

#92 FORUM POST ON THE “STRONG DELUSION”

Dear All,

What is the "strong delusion" mentioned by Paul in 2 Corinthians 2:11?

2 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

B

Dear B _____,

The strong delusion is the spirit of anti-Christ and the lie is that Satan is Christ and his apostate church is the true church.

2Cor 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

A short time after the death of Paul, the churches which he and the others apostles started all become apostate. The apostasy occurred because of the introduction of the spirit of anti-Christ into the world.

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.

Though Paul did not write much about the coming apostasy, it was a very big deal and the knowledge of its coming greatly distressed Paul. No one should take the tears that Paul shed over

this revelation lightly.

Paul died somewhere around 65 A.D. and John wrote his 3 letters to his churches sometime around 90 A.D.

Here is what John said in his first letter:

1John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

As John says, an apostate believer does not believe that Christ ever came in the flesh (to them personally). Coming "in the flesh" is John's way of describing when Christ comes to an unbeliever and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit.

The Early Rain of the Spirit is what Paul received on the Damascus Road and what the Apostles received when they walked with Christ on His journey to the cross.

In the marriage analogy, the Early Rain of the Spirit is what causes an unbeliever to become a chaste virgin and to be espoused to Christ. The marriage occurs when Christ returns with Latter Rain and judgment. This is the point of conversion.

When an unbeliever receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, it will give them a "measure of faith" and certain spiritual gifts. This is when they enter the church. However, the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in "measure" (small amount) and will not heal the new believer's spiritual blindness. As a result, the believer will (for the most part) not understand the spiritual teachings of Christ (see Mark 8:15-25 for Christ's teaching on spiritual blindness). In this spiritually blind condition, Christ will only appear to the believer "in the flesh", or as Paul says "Christ and Him crucified" (1Cor 2:2). The believer will be able to understand Christ's physical work which lead Him to the cross, but His spiritual work and teachings under the New Covenant will remain blurred.

It is these spiritually blind & unconverted believers who were deceived by Satan when the spirit of anti-Christ came into the world near the end of the 1st century. None of them were spared. Even to this day, all new believers (shortly after they are called out from the world) will experience this same "strong delusion" and will become apostate.

These verses applies:

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

Lam 3:38 Out of the mouth of the Most High doth not there proceed evil and good?

Back to what John said in 1John 4:3. Paul's warning to the churches about the coming apostasy was probably common knowledge in the churches as evidenced by John saying "whereof ye have heard that it should come". John then adds that the spirit of anti-Christ is not only coming but that it is "already in the world".

The Revelation of Jesus Christ which John received by a vision is John's final letter to the churches. In that vision, the apostasy that came upon the church at the end of the 1st century is taught in detail. The Seven Headed Beast introduced in chapter 13 represents an apostate believer who has become a "man of sin" (2Thes 2:1-8). The second of beast of chapter 13 represents the spirit of anti-Christ (false prophet) which spiritually controls the apostate believer.

Christ also frequently taught about the coming apostasy in the four gospels.

Below is where Christ describes how powerful the deceptions of Satan will be to unconverted believers:

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Christ even taught about how the church will become apostate:

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 false truth through 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 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. 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 (a "man of sin").

The apostasy of the church is truly a strong delusion and has continued to hold its grip on the church even up to this present day. However, since it is a "strong delusion", the believers in the

apostate churches of the world (all approx. 2,000 denominations/sects of Christianity) are completely unaware that they are following Satan instead of Christ. That is the nature of being deceived - while it is happening to a person, they cannot know it. It is only AFTER they come out from the deception that they can know that they had been deceived.

Since Christ is saving the Elect during this age, Christ will not allow His Elect to remain under Satan's deceptions until they die.

These verses apply:

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. 15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand. 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

"This gospel of the kingdom" is not referring to Christ's Gospel. It is referring to Satan's "another gospel" which the Elect believer is unknowingly following. When the verse says that this gospel "shall be preached in all the world", it means when Satan's false gospel has been fully accepted by the believer. The "nations" represents the strongholds of the believers thoughts and beliefs. Once an Elect believer arrives at this "worse than the first" spiritual state of being, they are ready for the end to come. The "end" that Christ is referring to is the end of the ages when He returns for an Elect believer's salvation (Heb 9:28).

When Christ comes the second time, He will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit which will restore the fallen away believer to salvation.

The Latter Rain of the Spirit is what the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost and what Paul received after being blind in Damascus for three days.

In the farming analogy, it is the day of the wheat harvest:

1Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and Rain (Latter Rain**); that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great (see the **Abomination of Desolation**), which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king (**Satan**).**

Next, Christ will judge the believer to remove the "chaff" from within them. During this time of judgment, the spirit of anti-Christ and the Great Harlot (worsened carnal nature of the believer) will be removed and cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction (shown in Mat 24:40-41, Rev 19:20). This judgment will complete the believer's conversion from a "man of sin" (worsened child of the Devil) into a new child of God.

What I have explained above is what the Lord has shown me concerning the "strong delusion"

and the spiritual pathway that He causes all His Elect to travel to their conversion/salvation. That pathway goes through the apostate church.

