

## #73 \*FORUM POST ON REPENTING FROM WORKS

Dear G\_\_\_\_\_,

The "repentance" that Christ and John the Baptist called for was a repentance from "works". If a believer repents from "works", they are saying that they no longer believe that they can do anything to earn their salvation. They will then fully trust Christ by faith alone that He will do all the necessary work (both physical and spiritual) for their salvation.

The first work that Christ did for mankind was His sacrifice at the cross. This "work" earned Christ the keys to death and hell. With these keys, Christ now has the legal authority to give all mankind life (resurrect mankind).

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

But Christ came to give mankind more than just the same life we have now. Christ also came to give us a more abundant life. That more abundant life is a life that is free from sin and a life with a restored relationship with His Father. To accomplish this second goal, Christ will come to each person and change them from within (spiritually).

For the Gentiles who have never been "called out" before, Christ will come to a Gentile person (without their asking and without their permission) and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. This is a small measure of the Spirit and not the full amount. Because it is only given in measure, the new believer will remain spiritually blind and will not be able to understand and receive the truth of Christ. However, the Spirit will give them a measure of faith and will cause them to call Jesus "Lord":

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

**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.**

Shortly after a believer has been given the Early Rain and has been called out, they will enter the church. At that point, Satan will come to the new believer and plant his seed within them, too (Parable of the Wheat and the Tares). Satan's seed is the spirit of anti-Christ which will teach the new believer Satan's "another gospel". This false gospel will teach the new believer to mix "works" with faith. This false gospel is easy for the new believer to accept because they remain carnal and spiritually blind. And because mankind's carnal mind prefers the Old Wine of their own "works" (Old Covenant) over the New Wine of Christ's works (New Covenant), they will quickly accept Satan's gospel as the truth of Christ.

**Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, the**

**old is better.**

After a new believer mixes the Old Wine with the New Wine, they will fall from grace and come under the Law. This is the sin that leads to death.

If the fallen away believer is also "chosen", Christ will come to them a second time. Before Christ comes though, Christ will prepare His way by sending a converted believer to them in the "spirit of Elijah". This converted believer will make the call for them to repent from their works. After the believer responds to the call, they will turn solely to faith for their salvation (like the Jewish Elect did). Their repentance will then make the pathway "straight" for Christ to come again. When Christ comes to them, He will pour out the Latter Rain (Baptism of the Spirit) and heal their spiritual blindness. Now with "eyes that can see", the believer will "see" the Abomination of Desolation that had previously occurred within them. This knowledge will bring judgment to the believer which will remove and destroy Satan's influence (spirit of anti-Christ) and the influence of the believer's carnal nature (Great Harlot). After this judgment is complete, the believer will be converted and saved. They will then never fall away from faith again.

What I have described above is the pathway to salvation which Christ will cause His Elect to travel. A portion of the pathway requires a believer's repentance from works.

Paul's conversion experience recorded in Acts chapter 9 is a "type" which teaches this pathway.

Joe

**Dear FaithWillDo,**

**The REPENTANCE that John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, Peter and Paul preached, was from personal sins!**

**Luke 24:47, and in the Original reading as in the ESV, NASB, NIV, etc, is very clear what Jesus means in Mark 1:15**

**"People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River" Matthew 3:5-6**

**"and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47)**

**"When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:37-39)**

**"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly**

sorrow brings death" (2 Corinthians 7:10)

To REPENT and BELIEVE, are the sinners OBEDIENCE to the Commands by God as CONDITIONS for their salvation

No REPENTANCE and FAITH = NO salvation!

G

Dear G \_\_\_\_\_,

Paul said this:

**Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,**

Repentance from "dead works" and turning to God by faith is what justifies a person and opens the door (makes the pathway straight) for Christ to come and convert us.

The Old Testament fathers were justified by their faith. However, they were still sinful because they had not been converted - but they were justified and will receive a "better resurrection".

Also, Jacob and Caleb are OT "types" for the Elect. When they spied out the Promised Land, they had faith that God would defeat the "giants in the land" so they brought back a "good report". And because they had faith, they were the only ones to live through their time in the wilderness to cross the Jordan River (type of the Latter Rain) and enter the Promised Land (salvation).

Peter said this about returning to the crooked way of works:

**2Pet 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.**

The way of righteousness is "through faith". Faith is what makes the pathway straight for Christ to come to us and convert us. "Vomit" and "mire" are symbols for man's "works".

Also, Peter said that the "latter end is worse with them than the beginning". This is a restatement of what Christ said below:

**Mat 12:43 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.

The spiritual symbol of an unclean spirit represents a spirit which teaches Satan's lies and deceptions.

Since a new believer remains spiritually blind (Mark 8:21-25) after receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit, they cannot replace their worldly false beliefs (religion) with the truth of Christ. ONE unclean spirit leaves but comes back with SEVEN more. The number "seven" represents perfection. In this case, the number seven represents the perfection of Satan's lies/deceptions which come to a believer by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. It is this spirit which teaches Satan's false gospel of "works" mixed with faith. Now, instead of ONE unclean spirit within the believer, they now have EIGHT. The number eight is a spiritual symbol which represents a new spiritual condition. In this case, the new spiritual condition is worse than the first as Peter said in 2Pet 2:20.

This "worse than the first" spiritual condition causes the believer to become a False Prophet, a Man of Sin, a Minister of Satan and a Seven Headed Beast with Ten Horns & Crowns.

You said:

No REPENTANCE and FAITH = NO salvation!

Yes, repentance from dead works and faith toward God will make the pathway straight for Christ to come to us and save us (convert us from being a child of the devil and into a child of God).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

It is repenting from your SINS, as I have shown in the verses. are you saying that Jesus Christ, Peter, Paul, and no doubt all of the early Church, are wrong???

G

Dear G \_\_\_\_\_,

The sin that the Jewish Elect needed to repent from was the sin of trying to be perfect by their own "works" (Old Covenant).

**Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

When we turn from "works" to faith ("believing the gospel"), we are trusting Christ to perform all the necessary works of our salvation. In other words, with our repentance, we will "enter into

the rest of Christ" because we realize that we have no works to perform.

**Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

For a believer, there is only ONE sin that can cause them to lose the salvation for which they are waiting:

**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.**

The sin that leads to death (**1John 5:16**) is to mix "works" with faith. That is what Christ meant when He said we cannot serve two masters (**Mat 6:24**). Satan is the master of this world and he teaches the "crooked" way of mixing "works" with faith. It is for that reason that Satan is called the crooked serpent. Christ teaches the straight way of faith. When we mix the two together, we will "fall away".

Satan's crooked way is how the church became apostate shortly after the deaths of the Apostles. Since that time, all new believers will "fall away" shortly after entering the church. For that reason (same as it was for the Jewish Elect), it is necessary for Christ to send Elijah to them with the call of repentance. After they repent, the pathway for Christ to come is made straight. It is through their faith that Christ comes to them to give them the free gift of the Holy Spirit.

