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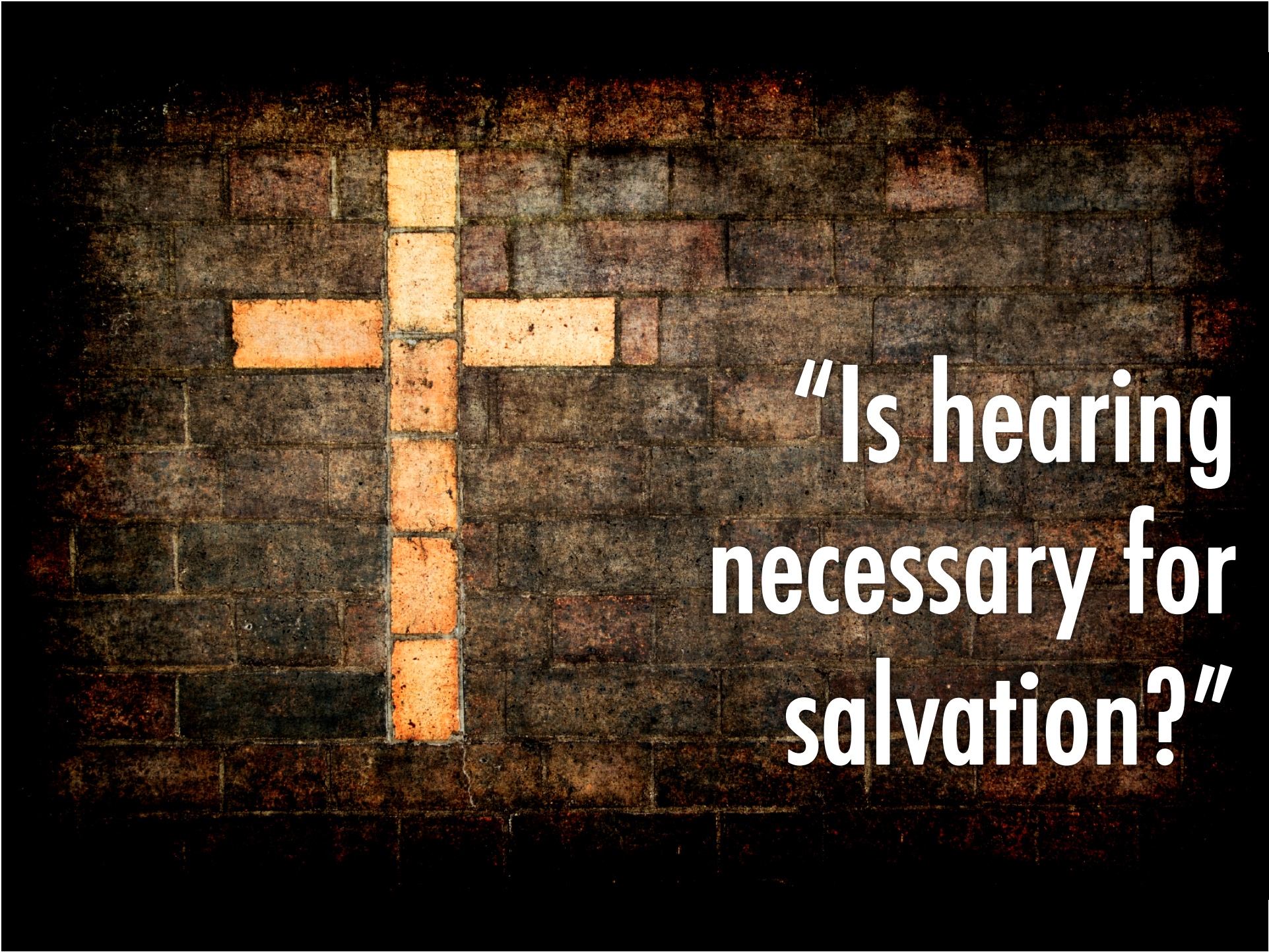
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**Part One: Faith Comes By Hearing**



# Hearing The Word


- If it is true that faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17) and faith is an integral part of salvation (John 3:16), then it is worth our time to begin with the relationship between the two.
- “Hearing” is a part of the greatest commandments (Mark 12:28-31). It means inviting the word of God into your heart so that it can have the designed effect (Matthew 13:23).
- Having “ears to hear” involves more than just mere listening. It is a willingness in the heart and mind.

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**"Is hearing  
necessary for  
salvation?"**

- Some would rather not hear the Word because of the obvious implications. It is just easier to ignore the truth than confront it!
- But nowhere does scripture teach that ignorance is how we are saved. In fact, the very opposite is illustrated in passages like Zechariah 7:11 and Jeremiah 22:21

**“But what if I don’t want to hear?”**

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Hearing must be followed  
by a decision—  
**Matthew 7:24-27**

# "So am I saved yet?"

- It is easy to isolate certain Bible passages and conclude that salvation happens at the moment of belief, as if "the sinner's prayer" is all that is required.
- But "belief" cannot be isolated from other steps in the process – a process, by the way, that doesn't necessarily end at baptism, either!
- Faith itself is a "work", of sorts. It must produce real, meaningful action (James 2:14ff, John 6:29).