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Question: What does the church of Christ teach as the plan of salvation?

Answer: Since all authority belongs to Jesus (*Matt. 28:18*), we teach what He taught, as revealed in the gospels. He said 4 things are needed:

1) We must believe in Jesus. In *John 8:24*, Jesus said, ***“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”***

2) We must repent of our sins. In *Luke 13:1-5*, Jesus was asked about some who died terrible deaths, if they were worse sinners than others. He said, ***“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”*** His point is we’re all going to die one way or another, but if we don’t repent of our sins, we’ll perish in a far greater sense.

3) We must confess Jesus as God’s Son. Jesus said in *Matt. 10:32*, ***“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.”*** (See also *Acts 8:37*).

4) We must be baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins. When Jesus sent His apostles into the world to preach the gospel, He said, ***“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*** Every example of conversion in the book of Acts shows the sinner was baptized to be saved. Since Jesus taught these four things, why should our teaching be different?

--Steve McCaslin