This concept is taught in the Parable of the Ten Virgins. After a person is "called out" (made a chaste virgin), they must wait for the Bridegroom to return (this is commonly called the second coming of Christ). But while the ten virgins wait, they will "fall away" and sleep during the night. Later, at the deepest part of their spiritual blindness (midnight), the call (call of Elijah) will go out that the Bridegroom is returning. The Wise Virgins who have the extra flask of oil (represents the Latter Rain) will repent and be ready for His return. But the foolish virgins will have to turn back because they were not able to repent so as to be ready.

When you read scripture that talks about repentance, don't automatically assume that it is teaching about repenting from our many sins. Our sinful ways will be dealt with AFTER we are converted by the judgment of Christ. To get to that point, we must make the pathway straight by repenting of our works. Remember, it is "through faith" that Christ will come to us and give us the free gift of the Holy Spirit. After we have the Holy Spirit, judgment will fall on us to remove our sinful ways.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Think about what Paul is saying here in (Gal. 6 (v.3) **For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.** (v.4) **But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. The book says**

**let every man prove his own work, and if your work is good then you will rejoice in it.**

**(v.5) For every man shall bear his own burden.**

That's right; every man must bear his own burden. You mean you thought that all you had to do was confess the name of Jesus and that was it? Brothers and sisters you must work to get salvation. (v.7) **Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** God is not to be played with. Whatsoever you plant, that's what you are going to reap. Be it good works unto eternal life, or evil works unto eternal damnation. The choice is yours, and your works belong to you.

**B**

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

You have failed to mention what Paul said in verses 1 & 2:

**Gal 6:1 Brethren, if even a man be taken in some fault (sin), ye who are spiritual (converted) restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfil the law of the Christ.**

Paul is not teaching about earning our salvation by "works". Paul is talking about fulfilling the Law of Christ which is to love God and to love our neighbor.

A believer becomes "spiritual" after they have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are converted. The converted believers will "walk by the Spirit" and will fulfill the Law of Christ. It is they who are to help the believers who are carnal and are still waiting to be converted (**Mat 25:34-40**).

This scripture teaches the same concept as Paul is teaching in Galatians chapter 6:

**Phil 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

It sounds like Paul is saying that our salvation depends upon our "works" but this is not true. See how Paul finishes his statement in the next verse:

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

Our salvation and our works of faith come from Christ. He is the potter and we are His workmanship.

Because everything we are and everything we do comes from Christ, Paul says this:

**1Thes 5:17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

Every step we take in life is directed by God:

**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.**

Even when trials and temptations come our way, we are to "give thanks" for them. Why should we do this? Here is the answer:

**Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.**

The chastening that all "sons" receive from Christ is given to us to teach us righteousness.

Some will say that since Christ is the one who directs our steps, why does Christ hold us accountable for our sins?

Paul was asked this same question below:

**Rom 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?**

Here is Paul's answer:

**Rom 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that replies against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?**

This verse also applies:

**Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; 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?**

This truth is also presented in the scripture you quoted (Gal 6:3): "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing".

Because we are nothing but what Christ makes us, we are to walk humbly; realizing that we have nothing to boast about concerning who and what we are.

**James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

**Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

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**Yes, Paul is teaching that you have to earn your salvation by works. Let's take at an example when person sit back and do nothing. You can read the whole story on your own, I'am skipping down to the part in the story where the point need to be made in Matthew 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

**Like Paul says in Gal 6: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. God is not to be played with. Whatsoever you plant, that's what you are going to reap. Be it good works unto eternal life, or evil works unto eternal damnation. The choice is yours, and your works belong to you.**

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It is true, you blinding yourself and not understanding the scriptures and verses in the Bible. In judgment each one of us will give account for our own salvation. The bible says, **we must not only be a hearer of the word, but a doer of the word** also (James 1:21-22). **DON'T FOOL YOURSELF!** If we really have faith in Jesus our actions will prove it. If Jesus is our Lord then we will obey him. Even a child will obey a parent, by getting good grades in school, for the reward of a new bicycle. The child cannot earn money for the bicycle, but instead must act upon their faith to receive the free gift. We must do the same to receive eternal life. **"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD"** (James 2:20).

**B**

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

Yes, Paul is teaching that you have to earn your salvation by works. Let's take an example when person sit back and do nothing.

A converted believer will not "sit back and do nothing" because the Holy Spirit **"worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure"** (Phi 2:13).

Concerning the parable you quoted, the man who was only given one talent represents an unconverted believer. They are still carnally minded and because of such, they see Christ as a "hard man" who torments his enemies in literal fire for all eternity. Because they "see" Christ this way, they are afraid of Him. As for burying the one talent in the earth, this represents that they used the gift that the Lord gave them in a carnal way (buried in the earth). The carnal way will not produce the spiritual fruit that Christ requires of His children.

In other words, the "talents" in the parable do not represent "works" - they represent the gifts of the Spirit that will cause us to produce spiritual fruit (love, joy, longsuffering, etc.). This is what Christ wants in return for the gifts He gives us and is what the parable is actually teaching.

You said:

Like Paul says in Gal 6: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. God is not to be played with.

Just like the man in the parable, you, too, see God as a "hard man".

As for the verse you quoted: **Gal 6: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

When a believer has been converted, the Spirit within them will cause them to "walk by the Spirit". Unconverted believers can only walk by the flesh (carnal nature). This is what Paul meant when he said in Gal 6:2 concerning "**ye who are spiritual**". Converted believers who walk by the Spirit do not sow to the flesh - they sow to the Spirit BECAUSE the Spirit governs them to "**will and do of His good pleasure**". A converted believer does not walk by the Spirit because of their supposed "free will" ability to decide to do so. Only God the Father has a "free will" to do as He pleases - mankind does not.

**Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.**

**Prov 20:24 Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?**

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

Because you do not believe these verses above, you have accepted the lie that you must contribute your own "works" and make your own decisions so that you can earn your salvation. This is what the Law teaches and it was given to us to prove that the "crooked way" does not work and cannot save us. The truth you should be believing is that Christ is the one who causes us to "**will and do of His good pleasure**". He is the one who causes us to no longer sow to the flesh but to the Spirit.

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The bible says, we must not only be a hearer of the word, but a doer of the word also (James 1:21-22). **DON'T FOOL YOURSELF! If we really have faith in Jesus our actions will prove it.**

This is true except that you believe that our "actions" come from our supposed "free will" ability to decide to do them. Scripture, however, contradicts this belief. Read those three verses I quoted above again and add to them this verse:

**Isa 26:12 O Jehovah, thou appointest peace to us, for, all our works also thou hast wrought for us.**

If a person has faith (which is one of the "talents") and has been converted, they will "walk by the Spirit" because the Spirit governs them. And because the Spirit governs their actions, the believer will to do "good works" because that is what they want to do. Christ gives them their "will" to do their "good works". When they do their "good works", this is the outward evidence that they are converted and are walking by the Spirit. This concept is what James taught.

Joe

**Dear FaithWillDo,**

To repent means to turn from our sinful ways and start obeying God's law. The water baptism signifies the washing away of our past sins. After repenting and being baptized in the name of Jesus it would be foolish for us to turn around and willingly break God's commandments. If we make an honest mistake Jesus can help us, but **if we sin willingly, look out! "...there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation..."** (Hebrews 10:26-27). When Jesus died only the sacrificial law was done away with, alone with Leviticus priesthood.