Joe

B _____ never responded but another member did.

Dear FaithWillDo,

The Gospel according to Joe lol

F _____

Dear F _____,

Dear face2face,

It's not my gospel. It's Christ's gospel. I presented the scriptures in my post but you refuse to believe them.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

No, it's your gospel Joe, because you force your own desires upon the text.

You twist the word for your own liking....take you quote above

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many;

Not all Joe!...the writer is quote Isaiah 53....talk to me about the group of those being saved?

If sin is not forgiven can a person be saved?

Yes or no?

F _____

Dear F _____,

You are making assumptions about what "many" can mean. It can mean "all" just as Paul used it in Heb 9:28 and just as he uses it below:

Rom 5:15 But shall not the act of favour be as the offence? For if by the offence of one the MANY have died, much rather has the grace of God, and the free gift in grace, which is by the one man Jesus Christ, abounded unto the MANY.

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

one the MANY will be constituted righteous.

Does not "many" in the verses above mean all? Of course it does because all mankind spiritually died because of Adam's disobedience. Mankind is many in number. And by the obedience of Christ the same "many" will be constituted righteous. No one left out.

These scriptures above are not hard to understand. They are not veiled by the spiritual language of Christ. Even unbelievers can understand what they are saying, they just won't believe them (like you are doing).

Your beliefs really are not coming from scripture. You have listened to the ministers of Satan and they have deceived you.

Joe

F _____ responded and his comments are in my post below:

Dear F _____,

You said:

Yes the free gift of grace has the potential to save the many, that is true however not all will be saved.

Why do you believe Christ can't save all mankind when scripture clearly teaches that Christ will save all mankind? There are many, many verses which state this truth.

Also, salvation is a free gift. It happens solely by Christ's spiritual work within a person and He does it at a time of His own choosing. Why does He do it this way? Because mankind is spiritually marred (Jer 18:4) which causes us all to become carnally minded shortly after we are born. In this carnal condition, no person has the ability to understand God or to even have a desire to seek Him out. To the natural man, Christ and His gospel are "foolishness":

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.

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.

The only way for a person's rejection of Christ to change is for Christ to come to them without their asking and without their permission. When Christ comes to them, He will freely give them the Early Rain of the Spirit (the Spirit of Faith). With the Spirit of Faith, a person will ONLY make a confession of faith because the Early Rain of the Spirit will give the person a "measure of faith". Faith does not originate from within mankind. It is a free gift from Christ and cannot be refused:

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

You said:

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

All men (and women) have been condemned, even the Christ was under death's dominion and condemned to die! So Paul here is speaking to the atoning work of God in Christ and how "many" will have the opportunity of being saved, not all!

Yes, all mankind is condemned and will perish. Nothing can change that from happening. By the end of the final age, all mankind will cease to exist. But because of the work of Christ, all mankind will be "born again" and will become a new creation. That creation is a sinless child of God who dwells in heaven.

Also, you are changing what Paul said in Rom 5:18. No where does it ever say that the many "will have an opportunity to be saved". You are literally making that up to support your false gospel you are teaching. Paul plainly and clearly says "the many will be constituted righteous". It is a certainty to happen because our salvation is a free gift from Christ. And what He desires, He will do:

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.

You have a "works based belief system" which comes from your carnal nature. All natural mankind has this belief system. It is called "religion".

When you read scripture, you are forcing scripture to fit into your works based belief system by twisting and changing God's Word - just as you are doing to Rom 5:18. Can't you see that you are doing this?

You said:

So while you have us in Romans, I take it from your understand the following teaching holds no meaning or value to you?

Romans 2:6 He will reward each one according to his works: 2:7 eternal life to those who by perseverance in good works seek glory and honor and immortality, 2:8 but wrath and anger to those who live in selfish ambition and do not obey the truth but follow

unrighteousness.

First of all, the scripture does not say "eternal life", it says "life during the ages". There is no Greek word which means eternal. That translation came about because of translator bias to support the false beliefs of the apostate church. Just read the verse again. Why would those who are saved have the reward of "eternal life" AND "glory and honor and immortality"? Immortality is eternal life and it would not have been necessary to repeat it in the same sentence. But when the verse is properly translated as "life during the ages" it makes perfect sense to add "immortality".

The rewards of the Elect (the First Fruits) are to have life during the ages, immortality and the honor and glory of reigning with Christ during the final age. When the rewards are put into that order, it is easy to see that "eternal life" is an incorrect translation.

You said:

3. No consequences for those on the receiving end of Gods wrath and anger?

There will be plenty of consequences but because of God's grace, the lost people will still be saved before they perish. If it wasn't for God's grace, no one would be saved because no one is worthy of salvation. Do you think you are worthy in some way? You are not and neither am I. No one is worthy of salvation because the natural man hates God and believes that God's ways are "foolishness".

Have you not read this verse:

Luke 12:59 I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

And this one:

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

Christ said this to the actual Jews who had Him crucified. They died in their sins and will be cast into the Lake of Fire for judgment by Christ. But before they perish (after they have "consequences"), Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Spirit of Faith, they will have the necessary faith for Christ to "come again" and convert them into child of God. The child of God will then be gathered up to heaven. The child of the devil will remain in the Lake of Fire until he is destroyed.

