

GOD'S MUSTS

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Today we want to examine some **MUSTS** that are taught in God's word:

Ye Must Be Born Again. "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'" (John 3:7) God requires that all who enter His family do so through spiritual birth. Physical birth does nothing to bring one into God's family. Earlier, Jesus told Nicodemus that this birth was of "water and spirit." (John 3:3-5) The Spirit, Who revealed God's truth, shows the alien sinner that he must contact Christ's blood in the waters of baptism. {Romans 6:3,4; Colossians 2:11-13}

The Son Must Die. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

Mankind needed a remedy for his sin problem. The blood of bulls and goats could not remove sin. {Hebrews 10:1-4} Man's own righteousness was insufficient to merit forgiveness. {Ephesians 2:5,9} God's justice demanded payment for sin, and the only one who could make that payment was His pure, sinless Son- Jesus. All sins must be remitted by blood. {Hebrews 9:22} Only the blood of God's Son could redeem us from sin's bondage. {Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:14,15}

We Must Be Saved in the Name of Christ. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved." {Acts 4:12}

No other name under heaven can bring salvation to sinful men. Jesus clearly explained that He was the way to the Father: "Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6) Paul said that there is only one mediator between God and man- Jesus Christ. {1 Timothy 2:5} Unless we are willing to confess His name before men, He will not confess us before His Father. {Matthew 10:32,33}.

Understand these matters are not up for debate or to be negotiated. Absolutely all of these things had to be done or we have to do them-period. Yes, men have a choice to do them or reject them in their lives – but those come with consequences. Dear reader, do you know this Jesus, and have you taken the opportunity to receive the benefit of His shed blood? ***