B

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

As I scripturally proved in my earlier post, repentance is to turn from trying to be acceptable to God by our own "works".

Here is the verse you quoted:

**Heb 10:26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.**

So you have never willfully sinned but have only made "honest mistakes"? This cannot be true. You should be more honest with yourself.

The verse above is talking about the sin that leads to death. That sin occurs when we add our own "works" to faith. This is the only sin that will cause a believer to lose their salvation.

**1John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death (ONLY ONE SIN): I do not say that he shall pray for it.**

All the other sins that we commit are "not unto death". Those sins will receive the chastisement of Christ until they are removed.

Joe

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

I forgot to make one other comment concerning something you said above even though it does not relate to the topic of this thread. You mentioned "being baptized in the name of Jesus". Most churches water baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Do you attend a Oneness Pentecostal church?

I know that they baptize in the name of Jesus because I went to a Oneness Pentecostal church many years ago specifically to be baptized that way. Water baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is not scripturally supportable.

In my conversion testimony on my website, I mentioned my experience of being baptized in the name of Jesus. The Lord sent me there a couple of years before I was converted in 2005. However, after I was given "eyes that can see", I quickly left that church and have never attended any church since that time. Just as Paul said, the church became apostate (all 2,000 denominations/sects) shortly after his death.

One other point concerning Heb 10:26 about the "willful sin". You should read all of Hebrews chapter 10. In that chapter, Paul is teaching about the Old Covenant sacrifices and comparing it to the sacrifice of Christ which brought in the New Covenant of Grace through Faith. The "willful sin" that Paul mentions in v. 26 is related to what he taught in the previous 25 verses. That sin (unto death) is to mix the Old Covenant of man's works with the New Covenant of faith. That is the sin that Satan uses to kill the saints and is how Satan formed the apostate church.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

The only thing is new is Jesus sacrificing himself of the sins of the world. Let's go into Hebrews 10: (v.10) **By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** 11 **And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:** 12 **but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

Let's go into the old Testament and see what happens when a person sins in ignorant. Let's go into Leviticus 4: 1 **And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,** 2 **Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:** 3 **If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.** 4 **And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.**

When Jesus died on the cross that was the end of the first covenant, which consisted of the blood of animals and the keeping of God's commandments. And his death also brought in the second covenant, which consist of the blood of Jesus and the keeping of God's commandments. Paul says in Hebrews 10: (v.18) **Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.** In other words, no more animals are going to die for your sins. (20) **by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;** (21) **and having an high priest over the house of God.**

B

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

Sinning in ignorance is not the same thing as making an honest mistake. When a person sins in ignorance, they do not know that they have sinned. When a person makes a mistake, they know

it. If you are able to keep the Law perfectly as Christ did, you are the only person who has.

**John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.**

Because Christ is the only one who is without sin, He is the only one who has a right to judge mankind:

**John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**

Also, Christ "fulfilled" the Old Covenant of Law at the cross which required a blood sacrifice to cover sins.

**Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

The remaining portion of the law (the law of love) is also fulfilled by Christ after a believer is converted and governed by the Holy Spirit.

**Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

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

Christ is the one who fulfills 100% the Law. We have no "works" to perform because Christ performs them all. This is what it means to enter into the "rest" of Christ.

When a person believes that their salvation is dependent upon their own "works", they are saying that they have NO FAITH in the sacrifice of Christ to cover their sins and for Him to fulfill the law of love within them. When a believer falls back to their own "works", they have fallen from grace. That is the only sin that will cause a believer to lose their salvation.

The Doctrine of Free Will is the foundational teaching of Satan's "another gospel". When a believer becomes deceived by Satan's false gospel, they believe that they must contribute their own "works" to be saved. By doing so, they are doing what this scripture warns against:

**Heb 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift (**the Early Rain**), and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.**

Peter teaches this same truth below:

**2Pet 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."**

The symbols "vomit" and "mire" represent a person's "works".

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Let's see if Paul see it that way in (1 Cor. 9:24-27) (v.24) **Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?** So run, that ye may obtain. (v.25) **And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible.**

Paul says that when you run in a race everybody is running for a prize. But this prize that he is referring to is eternal life, that's what he means by an incorruptible, he's talking about an incorruptible body, a heavenly body. (v.26) **I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight, not as one that beateth the air: (v.27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**

You see Paul knew exactly what was going on that why he says he has to bring his body under subjection. Under subjection to what? To God's Law, Paul knew that if he didn't continue to keep Gods law that even after he had preached to many that he himself could still become a castaway. This doesn't sound like Paul thinks that he has guarantee salvation.

B

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

Paul says that he runs his race with certainty:

**1Cor 9:26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.**

Paul never doubted his own Elect status (receiving the crown). And because Paul was one of the Elect, Paul was driven by Christ from "within" himself to keep his flesh under subjection.

This happened because Christ was causing Paul to "will" and do of Christ's good pleasure.

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

Paul had no choice in the matter.

And like all the Elect, Paul was a bondservant of Christ:

**Tit 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,**

**2Pet 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

**Jude 1:1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,...**

**Jam 1:1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ...**

**Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you**

Here is what you are not considering when coming to your understanding:

Scripture is written "here a little, and there a little" (**Isa 28:9-10**). Scripture also says that the "sum" of the Word is truth (**Psa 119:160**).

Here are the other scriptures which you must combine with what Paul said in 1Cor 9:26-27:

**John 10:28 "And I give them life during the ages, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.**

Christ "gives" the Elect "life during the ages". They do not have to earn it because Christ does all the work from "within" them. And since Christ does all the work, Christ says that no one can snatch them out of His hand (not even the Elect person).

The Elect were chosen for life during the ages (the inheritance) from the foundation of the world. They are His workmanship.

**Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

**Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

Christ accomplishes the Elect's salvation by working all things after the counsel of His own "will". Christ's spiritual work within Paul is the reason why Paul keeps his flesh under subjection. And because no one can snatch Paul out of Christ's hands, Christ will see to it that Paul does not fail. Paul's salvation is a certainty.

**Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**

As for the "many" who are called but not chosen, Christ will not do all the necessary work within them for their salvation. They will be castaways and will fall from grace. And like Paul, they, too, have no choice in the matter. Christ is the Savior and no one is saved until Christ saves them. In this age, Christ is only saving the Elect. In the final age, Christ will save the rest of mankind.

**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.**

Joe

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

To confirm what I have been stating to you, I wanted to share a prophecy that my wife received concerning me and her. She received it about 2 1/2 years after we were both converted in 2005.

Here is the prophecy she received:

**I am with you. I hear your prayers. You will know my Word when you are able to receive it. I am preparing you for my work. You have much to learn about yourself. You will show others my way. I will prepare you for the work I give you. I am doing my work in you. I am the Lord.**

As the prophecy says, Christ is "preparing" me to do His work by doing His work in me. He is the one who causes me to "will" and do of His good pleasure. I have no choice in the matter but to do the works because He has changed me from within. That is the only way a person can follow His commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. Christ does His works through us.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I understand, you believe you have a calling from God, now that calling is between you and God, the same way Paul had a calling. What you fell to understand is that, you still have to keep the Commandments, statues and Judgments, fruits of the spirits and maintain good works. Throughout the bible we find that in order to receive eternal salvation we must keep God's commandments to the end. If we make a mistake **we must not give up, but I press toward the**

**mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus** (Philippians 3:13-14). The last chapter in the whole bible reminds us of this one last time. "**Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life.**" (Revelation 22:14).

