#62 *FORUM POST ON SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

What is self-righteousness?

What is it exactly?

Self-righteousness = is trying to >make yourself right with God<, by works, deeds, *self-effort*, *lifestyle*.

That is "Legalism", and God abhors it. He hates it. It offends Him. It offends the Cross of Christ.

Like most are saying, self-righteousness is caused by anything that a person does which they believe is necessary for their salvation.

However, most do not understand what that really means.

I'll explain below.

The Old Covenant is solely based upon <u>man's works</u>. In contrast, the New Covenant is solely based upon the <u>works of Christ</u>.

Most will say that that they believe this statement, but in truth, they do not when you get them to answer one simple question:

If mankind's salvation is truly a gift from God and is solely based upon the works of Christ, why do most believers still say that Christ will not save everyone?

Some will say that it is because of mankind's "free will" and that not everyone will <u>choose</u> to be saved. Some will also argue that some are just too evil to be saved. And I have also heard a few say that God does not want to save everyone.

However, all those arguments are completely contradicted by scripture.

Here is what scripture says:

Rom 3:10 As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Mankind was made spiritually marred. The flaw in mankind's spirit is that it is "weak". Because mankind's spirit is weak, it allows the flesh to govern us. This spiritual state causes mankind to be carnally minded and that is why mankind sins (subject to vanity).

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

In this carnal condition, mankind <u>cannot</u> be saved unless Christ intervenes <u>within</u> (spiritually) mankind so that we are changed. This "change" is called <u>conversion</u>. The old vessel must be destroyed so that the new vessel can be created.

Since Christ was sent by His Father to be mankind's Savior, He will do all the necessary work of converting all mankind.

1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

And since Christ is mankind's God, He cannot fail in this mission His Father gave him. Nothing is too difficult for Him to overcome:

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?

To accomplish the mission His Father gave Him, Christ established a plan to save every person who has ever lived. And since His plan does not require any "works" from mankind, nothing can stop Him.

In this age, Christ is bringing in the First Fruits (the Elect) of His harvest of mankind. They have

been chosen for this honor from the foundation of the world. They are considered blessed by God.

In the final age, Christ will bring in the remaining harvest of mankind with the help of the First Fruits (one of the purposes for them being harvested early).

To save one of the First Fruits in this age, Christ will begin His conversion process by spiritually coming to them and giving them the <u>Early Rain of the Spirit</u>. The person does not ask for Christ to come nor do they give Christ their permission. Christ comes to them because He is their Creator and because of such, He has the authority and right to do as He pleases:

Job 23:13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? And what his soul desireth, that will he do.

In the beginning, the Elect person was made subject to vanity <u>without</u> their permission, just as all mankind was. But now, because it suits God's plan and purpose, they will be made into a new creation <u>without</u> their permission.

Once the Elect person has the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will have a measure of faith and will make a confession of faith:

1Cor 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.

And with the Spirit within them, they will no longer be able to reject Christ. At this point, the chosen person is "called out" and will enter the church. This all happened because of the spiritual work of Christ within that chosen person. They did not make their confession of faith by a supposed "free will" choice to do so. They only made the choice because Christ freely gave them the Early Rain of the Spirit. They have nothing to boast about concerning their confession of faith and their salvation.

The Early Rain of the Spirit is ONLY an small amount of the Spirit. Because the Spirit is given to the chosen person in "measure", they remain carnally minded and spiritually blind (Mark 8:21-25). And because the chosen person has no ability to know the true Christ, they are ripe for the deceptions of Satan.

Satan will then quickly come to the new chosen believer and masquerade as Christ (an angel of light) to them. Satan will then teach the chosen believer "another gospel" which teaches them that their salvation was accomplished by a mixture of works and faith. It teaches them that if a person doesn't do "their part", they will not be saved. Then, to blaspheme the name of Christ even further, Satan teaches them that if a person doesn't do their part before they die, Christ will resurrect them to judgment just to torment them in literal fire for all eternity. This is what Satan's gospel teaches and it blasphemes the name of Christ to the highest of levels.

And since this "another gospel" which Satan teaches is pleasing to the chosen believer's carnal nature, they will readily accept it has the truth of Christ. After they do, the chosen believer will fall away from faith and lose their salvation which the Early Rain of the Spirit had given them. The chosen believer will then remain in the apostate church (Satan's church) and mature into a "Man of Sin" until Christ pulls them out. This is the "worse than the first" spiritual condition which Christ mentioned would happen to all "called out" believers shortly after they receive the Early Rain (Mat 12:43-45).

