#### #34 \*SELECTED FORUM POSTS

Dear B ,

Thanks for your detailed response. You made several points that I would like to address.

First, you mentioned "heated debate". From my end, I don't feel heated or aggravated in the least. If you are reading between the lines of what I write and you think this to be the case then you are incorrect. I know I write in a Joe Friday manner (just the facts) and commonly leave out friendly conversation but that is not because I am feeling negative in any way. That is just my writing style. Also, I don't take it personally if you don't agree with me on any of my beliefs. It is NOT my work to make you agree with me. My work is to share the Gospel by the foolishness of preaching. It is the work of Christ as to how you receive it. This is why:

### Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Jer 10:23 I know, Jehovah, that the way of man is not his own; it is not in a man that walketh to direct his steps.

### Prov 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

So if you don't agree with me, it is only because the Lord won't allow you to agree with me. If I were to get aggravated about your rejection, then I should be aggravated with the Lord since He is the One who controls our beliefs. And since I want God's "will" to be done and not my "will", I don't have anything to get aggravated about anyway. His "will" will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Next, you said that I think I have a special revelation from God. I do not. God blessed me with the healing of my spiritual blindness but that is not special. That healing is simply a step in the pathway to salvation that <u>everyone</u> must receive if they are going to inherit "life during the ages". The Chosen are justified by faith and sanctified by the truth. There is only one truth and God chose not to reveal that truth to the churches. The churches are eating leavened bread and are deceived by Satan. I spent the first 44 years of my life in that harlot condition. God is not a respecter of persons and everyone must travel the same pathway. Everyone must live (born again) not just by Bread but by every word that comes from God:

# Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

We all must wander in the wilderness and be tested. Christ passed His test (40 days of fasting with Satan tempting Him) but since we are carnally minded and only have an measure of the Spirit, we fail our test. Satan deceives everyone whom Christ calls out from the world. And because of Satan's deception, we fall away. When we fall away, we spiritually die and are at the mercy of the Lord to bless us by coming to us a second time. He came to me a second time, not because I was any different than any other fallen away

Christian but simply because He chose to come to me again and He did so for His own purposes. I am not special but <u>I am blessed</u> and I thank the Lord frequently for that blessing.

Yes, I do "approach scripture differently". I read scripture in the language in which it was written - and that is Christ's "spiritual language". The words in scripture have different meanings than the meanings man's wisdom teaches. If you read it literally, scripture is a confusing, self-conflicting mess and impossible to figure out. That is why the carnally minded "church" has so many different beliefs. They are being blown around by every wind of doctrine but yet they still cannot find the truth. The truth is hidden by Christ so that He can reveal it to whom He chooses.

Here are some scriptures:

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Mat 13:34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

1Cor 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Cor 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Isa 28: 10-12 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

As scripture says, the reason God's Word is hidden is so "that they might go, and fall backward and be broken". This is speaking of everyone after they are Called Out. Their inability to understand the truth of scripture will cause them will fall away and spiritually die. God caused it to be this way for His own purposes. It is not our fault that we cannot believe or understand scripture after receiving the Early Rain. Only Christ can make us understand.

If Christ has made you ready to receive what I have presented, you will receive it. I don't know why God chooses the foolishness of preaching to play a part in the salvation process but He does.

1Cor 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Joe

Dear B

I have been teaching about spiritual blindness for a long time and to me it is only a normal part of the pathway that leads to Christ. Christ causes it to be that way for everyone who is Called Out. So to me, it is not offensive to discuss it. It is what it is and it is the work of Christ. Remember, this verse?

Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

"Every word" includes the verses that we think don't apply to us but I can tell you without a doubt, they DO APPLY TO US and we cannot avoid them.

We all must live by this section of scripture below:

Mat 12:43-45 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Christ is explaining what happens to a new believer when they are first Called Out. The "unclean spirit" represents our beliefs (what we receive into us as truth). The single unclean spirit represents our beliefs when we were an unbeliever. But because we have no ability to replace those beliefs with the truth of Christ at this time, the unclean spirit brings seven other unclean spirits back with him. These seven unclean spirits represent the spirit of anti-Christ. At this point, the new believer falls under the influence of Satan and is deceived by him. He then falls away and turns to "works". He becomes desolate (the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel). These words of Christ will happen to everyone. If we don't experience what Christ says here, then He would never come a second time to us and reveal to us our true condition. And our true condition is that we have become a Man of Sin. When that condition is revealed to us, it is quite humbling. However, we can only see it AFTER we come out from Satan's deception. And to come out from it, Christ must return to us a second time and heal our spiritual blindness. That is what I experienced back in Oct. 2005. It was the best day of my life.

