

HEBREWS 12:2 -- "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

- b. How can salvation be accomplished? (Acts 2:38-39)

ACTS 2:38-39 -- ⁽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."

ST. JOHN 3:1-8. The New Birth Experience...can only be accomplished through baptism in water and spirit. Key verses (5-7) - ⁽⁵⁾"Verily, verily, I say unto them, except a man be born of water and of 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.

BAPTISM: A sacred rite involving water, symbolizing a purification from sin. Baptism is treated as a specialized theological term in dictating the believer's identification and union with Jesus Christ and participation in Jesus' death and resurrection.

ROMANS 6:1-10 -- ⁽¹⁾"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ⁽²⁾God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer in it? ⁽³⁾Know ye not that, as many of us a were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? ⁽⁴⁾Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life. ⁽⁵⁾For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection; ⁽⁶⁾Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁽⁷⁾For he that is dead is freed from sin.