In this worsen spiritual condition, the chosen believer is now ready for Christ to "come again" and give them the Latter Rain. To prepare the chosen believer for this final gift, Christ will send a person to them in the spirit of Elijah with the call to repent from their belief in their own works. Christ will even do all the necessary spiritual work within them to make their repentance happen. After it does, the pathway for Christ to come a second time to them is made "straight".

Then, when the established time has come, Christ will come to the chosen believer and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With this full payment of the Spirit, the believer will be "born again" and will be given "eyes that can see" (spiritual blindness healed). With their new spiritual vision, they will see the Abomination of Desolation which happened to them and the Man of Sin (whom they became) will be revealed.

From this truth within them now, the judgment of the Day of the Lord will arrive. When it does, the spirit of anti-Christ will be "taken" from within them and cast into the Lake of Fire. Also, their worsen spiritual nature (the Great Harlot) will also be taken from them and cast into the Lake of Fire.

Mat 24:40 Then shall two (one flesh/one believer) be in the field; the one shall be taken (Man of Sin/spirit of anti-Christ), and the other left (new child of God). 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken (Great Harlot), and the other left (new child of God).

After the Man of Sin and Great Harlot are removed from within the chosen believer, they will be governed solely by their new spiritual nature (called the New Earth) which the Holy Spirit gives them. They will then be permanently converted and saved.

Conversion is what happened to the 120 Jewish Elect on the Day of Pentecost and is what has been happened to all the other Elect since that time.

For the rest of mankind (unbelievers and the "called" but not chosen), they will be resurrected to judgment where Christ will begin and complete their conversion and salvation, too. By the end of the final age, all mankind will be saved.

Mankind's salvation happens <u>solely</u> because it was God's "will" for it to happen. It is His gift to us.
Joe
Dear FaithWillDo,
Salvation is "Grace through Faith without works" or "deeds of the Law".
Salvation is: Jesus on the Cross.
And there is no other, NAME by which "we can be saved".
So, Joe, you're just a dishonest Troll.
Now, Post a quote of mine that says i believe in works "as Salvation". Can't?
That's because it does not exist.
This Thread you are on, denies Works (Legalism), and teaches The Grace of God and the Gift of Salvation.
B
Dear B,
I have had discussions with you before. Like I said in my first few lines of my post, most believers do <u>not</u> understand what it means to be self-righteous.
Self-righteousness comes from a belief in the Doctrines of Free Will and Hell. Under those doctrines, a person believes that they smarter, wiser or just less evil than those who reject Christ however, most will not admit this. But regardless of what they admit, they have still turned their confession of faith (which was given to them by Christ) into their own work. This is self-righteousness.
Paul says that even just one work will cause a believer to fall from grace.
From what I remember in our discussions, you believe in the doctrines of Free Will and Hell. You can correct me if I am wrong.
Joe
Dear FaithWillDo,
Self-righteousness, this person, tries to go to heaven, without the Cross of Christ as the only way., or they are trying to keep themselves saved, by self-effort, works, law, commandments, even water baptism., or by claiming>"i belong to the true church, and my Pope says as long as i dont leave Holy Mother Church, i'll go to heaven"

The Mormons have a similar brainwashing technique, as do the JW's and many Cults.

"Belong only to us, .. believe what we teach, we have all the Truth.. that we made up, and you are going to heaven if you stay with us".

Now, John Calvin, hated the Cross, and created a "doctrines of Devils". Hebrews 13:9..... that falsely supports his demonic "pre-destined elect" theology.

Calvin, put "conditions" on the Cross that Deny it., abuse it, and spit on it.

Calvin could not comprehend that God knowing everything, is not the same as God causing everything that happens next.

Knowing everything before it happens, is not the same as causing it to occur..... And Calvin could not comprehend this.....so, he redefined "Foreknowledge" that is God knowing everything that is going to happen next.....as: "It's all pre-destined"....

B		
Dear B	,	

It sounds like you are saying that God's foreknowledge comes from Him being a fortune teller rather than Him <u>making</u> all things to happen just as He desires.

Here is where scripture says God's foreknowledge comes from:

Isa 46:10 <u>Declaring the end from the beginning</u>, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, <u>I</u> have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

God declares the "end from the beginning" because He will execute His counsel and bring it to pass. In other words, God's foreknowledge comes from the CERTAINTY that God's Word will ACCOMPLISH all that He has said He will do.

