

#80 FORUM POST ON WORKS VS. FAITH

Hello,

Who are to be blessed through God's earthly hosts? let us consider Gen 12:3: -

3 I will bless those who bless you,

And I will curse him who curses you;

And in/through you shall be blessed

All the families {of the world}, who inhabiting My fertile field/soil.

The Hebrew Root of אָדָמָה, H:0127, is **adamah** which has the meaning of soil, and the Hebrew Word **hā'·'ā·dā·māh** is akin to the fertile field/face of the land/world.

אָדָמָה is also found in Genesis 2:7 where it has the same meaning: -

Genesis 2:7 — 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground/My fertile soil and {the Lord God} breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

One could argue that what is being said here is that all of the peoples of the world that occupy God's fertile field/ground will be blessed. The flip side of this covenant Promise is that all of the people who do not occupy God's fertile field/soil will not be Blessed but rather will die the Second Death.

J

Dear J _____,

You are using one verse of God's Word to create a whole doctrine which you should not do.

Scripture says that doctrine is given "here a little, and there a little" and that the sum of God's Word is truth:

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **10** For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: **11** For with stammering lips and another language will he speak to this people. **12** But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Psa 119:160 The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Below is a verse you are not considering in your doctrine:

John 3:18 He (a child of God) that believeth on him is not condemned: but he (mankind,

children of the devil) that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

So who "believeth not"? The answer is mankind:

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

And because mankind has sinned and does not believe in Christ, mankind is "condemned already".

Only after Christ gives a person the Holy Spirit and is "born again" as a child of God will they bless God and confess that Jesus is 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.

Since mankind's salvation is solely caused by the work of Christ and Christ came to save all mankind, all mankind will someday bless God and be saved:

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

And as this verse says, the completed work of Christ will give glory to the Father.

Don't you believe that you must die because of your sins?

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

Or are you under Satan's deception just as Eve was?

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Because we are all "condemned already", Christ must make us into a new creation. Only AFTER we become a child of God will we bless God and be saved.

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For this reason, Christ will convert all mankind just as He was sent by His Father to do:

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

Why do you believe that Christ will not save all mankind? Is it because the gospel you follow requires mankind to contribute their own work in with Christ's work which He does under the New Covenant? If so, you have changed the "free gift" into something that mankind must purchase.

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Ah Joe, you have judged my post on the few words that I put together to express the idea that only those who inhabit God's fertile field will be saved.

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

The above verse is badly translated as what it states is that: - "the soul that sinneth, it shall **suffer the second death.**"

As one of the advocates of the Universal Salvation Theory often states, there are many errors in the translations of the source text into our English Translations.

It seems to me that you have misunderstood the passage in Isaiah 28 as well.

FaithWillDo said:

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Perhaps you should read Ezekiel 18 more closely and consider the Hebrew words found within the Hebrew text. Your understanding may change and you might live if you turn back to God living words instead of the context that you want to abide by.

J _____

Dear J _____,

The second death is the spiritual death that occurs from Christ's judgment. It is the spiritual destruction of the child of the devil. But that death is completed only after the person has been "born again" and made into a child of God.

As you said, the second death is the penalty of sin. However, I see no mention of "second" in the original Hebrew. But from other scripture, we can know that the penalty of death that we will pay for our sins is called the second death (here a little and there a little).

The second death is called the Lake of Fire (a symbol for Christ's judgment). When the Elect are judged in the Lake of Fire, they will not suffer the wrath of Christ because they are saved prior to their judgment (shown in Rev 19). However, for the "lost" in the final age, they will suffer wrath because they are not saved when they are first cast into the lake. But before they perish from that judgment, Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the necessary faith to make His pathway straight for Him to come and give them the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit:

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

Your judgment appears to be no different than that of the Pharisees. It omits justice, mercy and faith.

You have perverted judgment:

Job 34:12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

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

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No person can wisely chose Christ until after Christ has given them the Spirit and the new birth.

Until that happens, we are all children of the devil and will only follow Satan and his ways. To change that situation, Christ will come to us without our asking and without our permission. When He comes, He will freely give us the Holy Spirit and the new birth. Only after Christ does this work within us will we confess Jesus as Lord and be saved. We have no ability to contribute anything towards it. If Christ waited for mankind to act first, no one would ever accept Jesus as Lord.

