

May I ask you a question?

Are you trusting in the authority of man or the authority of God for your Eternal future? The difference could mean your eternal life or your eternal death, heaven or hell, eternal joy or eternal punishment. Man's authority can only go so far, but God's authority is as great as God Himself. Please take a moment to consider the following thoughts from God's own Word.

SIN

All sin is punishable by death.

Ezekiel 18:20, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; . . ."

Who has sinned?

Romans 3:10, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

All have sinned and all sin is punishable by death.

REMEDY FOR SIN IS CONFESSION TO GOD ALONE!

Luke 18:13 The sinner said, "...God be merciful to me a sinner."

I Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

Only by coming to God by way of Jesus Christ, our Mediator, and admission of our guilt as a sinner, can we then come to Him for Salvation. Christ is our High Priest that brings us into the presence of God.

Colossians 1:14, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"

REPENTANCE REQUIRED

Luke 13:3, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Repentance is a change of mind toward God and my sin which results in a change of action or direction. This is produced in the heart when the Holy Spirit of God uses the Word of God to convince you of your sin and causes you to desire a new direction for your life and your eternal future.

Acts 20:21, "...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

This is not an act of good works, but rather a change in my attitude toward God and my sin, and having my eyes opened to my need of Christ to save me from my sins.

PAYMENT MADE FOR SIN

I Peter 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God,..."

Hebrews 10:12, "But this man (Jesus Christ), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"

We received from our LORD the ordinance of the LORD'S Supper as a remembrance of His sacrifice He made of Himself.

Luke 22:19, "...this do in remembrance of me."

Only one sacrifice was necessary for the sins of man, and

the death of Christ satisfied that debt of sin. The LORD'S Table is a remembrance of this great sacrifice, a memorial so we do not forget what He did. There is no saving merit in the LORD'S Supper.

FAITH, NOT WORKS

It is not works that saves us, but only through faith in what Christ did on the cross for our sins.

Ephesians 2:8,9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that *not of yourselves*: it is the gift of God: *Not of works*, lest any man should boast."

HOW TO RECEIVE SALVATION

One is not saved by a church, a sacrament or by good works. God's Word teaches that Salvation is only found in the Person of Jesus Christ.

John 10:9 Jesus said of Himself, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,..."

John 14:6 Jesus also said, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Acts 4:12 The Apostle Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

This power was not placed in any other man or any institution. It is solely a personal transaction between you and the LORD Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM

Baptism is an act of obedience to God's Word by immersing the entire body of a believer in Christ into water. This comes *after* one has received Christ by faith for Salvation. Christ left two ordinances for His followers to carry out: baptism and the LORD'S Supper. There is absolutely no saving merit in either of these according to God's Word, but are followed after one has been saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:..."

Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

THE CHURCH

The Church is a group of baptized believers who gather together in a local assembly for the teaching of God's Word, the administration of the two ordinances of baptism and the LORD'S Supper, and the carrying out of the great commission as stated in Matthew 28:19,20.

Acts 2:41,42, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

(See also Ephesians 4:11-16; I Corinthians 12:13-26)

Many today are trusting in the teachings of men rather than the Word of God for their soul's eternal destination. If you are willing to accept God's authority as revealed in His Word, the Bible, you will see that salvation is not found in a church, good works or in any religion. It is not in the Sacraments, but in the finished Sacrifice of Christ that saves the soul of a lost sinner.

Salvation is God's free gift, purchased by the shed blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

If you will allow God's Word to work in your heart, repent of your sin and turn to Christ and away from the teaching of man, you may receive God's free gift of Salvation—Eternal Life!!

Acts 16:31 Tells us to, "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."

To "believe" means more than to believe in His existence. You must trust and rest completely in Christ's sacrifice He made for you and place your faith in Him alone for your salvation.

John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"

You must believe and receive! Will you, right now, accept His authority and be saved from your sins? If this would be your desire, just pray and ask Him to forgive you of your sins and to give you His free gift of salvation right now!

Please contact us to let us know of your decision or if you would like more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

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