2Thes 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

These verses apply to all of us, too. I know you think they do not apply but they most certainly do. Our carnal mind fights against believing in them because it thinks and wants control over the steps we take in our spiritual journey. But Christ says that He is in control and He absolutely is. Christ says we must live by "every word that proceedth out of the mouth of God". Once you can come to believe this truth, realizing that you used to be spiritually blind is not anything special. It happens to everyone. God is not a respecter of persons. All the Elect have to walk the same pathway that leads to Christ. I did not decide to make it this way, God did. Once you can accept this truth, the Free Will doctrine you believe will be destroyed from within you. Then you can relax and just accept the steps that Christ has laid out for you to walk. We must walk by faith and everything that Christ is putting us through teaches us to do just that. It is very humbling to know we have no power or control over our lives. God is in complete control.

Joe	
Dear S	,

Most believers don't realize the importance of "walking by faith" rather than "walking by works". Christ rejects those who try to walk by works. Our relationship with the Father is only achieved by faith in Christ. Our faith is rooted in our belief that Jesus is the Son of God but our faith must also be strong enough to believe what the Word of God tells us. Abraham believed in God and by the end of his life, Abraham also believed in what God told him.

Saving faith is <u>believing</u> what God tells us - even when it seems to be <u>unbelievable</u>. With God, nothing is impossible.

Here are a few verses that challenge the faith of most believers:

### Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Mankind "lives" not only by the Truth (bread) but we also live by the tribulation/evil that God has created. Evil was created by God so that mankind can know the difference between good and evil. That is why God caused Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We must partake of that tree in order to learn about the goodness of God. Not only does that mean we must experience evil, it also means that we must be evil as well.

Because we must experience evil to fully know the goodness of God, it became necessary for God to create a pathway back to Himself after evil has accomplished its purpose. Accomplishing this pathway is the work of Christ.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

As the Lamb of God, Christ has taken away the sins of the world. The penalty of sin is death but now all mankind who has ever lived will be resurrected by Christ. Christ has given all mankind life and He accomplished this great work at the cross.

But Christ came to do more than just take away the sins of the world at the cross.

# John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: <u>I am come that they might have life</u>, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Christ gave all mankind life by His work on the cross and He will also give all mankind life more abundantly (restore our relationship with God and give us the power to never sin again). The first part of Christ's work was accomplished at the cross, the second part of His work is presently ongoing. That work is to restore each individual's relationship with the Father and stop us from sinning - that is salvation and that is a more abundant life.

1Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

The salvation of mankind is an ongoing work of Christ which will be testified in due time. In fact, Christ's work of saving each individual person who has ever lived (or will live) is just getting started. Christ is appearing to and saving the First Fruits of His harvest of mankind in this present age. It is a very small group. We cannot choose ourselves into this group because God does the choosing and He chose the First Fruits before creation even began.

Eph 1:4-5 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Christ is NOT trying to individually save most of mankind now. That great work will be accomplished in the final age.

1 Cor 15:20-28 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

It takes faith to believe that someday (due time) God will be "all in all".

But it will happen:

Phi 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 3:20-21 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Joe				
Dear S,				
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Eze 18:4 Behold, all the souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

This law cannot be broken. Anyone who sins must die.

From Christ's work on the cross, He took on our sin debt. He did not die in place of us -He died to earn the keys to death and hell so that we can live again. Once we have paid our debt of death to Christ, He will resurrect us from death. In other words, we will be "born again".

The Old Man must die. The New Man must live.

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with him, that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin.

John the Baptist is a "type" of our Old Man. As we die on the cross with Christ, our Old Man slowly dies as the New Man slowly matures. Our Old man must decrease and the New Man (which is Christ in us) must increase.

#### John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

So when does this occur? It occurs when Christ comes to us a second time. It is "typed" in scripture by Paul's second visitation in Damascus where He receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is the Latter Rain. It is at this moment of conversion that the Old Man begins to die and the New Man begins to live.

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

To summarize: since we have all sinned, we all must die. This penalty of death is a spiritual death that destroys our carnal nature (Old Man/John the Baptist). Christ will be collecting that debt from each of us at a time of His choosing. But before we experience that death, we will be "born again". The Old Man will then be judged and destroyed.

