Pentecost); 8:12 (Samaritans); 8:38 (Eunuch); 22:16 (Saul); 10:48 (Cornelius); 16:15 (Lydia); 16:33 (Jailer); 18:8 (Corinthians)

WHAT ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS?

**What about him? What is that to you? You
follow Jesus!**

*“Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, ‘But Lord, **what about this man?**’ Jesus said to him, ‘If I will that he remain till I come, **what is that to you? You follow Me.**’”*

John 21:21-22

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