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

Those who are saved in this present age have been chosen for this blessing by God before the foundation of the world:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

The people who have been chosen for salvation in this age are called the Elect and are the FIRST FRUITS of Christ's harvest of mankind. They do not represent the full and complete harvest of mankind but only the early portion of His harvest. The complete harvest will occur at the end of the year (the final age).

The gospel you teach mixes "works" with faith. This is the "another gospel" that Satan teaches in the apostate church.

The true Gospel teaches that Christ is the Savior and He alone will do all that is necessary to convert us into children of God.

Christ is the one who causes us to repent of our works. Christ is the one who gives us our faith. Christ is the one who comes to us and gives us the Holy Spirit. Christ is the one who judges us so that our old spiritual nature is destroyed. Christ does it all and for that reason, we are His "workmanship":

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.

After an Elect person is converted, they will symbolically cast their crown before His throne because they recognize that all the glory for who they have become belongs solely to Christ:

Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders (a symbol for all the Elect) fall down before him that

sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Mankind has no "works" which they can add to the complete and perfect work of Christ.

When a believer accepts Satan's "another gospel" which mixes "works" with faith, they will fall from grace (**Gal 5:3-4**). This is the sin that leads to death (1John 5:16) and is the deception that Satan uses to kill the saints (Mat 24:9 & Rev 11:7).

As for my expectation that Christ will fully complete the mission His Father gave Him, the faith that Christ gave me when I was converted fully convinced me of this truth. If Christ fails to save even one person, Christ would have "missed the mark" that His Father set for Him to achieve and that would be sin. But Christ cannot sin and will not miss the mark of saving mankind.

Why do you believe that Christ is going to fail to save all mankind? Who is more powerful than God and has the power to stop Christ from accomplishing His Father's "will"?

Is it Satan? Is it mankind?

Not hardly:

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?

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

That is so sad that you cannot see what is obvious within just one word. There is not need for the word "second" to be found in the Hebrew text in Ezekiel 18. Gen 2:17 actually reads as: -

“ . . . , for in the day that you eat of it you shall die the second death.”

Where die the second death is found in the following two transliterated Hebrew words: - “mō·wt̄ [H:4191] tā·mūt̄ [h:4191]” where "mō·wt̄" in the Hebrew text has the meaning of "die" and not surely as our English translations suggest and "tā·mūt̄" in the Hebrew text has the meaning of "the second death."

Another way of considering this verse is that, if we sin then we become "candidates for the second death" and as Ezekile 18 suggest that if we repent of our sins then we will no longer be candidates for the Second death, but rather we will live.

Yes, Christ does draw people to Himself, but it is our choice to turn away from our sins and repent of them before Christ. It is after repenting that we are saves and it is only then that we are able to receive the Holy Spirit to help us to live righteously.

In Isaiah 58 God describes the form of the fast that He require of us: -

Isaiah 58:6-12: -

6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the heavy burdens,

To let the oppressed go free,

And that you break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;

When you see the naked, that you cover him,

And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning,

Your healing shall spring forth speedily,

And your righteousness shall go before you;

The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

"If you take away the yoke from your midst,

The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

10 If you extend your soul to the hungry

And satisfy the afflicted soul,

Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,

And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you continually,

And satisfy your soul in drought,

And strengthen your bones;

You shall be like a watered garden,

And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

12 Those from among you

Shall build the old waste places;

You shall raise up the foundations of two ages;

And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,

The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

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The word "All" does not necessarily mean "All" in the manner that you are applying it.

In Gen 12:3b, only those who inhabit God's fertile field and draw nourishment from that field will gain their Salvation and be Blessed by the Descendants of Abraham.

God give you every opportunity to gain your salvation, but the final responsibility rests only with us and is dependent on our willingness to respond with repentance for our turning away from God. God gives us this responsibility to choose either life or everlasting condemnation.

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How can any man take the "first steps" if no man seeks after God?

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And why would any man take the first steps since all mankind is carnally minded and hates God?