Christ did not die on the cross to cancel out our sin debt. He died on the cross so that He could give us all "life" from the debt of death that we all must pay to Him. No one can escape the death sentence because we have all sinned BUT thanks to Christ, we will all live again. That is the Good News of Christ. It is 100% His work and He will not fail anyone.

1 Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

#### 1 Cor 13:8 Love never fails;

Isa 45:22-23 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me EVERY knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Phi 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

But can Christ actually overcome man's "will" to achieve this great work of saving mankind and creating many new sons of God?

Scripture says YES!

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as <u>nothing</u>; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

We all believe that Jesus is the Christ but do you have enough faith to believe that Christ will accomplish all that He said He would do?

Abraham was told that He would have an heir through Rachel in their old age. But after it seemed impossible to Abraham that God could fulfill that promise, Abraham decided to produce an heir from Rachel's handmaid. Abraham believed <u>in</u> God but He doubted God's ability to fulfill His promise. Abraham did not have enough faith at this time (ultimately he did). Do you have enough faith to believe Christ? Do you believe that He will actually save all mankind as scripture clearly states?

If you do not have enough faith to believe Christ, then pray for more faith. God is the giver of good gifts and faith is a VERY good gift.

Luke 11:9-13 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Joe
Dear S,
I'm sorry but you are not really understanding what I am saying. As I said before, it is not
by "chance" that we are saved. Our salvation is 100% by the will of God that we are
saved. Chance plays no part in it.

The only way to be saved is to walk by faith and produce fruit and Christ is the only One who can do that work within us. We are born carnally minded, sinning machines that hate God. Christ will change that within us WITHOUT our permission. I know that is going against what our carnal minds think is right but if God did it any other way, we would have to contribute to our salvation and therefore would remain "self-righteous". No one can boast about their salvation because Christ did all the work of preparing our hearts to accept Him. Unless He has chosen a person to be saved in this age, they CANNOT be saved. They cannot do anything unless Christ does His work within them to change them first. Christ never did His work in Hitler or Stalin, nor does He do His work within most of mankind during this age. I would estimate that far more than 99.999% of mankind will NOT be saved as a First Fruit. The bulk of mankind will have to wait until the final age to be saved.

The First Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind is very few indeed.

#### You said:

#### I guess ultimately what I am saying is why convert if we all get the same prize?

No, the First Fruits and those saved in the final age do not get the same prize. The Elect will have salvation first and will not go through the tribulation of the final age. The Elect go through "tribulation" but it is mild compared to those in the final age. Also, the Elect will rule and reign with Christ in the final age. Those saved at the end will never receive this honor. They will be saved but they will have suffered loss. There is a big difference.

Also, we cannot "convert" anyone. Christ is the only One who can do that work. All we can do is "preach" which is how Christ has chosen to spread His word. But only Christ can cause a person to accept the Gospel. If He doesn't do His work within that person, you could preach to them all day long and they will NEVER accept Him. They have no

"choice" in the matter nor do they have a "chance". They cannot do anything unless Christ works within them first.

God is not a respecter of persons. We are all equal in His eyes and He will do with us as He chooses. We all must walk the same pathway that leads to Christ. The Elect first, then everyone else later. The last to be saved is the Jews. Here is what Christ said to one of the Pharisees who ultimately help crucify Him:

Matt 21:31 Which of the two was obeying his father?" They replied, "The first, of course." Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I assure you, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God <u>before you do</u>.

With Christ, our salvation is not about "if", it is only about "when".

You said:

You would think in his writings it would be even clearer.

Christ hides His truth from everyone but the Elect. And even with the Elect, the truth is hidden from them up until they are converted.

So how does Christ keep God's Word veiled from mankind?

He does it by writing scripture in "another language".

Scripture is written in the spiritual language of Christ to keep its true meaning hidden.

1Cor 2:13 These things we also speak, <u>not in words which man's wisdom teaches</u> but which the Holy Spirit teaches, <u>comparing spiritual things with spiritual</u>.

Matt 13:10-11 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Isa 28: 10-12 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

### 1Cor 2:7 <u>But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery</u>, <u>even the hidden wisdom</u>, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Over the years since my conversion, I have learned to understand the spiritual language of God's Word, though it can still be challenging at times.

However, God's proclamation that He will save all mankind is not hidden. If a person looks for those statements, they are not hard to find. What is hard to find and what is

Joe
Dear B,
You said:  I think I have already shared the verses which state that not everyone is saved.

hidden in scripture is Christ's plan to accomplish our salvation. That is the core of the

You have not posted <u>any verses</u> that say Christ will not save everyone because there are no such verses.

