

STEP IT UP

SCRIPTURE:

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock (Matthew 7:24-25).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Ladder

SONG: "Each Step I Take"

MAIN MESSAGE:

In today's culture, we find many different religious beliefs. In John 14: 6, Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life..."
There is only one way to eternal life.

LESSON:

A ladder can be a very useful tool to use when working or just doing little things around the house. It seems to be with every little job around the house there is always something that we can't reach. This is where the ladder will come into play. Ladders come in many different shapes and sizes, but all have the same basic principle when used. Every ladder has steps that allow you to climb up and down to reach whatever the object or job that you need.

This same principle can be seen in the Bible when it comes to our salvation. You can either climb up the ladder or down, but either way you will have to make a decision. The main purpose of the ladder is to climb up to things that you are wanting to reach. With this on our minds let's take a look at the steps that we need to get us and our families to Heaven.

The 5 steps to being saved are very simple, yet straight to the point. Jesus is very clear in his teachings of what we must do in order to be saved.

- **Hearing:** Romans 10: 17 - *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."*
- **Believe:** John 8: 24 - *"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."*
- **Confess:** Romans 10: 9 - *"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"*
- **Repent:** 2 Corinthians 7: 10 - *"For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death."*
- **Baptism:** Acts 2: 38 - *"Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

PRAYER: Help us to make the decision to follow You all the days of our lives.