Every Prophet, apostle, even Jesus had a calling. But they all kept the two greatest Commandments.

This is true love, and if obeyed how much better would our world be? This is why Jesus said that the two greatest commandments are loving the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind; and loving your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:35-40). These two commandments are the foundation of the entire law. Many reject the law, but it is **holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good** (Romans 7:12) even today.

Many fight to uphold man's traditional holidays (Sunday the 1st day as the Sabbath, Christmas, Easter and Halloween), but few are obeying God's Holy Days (Saturday the 7th day Sabbath, the Passover, Pentecost, etc...Leviticus 23:1-44). All of God's laws are still good and must be obeyed if we want eternal life. We might not be able to observe everything perfectly, but can fight a good fight. If we do this our prize awaits us at the end. "...if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17).

*FaithWillDo said:*

*Paul says that he runs his race with certainty.*

That's not true, you always have a choice in the matter, and that's what you need to understand. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that **I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments**, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and **worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day**, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. **I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:** (Deu 30: 15-19).

B\_\_\_\_\_

Dear B\_\_\_\_\_,

I have shown you the scriptures about "works" vs. faith and you still believe that you must contribute your own works to earn your salvation. You are allowing your belief in "free will" to govern your understanding of scripture. The truth is only God the Father has a "free will". Mankind does not and never will.

The Man of Sin is not a person who appears at the end of the age. The Man of Sin is a spiritual symbol which represents a believer with a worsen carnal nature. The Old Man becomes a Man of

Sin after the spirit of anti-Christ enters a called out believer and causes them to accept and follow "another gospel". Satan's gospel teaches a salvation by works and its foundation is the belief that mankind has a "free will". For that reason, Paul said that the Man of Sin sits in God's temple (a believer) and claims to be God.

The churches the Apostles started in the 1st century all became apostate shortly after their deaths. They all follow another Jesus and another gospel and have another spirit (spirit of anti-Christ) governing them. In this worsen spiritual state, a believer cannot be renewed by repentance. Their only hope is for Christ to "come again" and pour out the Latter Rain upon them. With the Latter Rain, the believer is "born again" and their spiritual blindness is healed. After it is healed, this scripture will be fulfilled:

**Mat 24:15** “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), **16** “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

The Abomination of Desolation which the believer "sees" occurred within themselves when the spirit of anti-Christ entered them. Once they "see" the A of D, judgment will come and remove the spirit of anti-Christ and the Great Harlot (worsened carnal nature). After they are removed, the believer will then become a spiritual man and will be governed by the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit governing them, the believer can rest from their works because they have entered into the rest of Christ. Christ will then cause the believer to "will" and do of His good pleasure and this will cause the believer to keep the commandments of God. Those commandments are summed up by loving God and loving our neighbor. There is nothing more.

As for the verse you quoted:

**Deu 26:17** “Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice.

This statement is for the Nation of Israel when the Lord gave the Israelites the Old Covenant of Law to follow. But if a person is "in Christ" and is under the New Covenant, they are no longer under the Old Covenant of Law.

**Gal 5:18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Why is this true? It is true because Christ fulfilled the sacrificial ordinances of the Law at the cross and He fulfills the remainder of the Law by causing a converted believer to love God and love His neighbor. Under the New Covenant, we rest from our labors because Christ does all the work.

For believers who persist in trying to follow the law by their own works, Christ will reject them upon their resurrection. At that time, Christ will say to them "I never knew you" (**Mat 7:23**). And

because the believer remains under the Law, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire to be judged by the Law. But before they perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the faith they need to come under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith:

**Mat 23:23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

After they are "born again", the new child of God will be gathered to heaven just as the Elect were gathered to heaven in this age. Justice will then be served by the destruction of the old vessel (marred spirit):

**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.

Have you ever read this scripture below? It is quite profound.

**Prov 2:6** For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; **7** He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; **8** He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. **9** Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. **10** When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, **11** Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, **12** To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, **13** From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; **14** Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in the perversity of the wicked; **15** Whose ways are crooked, And who are devious in their paths; **16** To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words, **17** Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God. **18** For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead; **19** None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life—

Knowledge and understanding come from Christ. He gives it only to the new child of God who "walks uprightly". The child of God follows the "good path" (salvation by faith) whereas mankind cannot.

For those who "leave the path of righteousness", their ways are "crooked" because they are trying to follow the law by their own efforts. The "immoral woman" is the Great Harlot who represents a fallen away believer's worsened carnal nature. This worsened carnal nature flatters the believer with "her words" which are pleasing. However, her words teach "works" and lead the believer down to death. The scripture ends by saying that "none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life". For that reason, the old vessel (all mankind) is condemned already (**John 3:18**) and will be destroyed by Christ's judgment. Only the newly born children of God (the new vessel) will receive life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

If you can't receive what I have shown you about works vs. faith, I don't believe presenting you with additional scriptures will be of any benefit to you. With that said, it is probably a good time to end our discussion. I will accept the Lord's "will" in this matter.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

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**I agree with Paul when he says ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).**

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**According to the Bible the church is God's people who are Israelites. Paul says in Romans 9: 1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 **who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;** Paul says in Romans 3: 1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? 2 **Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.** 3 For what if some did not believe? shall **their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?** Jesus warned us that the road to salvation is straight and narrow and that only a few of us will find it. Many are traveling down the wrong road, which leads to destruction. This is because many of us have heard about salvation but few of us want to do what is necessary to get salvation (many are called but few are chosen). (Matthew 7:13, 14) Many contend that Jesus did it all and now all we have to do is have faith.**

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**Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

*Why is this true? It is true because Christ fulfilled the sacrificial ordinances of the Law at the cross and He fulfills the remainder of the Law by causing a converted believer to love God and love His neighbor. Under the New Covenant, we rest from our labors because Christ does all the work.*

I agree with the sacrificial ordinances laws, but not the royal laws (Commandments). Jesus says in Matthew 5: 17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy**, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.** 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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*For believers who persist in trying to follow the law by their own works, Christ will reject them upon their resurrection. At that time, Christ will say to them "I never knew you" (Mat 7:23). And because the believer remains under the Law, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire to be judged by the Law. But before they perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the faith they need to come under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith:*

That's a lie, because the book says in (1John 2:3-4) (v.3) **And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.** (v.4) he that saith, **I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

**B**

Dear B\_\_\_\_\_,

You are not rightly dividing the Word by the Old and New Covenants. You are making the New Covenant just like the Old Covenant (based on man's works). When a believer adds their own works to faith, they will fall from grace:

**Gal 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**

When a believer tries to follow the Law, even on just one point like circumcision, they become a debtor to keeping the whole Law and have fallen from grace.

