

## **Well, I Am A Five Stepper**

### **Scenario:**

The congregation has assembled together on the first day of the week. All in attendance have heard the truth taught on many occasions. Right before the start of services in walks someone who is unfamiliar to the local saints. He identifies himself as a “preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ” from Tennessee. After the conclusion of the services for the day, the man visiting is hanging around and looks as though he has something he wants to say or do.

### **Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:**

One of the brethren approaches the man visiting and asks him if there is something on his mind. This is when the visitor says: “It was good to be here today. I appreciate the sermon. It was full of good lessons. I do have a problem with it. At the end, there was no offering of the five steps of salvation. There was no invitation at all. That is not New Testament Gospel preaching. Ya’ll need to do a comprehensive study of the book of Acts. An invitation is a must after every sermon.”

### **A Later Statement Is Made:**

After the one who preached the lesson explained that there are not “five steps” to salvation. He explains that there was no obvious need for an invitation due to the nature of the lesson as well as who was in attendance. The visitor then says: “Well, I am a five stepper. If you are a member of the church you have to be a five stepper. Hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized is the Gospel! All of the great preachers in the church give that invitation every time they preach. I am going to mark this congregation as one who does not teach Acts 2:38.”

**For Discussion:** What do you see in those statements?