

# ***Those Challenging Salvation Passages-1***

Luke 18: 9-14

Most every group, church, sect, and denomination in Christendom has some sort of standard response to ones seeking salvation. But how different the versions are!

***I propose we examine the challenging salvation passages to prepare ourselves to dialogue with seekers.***

## **TWO SIMPLE and BASIC RULES FOR HANDLING THE SCRIPTURES RIGHTLY:**

***1–Be sure you know the context of both subject and time for any Scripture you are going to apply!***

***2–On any given subject, The Bible can never mean LESS than what is stated in a verse, but it can always mean MORE when comparing it to other verses on the subject!***

OK, so let's tackle some of these challenging passages.

First up... The Sinner's Prayer

### ***1–The ORIGINATION of the Sinner's Prayer for Salvation***

- *An overview of some history... it is a relatively NEW addition to Christendom!*

### ***2– The SCRIPTURES that are “Said” to Teach It***

- *Revelation 3:20*
- *Romans 10:9*
- *Luke 18:13*

### ***3–The PLACE of PRAYER in Being Saved***

- *Acts 9:11 and 22:16*
- *Acts 10:2 and 11:13-14*

***These folks didn't “pray through”, did not repeat a little “formula prayer for salvation”, nor did they kneel at a “mourner's bench or sign a prayer card. They were forgiven and saved when they were baptized into Jesus... but prayers prepared the heart and focused faith on the right source for salvation!***

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