Here is my response to each of them:

Great Mystery of Christ and His church (Eph 5:32).

1). Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Beast and the False Prophet are "symbols" just like the entire book of Revelation contains. They are not real people but represent a specific group of people that have existed since the time of Paul.

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

The book of Revelation communicates its message by using physical symbols which represent spiritual truths. To understand these symbols, one must look elsewhere in scripture for those symbols.

1Cor 2:13 These things we also speak, <u>not in words which man's wisdom teaches</u> but which the Holy Spirit teaches, <u>comparing spiritual things with spiritual</u>.

Also, the Greek word "aion" in that verse is mistranslated. It does not mean "for ever and ever". It means "age".

Here is the proper translation of that verse:

Rev 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are both the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for the ages of ages.

Further confirmation that "ages of the ages" is the proper translation is contained in the verses below:

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Here again "aion" is incorrectly translated as for "ever and ever" and this verse below is the scriptural confirmation:

1Cor 15:24-25 Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

Christ's reign does not last "for ever and ever". It comes to an end after all His work has been completed. He only reigns during the "ages". After that time, He will have no work left to complete and He will deliver up the Kingdom to the Father. God will then be "all in all".

By the end of the final age, this verse will be testified to be true:

- 1 Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
- 2). Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The Lake of Fire is another symbol with a spiritual meaning. The Lake of Fire means Christ's righteous judgment. It is not a literal place nor does it have literal fire.

Here is what Christ's fire is and does:

1Cor 3:13-15 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Mankind is saved by Christ's "fire", not tortured for eternity. The "loss" is to not rule and reign with Christ in the final age to bring in the full harvest of mankind.

Here is the full statement:

1 Cor 15:20-28 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his

coming. Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Notice that these verses say that "all" who die in Adam (that is all mankind) is the same "all" who are made alive in Christ. Who could that possibly leave out???

Your beliefs say that God will never be "all in all" because Christ is tormenting in literal fire most of mankind "for ever and ever". That understanding is not supported by scripture.

#### 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

#### 1 Cor 13:8 Love never fails;

3). Matthew 7:22-23 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

These people are fallen away Christians who remain "lawless". This means that they are still under law and not under grace. Since they are under law, they must experience the same "destruction" of their carnal nature that the Elect experienced and that which the law demands. For their benefit, they are sent off to be judged in the Lake of Fire. There they will suffer loss but they will be saved by "fire". Judgment is NOT "for ever and ever" but lasts for only an age of time. The Elect are judged in this present age and like those in the Lake of Fire, their judgment comes to an end when the fire has burned away their spiritual impurities.

4). Matthew 13:41-43 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

This verse only repeats that Christ will judge the lost in the "Lake of Fire". It is not eternal judgment nor is it in literal fire.

#### Christ's judgment is:

Is a 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Psa 33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Jer 4:2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these [things] I delight, saith the LORD.

Amos 5:24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Prov 28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

Christ's judgment fills the earth with God's "goodness" and is not like man's judgment. Christ's judgment will "bless" the nations and make them righteous.

5). Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

As I have stated, all mankind will be judged by Christ.

Rom 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Mark 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

Judgment starts with the chosen Elect of this age:

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

The verse you quoted (like the others) is only speaking of judgment. You are inferring that their judgment is eternal which it is not. Judgment is for the good and loving purpose of purifying them to make them worthy of salvation. Once their judgment has achieved the goal of purifying them, then their judgment ends (just like it did for each of the Elect). At that time, this calls goes out to them:

Rev 22:17 And the <u>Spirit and the bride</u> say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Why would the Spirit and the Bride (the Elect) say to come and drink of the water of life if they will never be saved or allowed to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as you believe? This call by Christ goes out when it is time for them (those who have just been judged) to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. God will then be "all in all".

6). Matthew 25:45-46 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Like Rev 20:10, The Greek word "aion" is mistranslated. However, here in this verse, the adjective form (aionios) of "aion" is used. It means for a "time period of an age".

## Mat 25:46 And these shall go away to punishment that endures for the age, but the righteous to life during the age.

The Elect who have already had the "ends of the ages" come upon them, will have life in the Kingdom of Heaven during this final age. In contrast to them are the lost who will not have life in the final age but will finally and mercifully be judged.

# 1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as types, and have been written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.

Why does God's Word say that the Elect have had the "ends of the ages" come upon them? The answer is because salvation for mankind (everyone but the First Fruits, the early and best portion of God's harvest) comes at the end of the final age (the end of the harvest season).