In your last post, you quoted where Christ said He came to fulfill the Law. Christ did not come to just fulfill a portion of the Law. He came to fulfill 100% of it. He satisfied the sacrificial law at the cross and the fulfills the remainder (loving God and our neighbor) from within a converted

believer by causing them to "will and to do of his good pleasure".

**Phi 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

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

You omitted verse 13 in your post because it contradicts your belief in your own works.

I just posted a response to another thread which also deals with repentance from works vs. faith. It is entitled "**And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me**". It is in the Bible Study Forum if you care to comment.

Joe

B\_\_\_\_\_ responded and I included his main points in my response below.

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

**This doesn't mean we don't have to obey God's moral laws of conduct.**

I have never said that we do not keep the moral laws of conduct. However, scripture clearly says that Christ is the one who keeps them for us. This is the spiritual work of Christ that He does within a converted believer. Christ is the one who causes a converted believer to "will and to do of His GOOD pleasure". That is why Christ said He came to fulfill the Law. Mankind cannot keep the law; only Christ has that ability. And because He loves us, He will cause us to keep the commandments.

The Old Covenant is man's attempt to keep the Law. Under the New Covenant, Christ is the one who keeps the law through us.

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**Jesus did not come to fulfill 100% he told us this in Matthew 5: 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

Christ came to fulfill 100% of the Law. He fulfilled the blood sacrifice requirements of the Old Covenant at the cross. And now under the New Covenant, Christ is in the process of fulfilling the remainder of the law by doing it from within mankind. After Christ's spiritual work is done, all mankind will be converted into a child of God. The law will then pass away because it has been completely fulfilled. Christ will then deliver up the Kingdom of Heaven to His Father and God

will then be "all in all" (1Cor 15:20-28).

As for the scripture you quoted, your understanding of it is carnal and incorrect. When a believer is converted, their heaven and earth will pass away and be replaced with a new heaven and a new earth.

The old earth is a symbol for mankind's carnal nature. The old heaven is a symbol for mankind's carnal mind. They will both be destroyed by Christ's judgment (2Peter chapter 3). Once Christ has destroyed them, the believer will be converted. They will then have a new heaven (mind of Christ) and a new earth (spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit) which will guide all their beliefs and actions.

Being converted from a child of the devil (mankind) into a child of God is the only way we can keep the commandments of God. We are able to do so because Christ keeps them for us. This is what it means to enter into the "rest" of Christ. We rest from our labors of trying to keep the law (Old Covenant) because Christ keeps them for us from "within" (New Covenant). The physical keeping of the Sabbath Day is commanded under the Old Covenant. Under the New Covenant, Christ fulfills that law within us when we enter into His "rest" and we cease from our works. At that point, it is no longer necessary to physically keep the Sabbath Day law. If we do so, we are saying that we have not yet rested from our works and because of such, we remain under the Old Covenant of Law. And because we remain under the Law, the Law will condemn us upon our resurrection from the grave. Christ will then say "I never knew you".

You said:

**We are not robots, just because God works in us to do his will, it doesn't mean we will all do it.**

You are wrong. It does mean that we will all do it. You cannot stay the hand of God.

**Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; 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?**

No one has a "free will" ability to do anything differently from what God wills for us to do. Only God the Father has a "free will". Mankind does not.

Where is your faith to believe these verses?

**Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

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

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

**Prov 20:24 Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?**

**Prov 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.**

**Isa 26:12 O Jehovah, thou appointest peace to us, for, all our works also thou hast wrought for us.**

**Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.**

**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.**

**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.**

The churches of the world (all 2,000 denominations/sects) are all apostate. No one in those churches is converted. They are all still carnal and under the law. They remain under the Law because Christ is not yet causing them to "will and do of His good pleasure". In other words, Christ has not yet made them into a new vessel. They are not converted. The apostate church is still behaving and believing as the old vessel (carnal mankind) does.

The old vessel prefers "religion" (Old Covenant, Old Wine) over faith alone (New Covenant, New Wine).

**Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, the old is better.**

The apostate church believes that they have a "free will" ability from which they can choose or not choose to follow the ways of God. This is a false belief which comes from Satan and is the crooked way. However, for the apostate believers who are also "chosen", Christ will come to them a second time and pour out the Latter Rain. This will give the apostate believer a new birth. The new birth will then be immediately followed by Christ's judgment which will destroy their old heaven and earth. Only then will the believer be able to keep the commandments of God. They do so only because Christ causes them to "will and do of His good pleasure".

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There no place in the word of God that will tell you that. Christ is not the one who keeps the law through us, you have to keep the law, you.... not Christ. Jesus did his part, now you have to do yours. A man asked Jesus this very question, "...What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?", and Jesus replied, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but **if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** (Matthew 19:16-19).

This was a direct answer to a direct question, which all of us will do well to take heed to. Anybody can claim to have faith, but actions speak louder than words. Faith and works go together and you can't have one without the other. **"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"** (Revelation 14:12). And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. (2 John 1: 5, 6)....See Exodus 20: 1-17.

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That's a lie, because the prophet Daniel foretold that Jesus time would be cut off. Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and **two weeks shall Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 **And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week (Wednesday is the middle of the week) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,** (Remember, Jesus is the sacrificial Passover Lamb).

You seem to believe what people tell you vs what the Bible is saying. Stop teaching the Bible in the mighty name of Jesus until you learn!!

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*Being converted from a child of the devil (mankind) into a child of God is the only way we can keep the commandments of God. We are able to do so because Christ keeps them for us. This is what it means to enter into the "rest" of Christ. We rest from our labors of trying to keep the law (Old Covenant) because Christ keeps them for us from "within" (New Covenant). The physical keeping of the Sabbath Day is commanded under the Old Covenant. Under the New Covenant, Christ fulfills that law within us when we enter into His "rest" and we cease from our works. At that point, it is no longer necessary to physically keep the Sabbath Day law. If we do so, we are saying that we have not yet rested from our works and because of such, we remain under the Old Covenant of Law. And because we remain under the Law, the Law will condemn us upon our resurrection from the grave. Christ will then say "I never knew you".*

Grace is nothing more than a free gift. And that free gift is our access back to the tree of life (Jesus) which Adam caused us to lose by disobeying God. **Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:** (Romans 5: 12) But to maintain your grace you must keep the law. (1John 3:4) **Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.** Now we have just read the biblical definition of sin, the transgression (breaking) of the law (commandments.) It doesn't matter what you or I think sin is, it's what God says sin is that counts.

**B**

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

There no place in the word of God that will tell you that. Christ is not the one who keeps the law through us, you have to keep the law, you.... not Christ. Jesus did his part, now you have to do yours.

Only by "walking by the Spirit" can anyone keep the commandments of Christ. It is the Spirit that causes us to "will and do of His good pleasure".

No where in scripture does it say that "Jesus did his part, now you have to do yours". If we did have a part to play in our salvation, we would have something to boast about concerning it.

**Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

Your beliefs are not coming from God's Word.

You said:

That's a lie, because the prophet Daniel foretold that Jesus time would be cut off. Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be

with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week (Wednesday is the middle of the week) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, (Remember, Jesus is the sacrificial Passover Lamb). You seem to believe what people tell you vs what the Bible is saying. Stop teaching the Bible in the mighty name of Jesus until you learn!!

