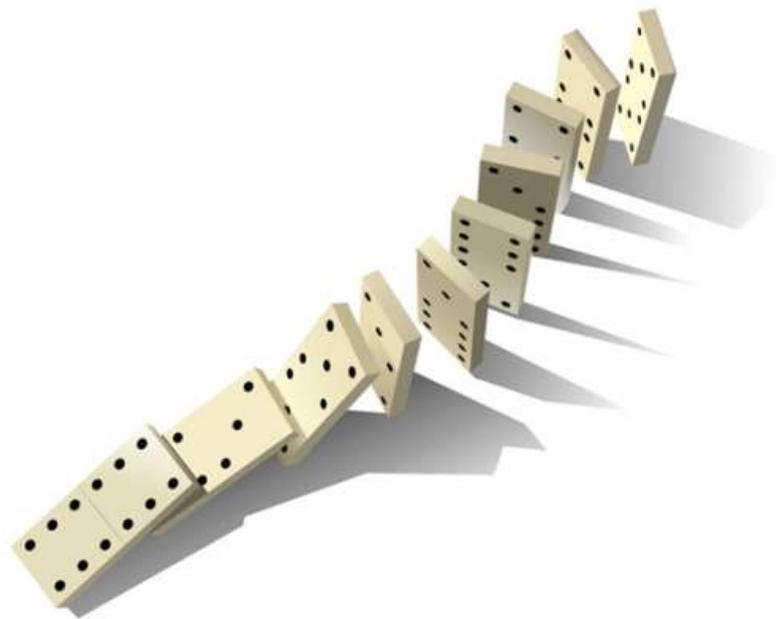


The Salvation Cycle
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There are only 2 forces in this world: Jesus' and Satan's. If you don't know or believe in Jesus then you are in the camp of Satan (1 John 2:22-23). There is an exception, if you don't know about Jesus but you kept the laws that were written in your heart then you can be in the company of Jesus (Rm 2:14-15)

Is there a route, a path to salvation that is described in the bible? Does one step proceed before another in an orderly fashion? Like a line of dominos? If so, then which part goes before the other?

Jesus is orderly. The 6 days of creation was in a specific order. Jesus isn't a God of confusion (1 Cor 14:33). Since He is orderly, the steps of salvation should be orderly.

There are examples of an orderly procession of events such as:

RSV Isaiah 28:10 For it is **precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,** here a little, there a little."

RSV 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder **I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it.**

11 For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Building a house has specific steps. You can live in the house until you completed the house. You can't put the roof on before you raise up the walls...

The first step is always initiated by Jesus. He starts the salvation cycle in a person's life by sending His words into one's life by someone. Jesus may have to take everything away from you so you hit rock bottom before you are able to listen. Jesus also has to grant you the ability to repent (2 Tim 2:25-26, Acts 5:31) before you can repent. Take heart, If Jesus has sent you His Words then he may have also granted you the ability to repent and thus be saved.

Jesus gave us a command to go and teach His commandments.

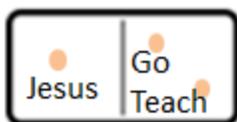
ASV Matthew 28:19-20

19 **Go** ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

20 **teach**ing them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Jesus directs His people to go and teach/preach His gospel to others. Prior to Jesus sending a person to you then you are counted as one of the lost.

Jesus + Go Teach



(Give domino to other person)

Now that we have our marching orders, we have to put on our boots and get out of our houses and begin speaking to others. You have to tell others about Jesus and his commandments and pray that the Holy Spirit convicts them to continue on the path of salvation.

ASV Romans 10:15 and how shall they **preach**, except they be **sent**? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!

Sent + Preacher



(Give domino to other person)

Now its show time. When a person comes into another person's life telling of Jesus and salvation they are left with 2 choices: accept or reject. If one rejects the news then that might have been their one and only opportunity to get on the road of salvation.

ASV Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they **hear** without a **preacher**?

