

A photograph of a pumpkin patch. In the foreground, several large, bright orange pumpkins with dark green stems are scattered across a bed of dry, golden-brown straw. The pumpkins are in sharp focus, while the background is softly blurred, showing more pumpkins and a line of green trees under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny, typical of an autumn day.

**“Therefore, be imitators of God,  
as dear children.” Ephesians 5:1**

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**Aiming for anything less than the center makes no sense.**

- ▶ 1. Am I aiming for heaven if I have not obeyed the Gospel? Acts 22:16 (Acts 9)
- ▶ 2. Am I aiming for the edge or the center when I miss services? Hebrews 10:24-25
- ▶ 3. Am I aiming for the center or edge as I raise/counsel my children? Ephesians 6:4, Titus 2:1-7
- ▶ 4. Am I aiming for the center or the edge by my conduct?  
Philippians 4:9

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- ▶ Paul pretty much tells us to aim for the center – Colossians 3:2
- ▶ Aim like you intend to win! 1 Corinthians 9:24
- ▶ My Goal, Your Goal is to **WIN!** Hebrews 12:1-2



# What must I do to be saved?

*Acts 16:30*

➤ **Believe in Jesus –**

*John 8:24/3:16*

➤ **Repent of Sins –**

*Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31*

➤ **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**

*Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9*

➤ **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**

*Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16*

➤ **Live Faithfully for life –**

*Revelation 2:10; James 2:10*