Only then will this verse will be proven to be true:

# Act 2:17 And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon <u>all flesh</u>, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

The "last days" (or as you say "end times") is referring to the time when a person is judged and purified. It is the last days of our Old Man. The Elect's "last days" happen now but those who are cast into the Lake of Fire, their "last days" will not occur until the end of the final age.

Your belief says that Christ will <u>not</u> pour out His Spirit on "all flesh". Who is right, you or the verse above?

The verses you quoted do not address whether Christ will save all mankind. They are mostly speaking about judgment which you do not seem to understand.

# Prov 28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

Here are the verses you should have quoted that specifically teach who will be saved:

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for the age of the ages.

Who could this leave out?

Acts 3:20-21 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive <u>until the times of restitution of all things</u>, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Why do you believe this verse says until the restitution of "some" things"?

1 Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Why do you believe this verse says only "some" men will be saved?

Rom 5:18-19 so then as it was by one offence towards all men to condemnation, so by one righteousness towards all men for justification of life. For as indeed by the disobedience of the one man the many have been constituted sinners, so also by the obedience of the one the many will be constituted righteous.

Why do you believe that by the obedience of the One, only "some of the many" will be constituted righteous?

Phi 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Why do you believe that "not" every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord? Is it because you believe they will be cursing Christ while they are being tormented in the fires of "hell" for no loving or redeeming purpose?

2Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Why do you believe that Christ will be denied His will to not have anyone perish (death: the true penalty of sin), especially in light of this verse I quoted below?

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as <u>nothing</u>; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and <u>none can stay his hand</u>, or say unto him, What doest thou?

As for your other comments in your last post, I will not respond to them because your arguments do not make sense nor do they change the clear meaning of the verses.

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Dear B .

Christ came to me a second time on Oct 8th, 2005. I was 44 years old and had been in the church for most of my life. At that time, He healed my blindness and increased my faith. Everything I thought I knew as truth changed. Before this happened, I was an end-time prophecy teacher in my church and was very involved. I was not much different than anyone else at my church. But after my blindness was healed, it took only a few short weeks for me to decide to leave the church for good. I learned quickly that light and darkness do not mix. You would be very surprised at what the Lord has shown me in scripture since that time. I have met a few people on-line who have had the same experience and it led them to the same understanding of scripture as mine.

Here is why I never look back:

Matt 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

The "treasure" the Lord showed me changed my life. Quickly my love for Him soared beyond what I ever thought was possible. Christ truly is the Savior of the world and He has a plan to accomplish it. Only a few know it just as He intends because of what this verse says:

Matt 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the <u>whole</u> was leavened.

When we first come to Christ, we remain spiritually blind and must be led by the hand just as Christ led the blind man by the hand when He took him out of the city in Mark 8:21-25 and just as Paul was led by the hand on the Damascus Road. These described events represent the time of the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Early Rain is not enough to save us because we are left spiritually blind and only have a measure of the Spirit. Because of our blindness, Satan comes to us and deceives us into believing that he is Christ and that his ways are truth. It is not just a few beliefs but ALL beliefs we have that are wrong. The WHOLE LOAF IS LEAVENED and as we eat it, it spiritually kills us. This is how Satan "kills the saints". Under Satan's influence, we remain in this spiritually darkened place until and if Christ comes to us a second time. Most believers will die in their sins because they simply were not chosen for Christ to come to them a second time. This is "typed" for us when the Nation of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Only Joshua and Caleb, who are a type of the Elect, live to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land. When they cross over, that event symbolizes when Christ comes to one of His Elect with the Latter Rain of the Spirit. That is when they are saved. This pathway is the "pattern" we all must follow if we are going to be

saved in this age. Paul laid that pathway when he was converted. We have no "free will" ability to deviate from it. We must travel the path that leads to destruction before we travel the narrow pathway.

Paul describes it this way:

2Thes 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the <u>appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ</u>, and by our <u>gathering together unto him</u>, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the <u>day of Christ is at hand</u>. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, <u>except there come a falling away first</u>, and that Man of Sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

In verse 1, Paul writes about the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto Him. This event is the second coming of Christ to an Elect believer when He gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. As with the Early Rain, the Latter Rain of the Spirit is not a visible appearance to this earth but rather a spiritual event within the individual believer. At this time, Christ gathers the Elect believer to dwell with Him in heaven.

After the new birth, the Day of the Lord will come with judgment. From this judgment, the Old Man begins to die. Judgment is necessary because we still must defeat the giants in the Promised Land and grow & mature to produce spiritual fruit before our conversion is fully accomplished.