Preacher + Hear



(Give domino to other person)

Once a person has heard the good news, then it can stay a little while and then go away or what was heard could remain forever. Staying on the road to salvation requires that you to hear and keep the good news (Lk 11:28)

ASV Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians **hearing believed**, and were **baptized**.

Hear + Believe ... Baptize



(Give domino to other person)

One should have a conviction and should change their view of life once they begin believing that Jesus is Lord. At this time one should have a conviction to express Jesus is Lord (Rm 10:9), and to express remorsefulness for your sins (James 5:16)

ASV Acts 19:18 Many also of them that had **believed** came, **confessing**, and declaring their deeds.

Believe + Confess



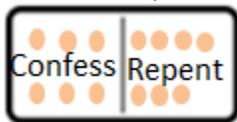
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Not only do you confess your sins but repent from doing so (both should be hand in glove process). The only time you wouldn't repent after confessing your sins would be if you truly were not sorry for doing them.

ASV 1 Kings 8:35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and **confess thy name**, and **turn from their sin**, when thou dost afflict them:

“Turn from their sin” is another word for repent

Confess + Repent

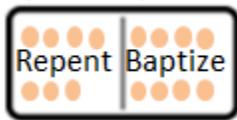


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Repentance leads you up to the door of salvation; baptism takes you thru the door. Baptism is the only way the bible describes that one is able to wash away your sins (Rm 6:3-11). All of the previous steps draws you closer to Jesus (James 4:8) but you are not in Jesus (Gal 3:27). This is a crucial difference between just believing and believing, confessing, repenting and then being baptized.

ASV Acts 2:38 And Peter said unto them, **Repent** ye, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

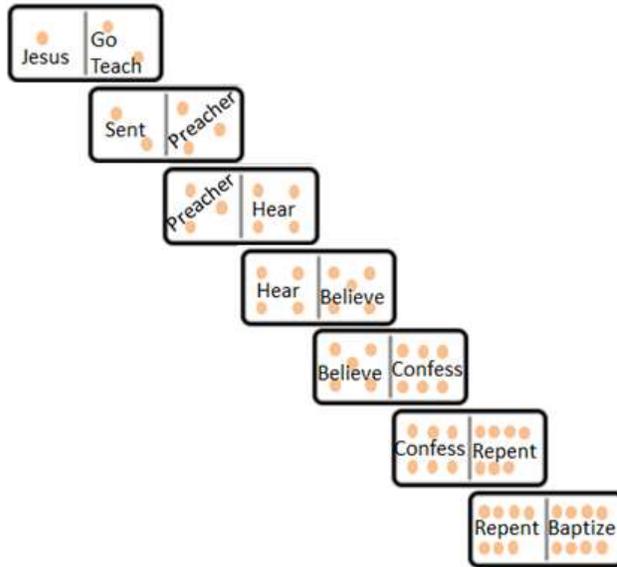
Repent + Baptize



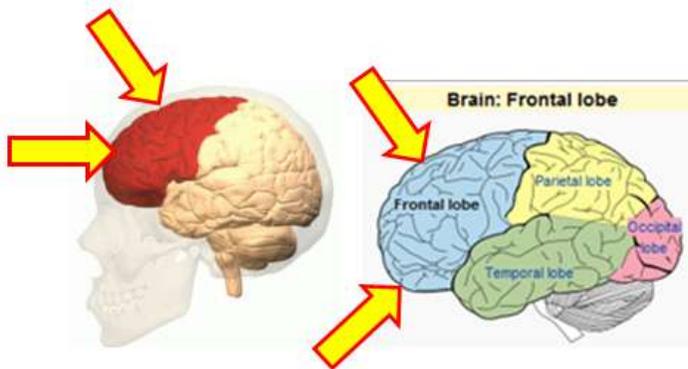
Linking all the pieces together you find a simple logical progression from being lost to being called, then believing, being convicted enough to confess that Jesus is Lord, Repenting of your sins and then being Baptized for the remission of your sins thus obtaining salvation.

Looking at the steps a startling point should be obvious. How can an infant whose mind is not developed enough to hear, believe, confess and repent get baptized? The infant's only concern is to eat, sleep, burp and poop.

