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Acts 6: 4 ASV

Should you confess Jesus as Savior?

A Message for Youth

Week of Sunday 19 March, 2017 A.D.
(Anno Domini – In the year of our Lord)

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- **Text:** Luke 2: 49-51 ASV

Jesus asked; ⁴⁹ How is it that ye sought me?
knew ye not I must be in my Father's house?
⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which he
spake unto them. ⁵¹ And he went down with
them, and came to Nazareth; and he was
subject unto them.

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- In Old Testament homes in Israel, education began in the home. The character and moral upbringing of children was acquired by seeing and hearing. From the first days of existence, a religious atmosphere surrounded the child.
- First education was necessarily mother's. Children were trained to recognize God as their Father, and as the maker of the world; and taught this knowledge from earliest youth.

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- While the earliest teaching was from the lips of mother, it was the father who was bound to teach his son. The son learned to speak passages from scripture and prayers. The child was taught his birthday text, a verse of scripture beginning or ending with, or at least containing, the same letters as his name. The child would insert it in daily prayers. Hymns taught the Psalms.

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- Regular instruction commenced with the fifth or sixth year, when every child was sent to school. Up to ten years of age the Bible was the exclusive text book. From ten to fifteen the Ten Commandments and traditional Holy Scripture. After that age, a student could learn from rabbis (teachers) with higher schools and Academies in Jerusalem.

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- Jesus was read the Holy Scriptures and His thoughts must have been kindled by their light. Today we understand the wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him. On His first visit to the Temple, at Jerusalem, after Jesus passed His twelfth year, in the company of kinfolk, He observed Passover, solemn services in strict observance of the ordinances. When they left Jerusalem, He was not with Mary and Joseph. When they came back, three days later and found Him, Jesus asked; ⁴⁹ How is it that ye

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sought me? knew ye not I must be in my Father's house? ⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them.

- His return to Nazareth began Jesus' manhood.
- When was Jesus about His Father's business?
After Jesus passed His twelfth year.

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- How old should you be to confess Jesus as Savior? When you know that you are a sinner; believe He died for you; forgave you of your sins; and believe He promised to save you.

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- The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy. Its precepts are binding. Its histories are true. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct, comfort, and cheer you.
- Memory Verse: 9 if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10: 9 ASV

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Conversion

- If you would like to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, simply bow your head right now and humbly:
- Admit that you are a sinner;
- Tell Him you believe He died for you;
- Ask Him to forgive you of your sins;
- Believe He promised to save you;

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- Be baptized and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost;
- Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.