I have a complete teaching on Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy on my website. You should read it because your understanding of the prophecy is very flawed. The Seventy Weeks prophecy is a teaching on Christ's work of saving the Elect. When Christ came in the flesh, the last week of years began. After 3 1/2 years of ministry, Christ was cut off at the cross. This caused the continual sacrifice to end because His death was the perfect and final sacrifice. Upon Christ's resurrection, the New Covenant began. That last 3 1/2 years for Christ to complete the salvation of His Elect began at this time. The last 3 1/2 years is individually and spiritually fulfilled within each of the Elect. It begins for an Elect person when they receive the Early Rain and enter the church. It ends when Christ returns with the Latter Rain. Everywhere in scripture it talks about 3 1/2 years (42 months, 1260 days or time, times and a half) it is teaching on this time period between the Early and Latter Rain a Elect believer must experience. When Christ comes with the Latter Rain, this is the moment the prophecy is fulfilled for a particular Elect person. After the last Elect person is saved in this age, the prophecy will be totally fulfilled and the resurrection of the dead will occur.

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Grace is God's unmerited favor upon mankind. The Holy Spirit is the free gift. Our faith (which Christ must give us) is what makes the pathway straight for the Lord to come to a person with the free gift of the Holy Spirit. When a person adds their own works to faith like you are doing, the straight pathway is made crooked. Christ will not come to a person on a crooked pathway to give them the free gift of the Holy Spirit (the Latter Rain). Because He doesn't come, they will die in their sins and will remain under the Law.

Joe

**Dear FaithWillDo,**

*FaithWillDo said:*

*Only by "walking by the Spirit" can anyone keep the commandments of Christ. It is the Spirit that causes us to "will and do of His good pleasure".*

Paul says in Romans 8: 4 that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

That righteousness of the law Paul is talking about here is the Commandments of God. So if you walking in the spirit you walking in the law, and one of those Commandments is to keep the Sabbath day on the seventh day of the week Saturday.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: **for it is not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be.

So if being taught you don't have to keep the law, then you are carnal minded, simple as that.

*FaithWillDo said:*

*No where in scripture does it say that "Jesus did his part, now you have to do yours". If we did have a part to play in our salvation, we would have something to boast about concerning it.*

Stop copying how I say things, I never said there was a scripture that says Jesus did his part, but Jesus did do his part according to scriptures. Paul says in Acts 24: 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, **believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets**: Let's get another witness in Luke 24: 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Again, Jesus did his part!

*FaithWillDo said:*

*Your beliefs are not coming from God's Word.*

That's a lie. You are not understanding the word of God, and some scriptures and verses are clean cut, telling you what to do. If all the prophets, apostles and Jesus have to keep the Commandments (Law) Statues and Judgements, throughout all the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, then everyone else. What Paul is saying in this verse you quoted Eph 2: 8-10 is going back to Adam sin and that the creation of man would have all been in the second death. This is not talking about not having to keep the Commandments. For example Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8), And Noah and his family was saved. Jesus gave the creation grace, by all he did and dying on the cross. So Noah will come up in the first resurrection, but Cain will not. Why? Because of the law, Cain broke the law!

Now Paul said in (Rom. 3:23-25) (v.23) **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.** (v.24) **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:** (v.25) **Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of**

## God.

So the bible tells you to **repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**" (Acts 2 :36-38). And by doing so you come up under his precious blood and then you **are saved from your sins that are past, not present or future sins but for sins that are past.** We were all locked under death by Adam's sin, even the second death. But when Jesus became (he was God in the beginning) man and died for the sins of the world, he gave us access back to the tree of life (himself) which Adam had caused us to lose. That's what grace is, our free gift our access back to the tree of life but that's another lesson for another time.

So by coming under the blood of Jesus you are saved from your past sins. And if you are saved now, it is on a day to day basis. Because **for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God** (Romans 23:3), and if you continue to live you will sin again. It is the willful sinning that you need to put in check. **For if we sin willfully** after that we have **received the knowledge of the truth**, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a **certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation**, which shall devour the adversaries. (Hebrew 10: 26, 27).

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It's common sense according to the scriptures, if Jesus got cut off in the middle of the week, then Jesus didn't fulfill all.

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You said:

That righteousness of the law Paul is talking about here is the Commandments of God. So if you walking in the spirit you walking in the law, and one of those Commandments is to keep the Sabbath day on the seventh day of the week Saturday.

**Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God WITHOUT THE LAW is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**

**Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**

The righteousness of the law is fulfilled when a believer has been converted and is only walking by the Spirit. When the Spirit governs a believer, they will love God and love their neighbor.

"Love is the fulfilling of the law":

**Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

It is the Spirit that causes us to "will and do of His good pleasure". And since the Spirit is holy and righteous, it cannot sin.

When the Spirit governs a converted believer, they rest from their works and will never sin again.

When a believer "rests" in Christ, they are spiritually fulfilling Sabbath Day.

You are not applying the concept the verse below teaches to your understanding:

**1Cor 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.**

The physical observance of the Sabbath Day is a physical type that is spiritually fulfilled when we "walk by the Spirit".

The same is true of circumcision. Circumcision is a physical type that was commanded under the Law. But after a believer is governed by the Spirit, they are spiritually fulfilling the law of circumcision.

**Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

Let me ask you this: **Do you still observe the physical law of circumcision?** If you answer no, then why are you still observing the physical law of the Sabbath Day. Both laws are the same and both are spiritually fulfilled when a person is governed by the Spirit.

You said:

**Stop copying how I say things, I never said there was a scripture that says Jesus did his part, but Jesus did do his part according to scriptures.**

So you know that there is not a scripture that says Jesus did His part, but you still teach that Jesus did His part. Does your understanding of Christ not come solely from scripture? Don't you realize that you are adding to God's Word?

Because you believe that Christ only did part of the work necessary for our salvation, it causes to believe that "we must do our part" to complete the work. Where is your scripture that supports that statement? There are none. Again, you are adding to scripture.

Paul clearly says that mankind has no part to play in our own salvation. Christ does 100% of the

works necessary.

**Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

Salvation is a "gift of God". God gives it to us freely because of His GRACE. We don't have to do anything to receive salvation or to earn it. Christ will do all that is necessary and a large part of His work is spiritual and is done "within" mankind. He is the one who will causes us to "will and do of His good pleasure". This is what produces a believer's "works of faith" and why they will stop sinning.

You are still operating under the Old Covenant of Law which is founded upon man's works. The New Covenant is founded upon the works of Christ. Christ does all the works (both physical and spiritual) that will cause a person to "walk by the Spirit". When a person does this, the law is fulfilled. This is how Christ fulfills 100% of the law.

You said:

So by coming under the blood of Jesus you are saved from your past sins. And if you are saved now, it is on a day to day basis. Because for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 23:3), and if you continue to live you will sin again. It is the willful sinning that you need to put in check. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. (Hebrew 10: 26, 27).

The "willful sin" is adding your own works to the works of Christ. I explained this concept to you earlier. When you mix your own works with faith , you are saying that Christ and His sacrifice was insufficient to save you. This is the one and only sin that leads to death.

