

An Illustration on how one does not understand the plan of Salvation,
and gets it wrong, using Basic Math, Rules, and Examples.

John 3:5-8

5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

7 **Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**

8 **The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

Here in John we are told by the Master Teacher Jesus how to obtain Salvation. He has told us we must be born of Water and of the Spirit. In Verse 8 Jesus explains to us just like the wind blows here and there, and you hear the sound of it, yet you do not know where it came from or where it went. He compares this to the Holy Ghost or the (Holy Spirit) and explains that also is how one that is born again of the Spirit will be.

Let's call this portion of text above = Learning how to add and subtract.

Let's show examples of what I mean here.

Example 1. $5+5=10$

Example 2. $7-4=3$

Example 3. $8+4=12$

Example 4. $12-3=9$

Romans 10:9-14

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Many doctrines today teach that these verses above is all it takes to be saved. Yet, Jesus just told us we must be Born of Water and of the Spirit. Also, in Verse 14 we are specifically reminded that we can not hear without a preacher. You do not hear one message from a preacher and leave concluding you understand everything. What about what Jesus just told us it takes to enter the Kingdom of God? What about what Apostle Peter preached on the day of Pentecost concerning Salvation?

Let's call this portion of text above = Learning how to multiply and divide.

Let's show examples of what I mean here.

Example 1. $4*5=20$

Example 2. $18/6=3$

Example 3. $8*4=32$

Example 4. $12/3=4$

Acts 2:36-39

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Here Apostle Peter has just told us how to be born again of Water and of the Spirit. He said repent and be baptized in Jesus name for remission of sins, this would be being born of Water; and he then told us you will receive the Holy Ghost, this would be being born of the Spirit. Also remember that the receiving of the Holy Ghost is an experience of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. It is not received by an act of faith saying I believe I have it.

Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Here we clearly see people baptized in Jesus name and they as of yet had not received the Holy Ghost. So we know for sure that it was not instantly received by an act of faith.

Let's call these portions of text above = Learning that when you have math problems involving many numbers adding/subtracting and multiplying/dividing in the same problem that there is a rule that you must first complete any multiplication or division in that problem and then do any adding or subtraction in that problem. If you work the problem out of that order your answer will be incorrect.

Let's show examples of what I mean here.

Example 1. $8+3*7=29$ does not = 77

Example 2. $12+6/3=14$ does not = 6

Example 3. $20-15/5=17$ does not = 1

Example 4. $25-10*2=5$ does not = 30

So based off of what you have learned up to this point. Let's set up a test using these scriptures above as variables and assigning them a value.

Acts 2:36-39 Variable Z Value 24

John 3:5-8 Variable X Value 16

Romans 10:9-14 Variable Y Value 8

Instructions: Place the value of each variable into the problem to get the solution.

Calculators are allowed.

The Problem: $Z + Y * X = ??$

Answer at the bottom of the sermon.

So if you are a person that was taught that all you need to do for Salvation is to repent and you are saved, or once saved always saved, I would remind you that you can not forget that you have to read all of the New Testament, must have a preacher to help you understand, and you can not omit portions that you do not understand. In this illustration we have used Jesus to tell us what we must do to enter the Kingdom of God. That being Born of Water and Spirit. Apostle Paul who told us whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved and reminded that how then shall they call on Jesus in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Jesus of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?, and then finally Apostle Peter told us that we must Repent and be baptized in Jesus name for Remission of Sins, (Being Born of Water) and the receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, (Being Born of the Spirit).

And then Finally you do not want to forget what the Master also taught us.

Matthew 7:21-27

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

FINAL ANSWER:

Remember to first place your values into the variables.

The problem should now read $24 + 8 * 16 = ??$

Remember to apply the rules to get the correct answer.

Your answer should be = 152

If your answer was = 512, You have worked the problem incorrectly.