No where in scripture does it say that God is a fortune teller who looks into the future and then CLAIMS those outcomes as coming from His own works. This belief is heresy and brings God down to the level of mankind.

Satan's Gospel teaches the Doctrines of Free Will and Hell. Those doctrines teach the "crooked way" of "works".

Behold, I did go back and read some of your posts and I found that I was right about you believing in the Doctrines of Free Will and Hell.

From your past posts, you have stated that not everyone will be saved by Christ. Why do you believe this will be the case?

Most people who hold with your beliefs will say that they remained lost because they did not accept Christ as "Lord" as they did. In other words, they are saying that the lost did not do the <u>ONE</u> necessary work which would have saved them. It is that one work which distinguishes them from the lost.

But scripture contradicts that statement.

Scripture says that no person can know Christ or even have a desire to seek Him. In that carnal condition, how can anyone make a confession of faith? How did you make it? Did you make a "free will" decision because you are smarter, wiser or less evil?

Scripture says the ONLY WAY a person can make that confession of faith is by Christ coming to them and giving them the Holy Spirit. And because no person can know Christ or have a desire to seek Him, they will not even ask Christ to come to them. The only thing they can do without Christ spiritually intervening in their life is to continue in their rejection of Him.

For this reason, scripture makes the following claims:

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

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

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: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD.

As I said in my earlier posts, mankind is saved <u>only</u> because it is God's "will" to save us. It is His free gift to all mankind and He gives us this gift because of His <u>grace</u> and not because of any "works" that we think we can do to be worthy of the gift.

When Christ is ready to save a person, either in this age or the next age, He will come to them and give them the free gift of the Holy Spirit. Once a person has the Spirit, they will make the confession of faith and will no longer reject Him. They have no free will ability to do anything else.

You should read Joel chapter 2. The setting of the chapter is the final age (the "Lake of Fire" age). Christ's army in the first part of the chapter represents the Elect who are reigning with Him in judgment over the lost. The lost are being judged by the Law which requires their death (the

true penalty of sin). But before they perish, verse 18 says that Christ will pity his people and (v. 23) will give them the Early and Latter Rains. With the Early and Latter Rains, the people who are being judged will be "born again". After they are "born again", their judgment will continue until their old spiritual nature is destroyed. Once it is, they will be converted just as the Elect were converted in this age. This is the only way mankind is saved.

This verse tells why Christ has pity (mercy) upon the lost in the final age who are being judged by the Law:

Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and <u>have omitted the weightier matters of the law; justice, mercy, and faith</u>: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Even though the "lost" of the final age are being judged by the Law, Christ will NOT forget the "weightier matters of the Law" which are justice, mercy and faith.

Your beliefs, like those of the Pharisees, are void of these "weightier matters".

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

God know what you are thinking, and what you will do, before you do it.

God sees the intent of your heart.

The NT says...>"Jesus knew their Thoughts".

So, you JOE, would think and actually say on a Christian forum, that this is "fortune telling".

Guess again, Cultist, Deceiver.

So, it sounds like you are trained by a cult to believe that Hell does not exist, and that Free Will does not exist.

Those are Cult teachings.

You're in a cult, and your posts are reflecting your training.

So,

The Foreknowledge of God, is an ability of God., Its related to God being Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent.

It's the same ability the Bible has......and the bible version is called: "Prophecy."

"it's SEEING what will happen next".

Its "knowing what will come"

"FOREKNOWLEDGE".... This is understood is "God knowing all things, but not God casing all things".

Calvin's theology is from Hell. It's some of the Devil's finest work.. It's a betrayal of the Cross of Christ.

Calvin, just like the Devilwant's God blamed, as if Satan's not the Evil one, the perpetrator, the father of lies, the enemy of God, of Christ, of YOU and ME.

So, Calvin the Heretic, created a crazy Theology, that teaches that The Cross is not for everyone..

Calvin teaches that: John 3: 16 is a Lie.
Calvin teaches that: John 12:32 is a Lie
Calving teaches that: 1 Timothy 2:4 is a Lie.
B

D		
Dear B		

I do not follow or teach Calvinism. It is just another false teaching of the apostate church.

I have tried to help you understand the true Gospel of Christ but you will have no part of it. I can do nothing more - Christ is the only one who can heal the blind. I will accept the Lord's "will" in this matter and end our discussion.

Joe