You have to be of an age that can make a decision rationally, that you understand the consequences and have a moral character to carry it out.



Amazingly the legal minds and physicians have come to the same age that God has repeatedly mentioned of the age of accountability.



“one of the things that teenagers seem to do is to respond more strongly with gut response than they do with evaluating the consequences of what they’re doing.”⁷

Also, appearances may be deceiving: “Just because they’re physically mature, they may not appreciate the consequences or weigh information the same way as adults do. So we may be mistaken if we think that [although] somebody looks physically mature, their brain may in fact not be mature.”⁸

This discovery gives us a new understanding into juvenile delinquency. The frontal lobe is “involved in behavioral facets germane to many aspects of criminal culpability,”⁹ explains Dr. Ruben C. Gur, neuropsychologist and Director of the Brain Behavior Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania. “Perhaps

most relevant is the involvement of these brain regions in the control of aggression and other impulses.... If the neural substrates of these behaviors have not reached maturity before adulthood, it is unreasonable to expect the behaviors themselves to reflect mature thought processes.

“The evidence now is strong that **the brain does not cease to mature until the early 20s** in those relevant parts that govern impulsivity, judgment, planning for the future, foresight of consequences, and other characteristics that make people morally culpable.... Indeed, age 21 or 22 would be closer to the ‘biological’ age of maturity.”¹⁰

http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publishing/criminal_justice_section_newsletter/crimjust_juvjus_Adolescence.authcheckdam.pdf

6 PBS Frontline, Inside the Teen Brain. See Interview with Jay Giedd, online at www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/teenbrain/.

7 Id, at Interview with Deborah Yurgelun-Todd.

8 Id.

9 Gur, Ruben C. Declaration of Ruben C. Gur., PhD, Patterson v. Texas. Petition for Writ of Certiorari to US Supreme Court, J. Gary Hart, Counsel. (Online at: www.abanet.org/crimjust/juvjus/patterson.html)

10 Id.

The Bible speaks of age 20 was the age that God determined that you were an adult, responsible for your actions. As an adult you could go to war (Num 1:3) and be numbered in the census (Ex 30:14). Age 20 was also the age that prevented you from entering the promise land due to rebellion in the heart and mind (Num 14:29-30).

RSV Exodus 30:14 Every one who is numbered in the **census, from twenty years old and upward**, shall give the Lord's offering.

RSV Numbers 1:3 **from twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go forth to war**, you and Aaron shall number them, company by company.

RSV Numbers 14:29-33

29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and of all your number, **numbered from twenty years old and upward**, who have murmured against me,

30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised.

32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness.

Just because you are under 20 doesn't mean you get off scot free to be unruly. The parent's role was to train the child in righteousness so that when they become an adult they would not depart (Prov 22:6). If you didn't correct the child in the unruly way then they became spoiled (Prov 13:24) and disaster

happened to them as the next verse point out when the prophet Elisha deals with a herd of unruly children:

RSV 2 Kings 2:23-24

23 He went up from there to Bethel; and while he was going up on the way, some **small boys** came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"

24 And he turned around, and when he saw them, **he cursed them** in the name of the Lord. And **two she-bears** came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys.

Parents and non-Parents: train yourself, your children and others you come into contact with, the plan of salvation - it's your primary mission that Jesus sent you into the world to do.

RSV 2 Timothy 4:2 **preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.**

Best Regards,
David O'Malley

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RSV 1 John 2:22-23

22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.**

23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.

RSV Romans 2:14-15

14 When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

15 They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them

RSV 1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

RSV 2 Timothy 2:25-26

25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth,

26 and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

RSV Acts 5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

RSV Luke 11:28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

RSV Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

RSV James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

RSV Romans 6:3-11

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

7 For he who has died is freed from sin.

8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

9 For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

10 The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

RSV Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

RSV James 4:8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

RSV Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

RSV Proverbs 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Print these out and use them as each step is named. Piece them all together after baptism.