I have explained the truth of how Christ converts a person to you before, but I will explain it again since it is so vital to know. When a person is called out from the world to enter the church, Christ comes to them without their asking and without their permission and freely gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. However, the Early Rain is only an small amount of the Spirit. It will leave the new believer spiritually blind and still governed by their carnality. Because it does, Satan will come to them and deceive them into accepting his "another gospel" which teaches faith mixed with works". This is the gospel that all the churches of the world are following. This is the sin that leads to death. They have lost their salvation and are not believe governed by the Holy Spirit. They are being governed by the spirit of anti-Christ.

If a fallen away believer is also "chosen", Christ will come to them a second time. This is commonly called the Second Coming of Christ but it is greatly misunderstood. In the marriage analogy, it is when Christ returns to marry his chaste virgin. But since all new believers fall away and fornicate with Satan (believing Satan over Christ), the chaste virgin is no longer chaste. To

correct this "worse than the first" (**Mat 12:43-45**) spiritual condition before the Bridegroom returns for them, Christ will send a person to them in the spirit of Elijah with the call of repentance from works. Christ will then cause the fallen away believer to repent of their works. When they do this, the pathway for Christ to come to them is made "straight" by the person's faith. Christ will then come to them and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit (Baptism of the Holy Spirit). This will convert the person into a child of God who is governed by the Spirit. With the Spirit within the person, the Spirit will cause the person "will and do of His good pleasure". The law will then be fulfilled within them.

You said concerning the Seventy Weeks prophecy:

It's common sense according to the scriptures, if Jesus got cut off in the middle of the week, then Jesus didn't fulfill all.

That is right. Jesus is still working to fulfill the last 3 1/2 years remaining of the prophecy.

In the first 3 1/2 years, Christ did the physical work that needed to be done (first comes the natural, then comes the spiritual). That work was completed at the cross and was under the Old Covenant of Law which demanded His blood sacrifice. As you said, He was cutoff in the middle of the final week. That leaves 3 1/2 years for Christ to complete the prophecy.

The last 3 1/2 years are currently being completed under the New Covenant. Since the New Covenant is spiritual, Christ is spiritually completing the last 3 1/2 years within His Elect. The last 3 1/2 years begin for an Elect person when Christ comes to them and gives them the Early Rain. It ends when Christ returns and gives them the Latter Rain. With the Latter Rain, the person is converted into a child of God who is governed by the Spirit. After Christ completes this spiritual work within all the Elect of this age, all SIX of the goals of Dan 9:24 will be fulfilled:

**Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 1). to finish the transgression, and 2). to make an end of sins, and 3). to make reconciliation for iniquity, and 4). to bring in everlasting righteousness, and 5). to seal up the vision and prophecy, and 6). to anoint the most Holy.**

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*The righteousness of the law is fulfilled when a believer has been converted and is only walking by the Spirit. When the Spirit governs a believer, they will love God and love their neighbor. "Love is the fulfilling of the law":*

This is the problem right here. God had Peter to clearly warn us about some of Paul's writing. (2Peter:3:15-16) (v.15) And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; (v.16) **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things**

**hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.** Now let us take heed to this warning, we can't ignore all the bible and just concentrate on a hand full of verses out of the writings of Paul. Because some of Paul's writing is hard to be understood.

There no need to post verses concerning with doing away with the law or being delivered from the law, that Paul talks about, thats concerning animal sacrificial law, not the Commandments. Paul concerning the unchangeable Royal Law of God. (Rom. 13:7-10) (v.7) Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. (v.8) Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. That's the biblical definition of love, the keeping of God's law. (v.9) **For this, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, THOU SHALT NOT KILL, THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, THOU SHALT NOT COVET;** and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.** (v.10) **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.** (See exodus 20: 1-17)

When the bible speaks of laws we no longer have to keep, it is speaking of the sacrificial laws and Priesthood laws. These laws were a school master pointing us to the fact that Jesus would be sacrificed for our sins. Since Jesus died we are no longer under a school master, (required to offer up bulls and goats for our sins). Now we must believe (have faith) Jesus died for us (Hebrews 10:4,9-10) **4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 9 then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

This doesn't mean we don't have to obey God's moral laws of conduct. That would be like a man getting paroled from prison and then ignoring the same laws that sent him to prison in the first place. Jesus only died once, so if we willingly break God's law, after accepting Jesus, our reward will be eternal damnation (Hebrews 10:26-27) **26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.** Let us avoid this at all costs, seeking a better reward. Jesus will return real soon And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:12).

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*When a believer "rests" in Christ, they are spiritually fulfilling Sabbath Day.*

That's not true at all and Paul don't agree with you and I don't either, because years after Paul became what you call a believer, look what Paul did in (Acts 13:13-15, 42, 44) (v.13) Now when

Paul and his company loosed from Pa'-phus, they came to Per'-ga in Pam-phyl'-I-a: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. (v.14) But when they departed from Per'-ga, they came to An'-ti-och in Pi-sid'-I-a, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. Paul went into the church (synagogue) on the sabbath day the seventh day not the first day (Sunday). (v.15) **And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying,** Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. (v.42) **And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.** They wanted Paul to preach to them the same thing that he taught the Jews, the next sabbath. Even the Gentiles knew that if they were going to serve the same God that Paul and the Jews (Israelites) served that they would have to serve him on the day that God had set up. (v.42) **And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.** Not the next Sunday but the next sabbath.

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Of course, let's go into the future in Ezekiel 44: 6-8.

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A man asked Jesus this very question, "...What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?", and Jesus replied, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but **if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** (Matthew 19:16-19). This was a direct answer to a direct question, which all of us will do well to take heed to. Anybody can claim to have faith, but actions speak louder than words. Faith and works go together and you can't have one without the other. **"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"** (Revelation 14:12).

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Paul said in (1 Cor. 9:24-27) (v.24) **Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?** So run, that ye may obtain. (v.25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible. Paul says that when you run in a race every body is running for a prize. But this prize that he is referring to is eternal life, that's what he means by an incorruptible, he's talking about an incorruptible body, a heavenly body. (v.26) **I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight, not as one that beateth the air:** (v.27) **But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.** You see Paul knew exactly what was going on that why he says he has to bring his body under subjection. Under subjection to what? To God's Law, Paul knew that if he didn't continue to keep Gods law that even after he had preached to many that he himself could still become a castaway. This doesn't sound like Paul thinks that he has guarantee salvation.

Don't allow yourself to be deceived into believing that once you believe in the Lord that your work is finished, it has just started.

B \_\_\_\_\_

Dear B \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

When the bible speaks of laws we no longer have to keep, it is speaking of the sacrificial laws and Priesthood laws.

That is mostly true. But is circumcision a part of the priesthood laws? No, it is not. Then why does Paul say that we are to no longer physically keep the law of circumcision?

**Gal 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**

He makes this statement because the physical law of circumcision was only a shadow of things to come.

**Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

This concept of "first comes the physical, then comes the spiritual" is also true of the Sabbath Day law:

**Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, OR OF THE SABBATH DAYS: 17 Which are a SHADOW OF**

## **THINGS TO COME to come; but the body *is* of Christ.**

The "things to come" occurs when the law is spiritually fulfilled within a person by Christ. A converted believer keeps the law of circumcision because Christ circumcised them in the heart (spiritually). Likewise, a converted believer keeps the Sabbath Day law when they enter into the "rest" of Christ.