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

And why would any man take the first steps since the things of God are "foolishness unto him"?

1Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Your doctrine of man's "works" is what the Old Covenant of Law is founded upon. The New Covenant is completely different. It is founded upon the works of Christ. Christ will do His works within mankind solely because of His Grace and NOT because of our works.

Why do you not believe the verses below?

Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

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:

Are these verses "foolishness" to you? Is that why you reject them?

Those who are saved in this age (the Elect) are predestinated for salvation before they have "done any good or evil". Their election occurs prior to the foundation of the world. So why does God do it this way? He does it to satisfy His own purposes for this creation.

I have had some members on the forum say that God chose the Elect because He knew in advance who would accept Christ and who would not. But this belief is blasphemy and makes God out to be a liar and a fortune teller.

The verse below is where God's foreknowledge comes from:

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

God's foreknowledge comes from the certainty that His work will accomplish everything exactly as He has said and planned from the beginning. God leaves nothing up to chance or to man's "will". God chose the people who were to be blessed as heirs/First Fruits; they did not choose Him (**John 1:12**). God then does His work through Christ to make their salvation happen. God is not a fortune teller as some believe.

To begin the spiritual process of saving the people who have been chosen to be harvested early in this age, Christ will come to them and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain, the person will have a "measure of faith", will make a confession of faith and will have certain spiritual gifts. This is when they enter the church.

However, the Early Rain is only a "small amount" of the Spirit. It is not the baptism of the Spirit (the Latter Rain) which the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost.

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain (Early Rain) upon the tender herb, and as the showers (Latter Rain) upon the grass:

Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain (Early Rain), and to the great rain (Latter Rain) of his strength.

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God; for he giveth you the former rain (Early Rain) in just measure, and he causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first month.

Because the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in "just measure", it will leave the new believer spiritually blind and carnally minded (**Mat 12:43-45**). Because of these spiritual flaws, the believer will be incapable of learning the truth of God. As a result, the door will be opened for Satan's deceptions which will come to the believer via the spirit of anti-Christ. After the spirit of anti-Christ enters the believer, the Abomination of Desolation will occur in God's temple (the believer). This will cause the believer to "fall away" from faith and lose their salvation. They will then start following the "crooked way" of man's works which are taught to them by the crooked serpent (**Job 26:13**).

What I stated above is what caused the church to become apostate after Paul's death:

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

And this is why the church since that time follows another Jesus, another spirit and another gospel:

2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

All believers since the end of the 1st century A. D. will experience this "day of evil" (**Prov 16:4**).

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

But since the Elect are chosen for salvation before they die, Christ will "come again" (the second coming of Christ) to His Elect and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit which will restore their salvation and confirm their inheritance:

Psa 68:9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful RAIN (the Latter Rain), whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary (in a fallen away state).

Only a converted believer who has received both the Early and Latter Rains will have their spiritual blindness healed. This is when they will have "eyes that can see". These eyes are not carnal eyes - they are spiritual eyes. It is only at that time will the Elect believer be able to see the truth of God and accept His ways (**Mark 8:21-25 & Acts 9:18-19**).

Then to complete the Elect believer's salvation, judgment will fall on them (**Mat 24:15**). From this judgment, the spirit of anti-Christ and the Great Harlot (worsened carnal nature) will be removed from within them (**Mat 24:40-41**) and cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction (**Rev 19:20**). After this judgment is complete, the believer will be converted and will never fall away again.

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

For the believers (the called but not chosen) who remain in the apostate church, Christ will not come to them a second time. As a result, they will die in their sins and will be resurrected to judgment with the unbelievers (**Luke 12:46**). But before they perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the faith they need to make the pathway straight (faith alone) for Him to come to them. After the last person is saved, God will then be "all in all" and the ages will come to an end (**1Cor 15:20-28**).

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As Paul said, the things of God are "foolishness" to the natural man.

The natural man believes that there is something good within themselves and because of such, they can and must contribute toward their own salvation. The man of God knows that belief is a lie from Satan and that mankind is totally at the mercy of Christ to come to them and save them.

In the end, this verse will be true for every person who has ever lived:

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.

Joe

J_____ never responded.