Paul says that the Latter Rain of the Spirit will not happen to an Elect believer "except there come a falling away <u>first</u> and that <u>Man of Sin be revealed</u>". This "falling away" is a return to "works" for salvation and coupled with Satan's lies and deceptions, a worsened carnal state is produced called the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition. This event is also described in **Mat 12:45**.

If a person is going to be saved in this present age, they first must be deceived by Satan and become a Man of Sin. It is only then that Christ will come a second time to them (if they are chosen).

Only the <u>Truth</u>, which is Jesus Christ, can destroy this Man of Sin whom they have become.

# 2Thes 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall <u>consume</u> with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

From this point forward, Christ will see to it that the <u>believer remains faithful unto the end</u> and that he wins his race. He will then be awarded a Crown of Righteousness and will be included in the First-fruits of the harvest. He will have overcome this world (carnality) just as Christ overcame this world. However, this happens not by our works – it happens

solely by works of Christ within us. We are His workmanship and that is why salvation is guaranteed for all mankind.

So before I post on any forum, I understand that what I say will not be accepted by most if not all people there. However, if Christ has made anyone ready to receive His truth...

### Prov 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

...He will heal their blindness and change their heart to accept His truth.

I consider myself one of the most blessed persons who has ever lived and I am driven by Christ to share my joy in Him to all who will listen. I am still amazed at how strong Satan's deceptions are to those who are blind. No matter how much light I shine on them, a blind person simply cannot see. The only solution is for Christ to come to them and heal their blindness.

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Dear 1,		

Phi 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

No one can accept Christ without Christ FIRST giving the person the Early Rain of the Spirit.

# 1 Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

Only after the person is given the gift of the Holy Spirit can a person call Jesus Lord. Also, this event is to the glory of the Father. When a person worships God, it must be in Spirit and in Truth. It is not forced. Otherwise, it is NOT to the glory of the Father. So once a person has the Spirit, they willingly call Jesus "Lord".

Consider these verses below:

# John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and <u>him that cometh to me</u> I will in no wise cast out.

So how many people has the Father given to Christ?

#### John 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Who could this possibly leave out?

Scripture is very clear - ALL will come to Christ, ALL will bow at the knee to Christ and ALL will call Him "Lord" to the GLORY of the Father. Then Christ will in no wise cast any of them out.

There is no time limit on Christ's love and mercy even though most people in the church teach that salvation can only occur before we physically die. But this belief is not true.

### Lam 3:22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies <u>never</u> come to an end;

Judgment (symbolized by "fire" in many verses) comes after a lost person's physical death but judgment is not "for ever and ever". It is only for an "age". Their judgment comes to an end when Christ's desired results are achieved. And what are those results?

Is a 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Isa 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Psa 9:8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Psa 33:5 He loveth <u>righteousness and judgment</u>: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Mankind does not understand Christ's judgment:

## Prov 28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

Judgment is a necessary part of the pathway that leads to our salvation. The First Fruits are judged now in this age and all others will be judged in the final age. How else will mankind learn righteousness?

There is no time limit for salvation. Christ will not rest from His work of saving mankind until all are saved. As I said, in this present age, Christ is only saving His Elect, the First Fruits. He is not working to save anyone else at this time. The Elect are chosen from the foundation of the world and are the FIRST fruits of His harvest of mankind. As the name implies, they are only the FIRST to be saved. The main harvest of mankind occurs at the end of the growing season in the final age (the Lake of Fire age).

But the Elect don't have to wait for the final age. They are blessed and have the "ends of the ages" come upon them NOW.

1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as types, and have been written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.

Finally, consider Paul's conversion experience. Paul was on the Damascus Road and was on his way to persecute Christians. He would have never called Jesus "Lord" unless Christ came to him <u>first</u> and gave him the Early Rain of the Spirit. After receiving the Spirit, Paul immediately bowed down and called Him Lord. Christ must come to us first and give us the Spirit or no one would ever be saved. Also, scripture says that Paul's conversion is the pattern whereby all will be saved. And because this is how Christ works in us to save us, no man may boast about their salvation. We contribute nothing. Otherwise, Christ would consider our efforts a "work" and we cannot be saved by works.

Remember...no man seeks after God. Christ MUST come to us first and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. That is the only way we can be saved. We are at the mercy of Christ to come to us and save us. It is 100% His work and He will not fail anyone. When all is finish, this statement will be testified to be true:

1 Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

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