Physically keeping the Sabbath Day is only a "shadow" of its spiritual fulfillment by Christ.

Also, Paul made his statement above not because the church was keeping the Sabbath Day, but because they were not.

No where in the writings of Paul, Peter, John, James or the others do they say to keep the Sabbath Day. If it was important to physically observe the Sabbath Day, why didn't they teach it to the Gentiles who had no knowledge of the Jewish laws? Why didn't they teach them what they could and could not do on each Sabbath Day? Where are their teachings about it?

Here is what they did teach the Gentiles:

**Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

You have not ceased from your own works. The physical keeping of the Sabbath Day is only a shadow of things to come. We stop physically keeping the Sabbath Day when Christ spiritually enters us and performs all the works for us. His spiritual works are manifested into the world through us.

Christ "typed" this truth here:

**Mat 12:1 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. 3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; 4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him,**

**but only for the priests? 5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? 6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. 7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.**

Weren't the disciples breaking the Sabbath Day law? Yes, they most certainly were and the Pharisees called Jesus on it. So why didn't Christ say that the Pharisees were right and then tell the disciples to stop breaking the law? The answer is because the disciples had (in type) entered into the rest of Christ, just as Paul explained in Heb 4:3-10. When we enter into the rest of Christ, we spiritually rest every day of the week and it is no longer necessary to physically keep the Sabbath Day.

Physically resting on the Sabbath Day is spiritually fulfilled when we enter into the rest of Christ, just as the law of circumcision is spiritually fulfilled when we are circumcised in the heart.

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Again, I never said Jesus did his part is a scripture or verse, you making things up now. Jesus did his part is a fact, go read Isaiah 53rd Chapter. This is how I know you not understanding the word of God correctly cause you making up this.

You say that scripture does not teach that Jesus did His part, but then you refer me to Isa 53??? Which is it, does scripture say that Jesus did His part for our salvation or doesn't it?

When you say that Christ did His "part", to me that means that you believe that Christ did not do everything that is necessary to save us - that we must do our part, too, in order to be saved. But scripture never says that Christ's work was only in "part". It says it was complete. You are only considering the work Christ did at the cross. You are not considering His ongoing spiritual work that He is doing within the Elect. Both parts of Christ's work make up the whole of what needs to be done to save us. Christ does everything, both the physical work of the cross and the spiritual work within us. Nothing else needs to be done to save us. We contribute nothing.

How can a person enter into the rest of Christ if Christ only does part of the work as you claim?

**Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

Christ works "all things", not just part of the work as you claim.

You said:

A man asked Jesus this very question, "...What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?", and Jesus replied, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. (Matthew 19:16-19). This was a direct

answer to a direct question, which all of us will do well to take heed to. Anybody can claim to have faith, but actions speak louder than words. Faith and works go together and you can't have one without the other. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

Christ was talking to a Jewish man who was under the Law. Christ's answered him by telling him to "keep the commandments". But Christ knew that it was IMPOSSIBLE for the man to keep the Law. If it were possible, the man could have been justified by the law and the New Covenant would not have been necessary. However, someday, the man will realize this truth and it will lead him to Christ and the New Covenant of Grace through Faith. Christ will then enter into the man and keep the law for him. Christ will do the works and the man will rest from his labors of trying to keep the law.

You said:

Don't allow yourself to be deceived into believing that once you believe in the Lord that your work is finished, it has just started.

In other words, you don't believe that we can ever enter into the "rest" of Christ.

If you believe that after we are saved, we have to keep working to maintain our salvation, when does it ever end? When is our salvation ever secure?

You are forgetting that Christ is the Savior of mankind and that He is the one who does the saving. He saves us by freely giving us the Holy Spirit who will govern all our actions and beliefs (causes us to will and do of His good pleasure). It is at that point that our salvation is secure and we rest from our labors. We have no ability to contribute anything to our salvation. That is why Christ must do it all.

Your belief in "works" is the crooked way of Satan. The straight way of faith is the only path that leads to salvation. After Christ makes a person's path straight, He will come to them and do the all works for them. This is the only way a person can keep the commandments of God. You have misunderstood the most fundamental teaching of scripture (faith vs. works).

Joe

B\_\_\_ responded and I quoted him in my response below.

Dear B\_\_\_\_,

I only want to make a few comments since I have addressed most of your points before.

You said:

Nevertheless, in judgment each one of us will give account for our own salvation. Therefore, we must not let anyone lead us down the wrong path, but should verify all of our teaching with the holy bible. YOUR SALVATION IS AT STAKE! "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

You keep leaving out the next verse (v.13) that says "**For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**"

You said:

Paul went into the synagogue every sabbath, not every Sunday people, this is the apostle Paul, and it said that Paul reasoned with them out of the scriptures.

Paul went to the synagogue of the Jews on the Sabbath Day because that was when the Jews were available for Paul to teach them. Paul was not going there to honor the Sabbath Day because He was already honoring it after having entered into the rest of Christ.

As for when people go to church, it doesn't matter what day of the week they go.

As for my wife and I, we do not attend any church because all the churches are apostate. All 2,000 different denominations/sects add some form of "works" to faith and are under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ. They have almost no understanding of the truth. They have all been deceived because of their spiritual blindness. The apostate churches are places where the blind lead the blind. Paul said that "wolves" would enter the church shortly after his departing. Paul called this event the apostasy. Nothing has changed in the church since that time.

Since Paul's death, the pathway to salvation requires that the Elect pass through the apostate church. When Christ is ready to pull them out of the apostate church, Christ will cause them to repent of their works. This will make Christ's pathway "straight". Christ will then come to them a second time and pour out the Latter Rain. With the Latter Rain, their spiritual blindness will be healed. They will then immediately be able to "see" the Abomination of Desolation that occurred within themselves when the spirit of anti-Christ entered them. This is also the time when the Man of Sin is revealed to them and they will find that they are the Man of Sin. When this happens, Christ's judgment will quickly fall on them and remove & destroy the spirit of anti-Christ and their worsened carnal nature (Great Harlot). When Christ's judgment is complete, the Elect person is converted.

There simply are NO churches in this world that are not apostate. The "few" believers who Christ brings out of them will then continually worship God in Spirit and in Truth every day of the week.

My wife and I received the Latter Rain in 2005. At that time, our spiritual blindness was healed and we immediately left the church we attended. We have never gone back because "light has no fellowship with darkness". Our conversion testimony is posted on my website.

I came across a scripture today that is relevant to our discussion. I will post it below:

**John 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal. 28**

**Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**

As Christ says, a person works the "works" of God simply by having faith and believing Him. And the faith they have was given to them by Christ. They have "no works" to contribute to their salvation. When a person has faith, they will enter into the rest of Christ because Christ will cause them "will and do of His good pleasure".

It makes no sense to continue this discussion since I am just repeating myself in my posts. Plus, I need to take a break from the forum to do some work on my website. It will probably take several days to complete. After it is finished, I'll return to the forum at that time (as the Lord wills).

Joe