This is how Christ judges the lost in the Lake of Fire:

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.

Why does Christ judge them in this manner?

This is why:

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

You said:

The Bible teaches those who "deserve" to die STAY dead - nothing more for them.

Yes! I can finally agree with you on something. Mankind has sinned and the penalty of sin is death. That is why mankind must be "born again" and made into a new vessel:

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.

Mankind is "condemned already" (John 3:18) and by the end of the final age, all mankind will cease to exist. But because of the grace of God that is manifested in Christ, the Kingdom of Heaven will be that much fuller.

Joe

Dear F _____,

You said:

True...a gift only to those who seek to understand & believe

"Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? Acts 11:17

You keep falling back to mankind having the ability to seek out God and to understand Him but scripture says that no person has that ability.

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.

The people "who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" have been given the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit by Jesus. If Christ had not come to them and freely given them this gift, they would receive their portion with the unbelievers in the Lake of Fire.

You really do not believe this verse below:

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.

If you would believe just these two verses I quoted above, your "works" based salvation would collapse.

You asked:

Who are those who qualify now that the true Gospel has been revealed?

Romans 2:7-11 (ESV) to those (Group 1) who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those (Group 2) who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

Group 1 has been given the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit because Christ chose to give the Spirit to them. Without that free gift, they would be headed for wrath like Group 2. The spiritual work of Christ is what causes Group 1 to be different from Group 2. You keep adding in your false belief of man's "works" to scripture. Mankind has no works to perform under the New Covenant. The New Covenant is 100% the spiritual works of Christ. He is the one who changes hearts and minds and He does it by giving a person the Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

You do not believe what Paul presented above because those verses destroy any notion that mankind has any part to play in their salvation. You are still trying to receive salvation by the Old Covenant of Law.

You said:

For some reason you continue to speak to the natural unenlightened man who if left in this state is completely and utterly dead. You are speaking to group 2 - speak to group 1 please.

Group 1 used to be exactly like Group 2 before Christ came to them and freely gave them the Spirit.

Group 1 is the "workmanship" of Christ. They were chosen for salvation in this age from the foundation of the world before they ever did any good or evil. They are the "election" of God. They did absolutely nothing to deserve this blessing. That is why the New Covenant is called GRACE through faith. The Early Rain of the Spirit is what gave them their faith. The Latter Rain of the Spirit is what gave them truth and it is by this truth that they were converted.

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.

You do not believe this scripture above either.

You asked about mankind being condemned. Here are some scriptures:

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mankind has no ability to bring forth good fruit. All mankind will perish in the Lake of Fire.

Mat 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

When Christ converts a person, He will grind them to powder. They will be utterly destroyed. After Christ gives a new birth to the last person who has ever lived, all mankind will cease to exist.

1Thes 5:3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

No one will escape destruction when Christ comes to them. All mankind is "condemned already" and will perish by the Judgment of Christ.

John 3:18 He (the child of God) that believeth on him is not condemned: but he (all mankind) that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Since all mankind is condemned already because of sin, the only way to save mankind is for Christ to convert mankind into a new creation. This is the work given to Christ by His Father and why the Father sent Christ into the world:

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

Since you add man's "works" to salvation, you say that not everyone will be saved. But scripture teaches that salvation is a free gift and that it comes to us solely by the works of Christ that He does within us.

With your false belief in adding in man's "works" to salvation, you are saying that the people who are saved are somehow smarter, wiser or just less evil than those who reject Christ. If this were the case, the saved individuals would have something that they could boast about to those who remain lost. But as Paul said in Eph 2:8, this is not the case because no man has anything that they can boast about concerning their salvation. Their salvation was a free gift from God.

Can't you see that you are following the "crooked way" of Satan which mixes man's works with the works of Christ? You cannot serve two masters and be saved.

You said:

15:14 Simeon has explained how God first concerned himself **to select from among the Gentiles a people for his name.** Ac 15:14.

KJV has "to take" here it has "to select" to mean its an invitation.

Salvation is essentially the calling of God.

To fit what Peter said into your belief in "works", you have to change the definition of "select" to mean "an invitation". Can't you see what you are doing here is wrong?

Also, the calling of God is NOT salvation.

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

Many people are given the Early Rain of the Spirit and will enter the church. But only those who were also chosen (selected) will be given the Latter Rain of the Spirit and be saved. The chosen are "few". They are the ones who are the heirs and who will have "life during the ages". Everyone else will be saved during their time of judgment in the Lake of Fire. They will suffer "loss" but they will still be saved by fire:

1Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he (the Elect) shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he (the rest of mankind) shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

You said:

Individuals are summoned to respond to His will; and in that sense, the gospel is not a personal choice, but an injunction to be obeyed, for

God "**now commands all** (all is all here!) **men everywhere to repent**" (not all will!) as per Acts 17:30. Now God is taking individuals, as a parent determines to have a child. It is the act of the parent not that of the child; therefore having been called by the understanding of the gospel, a person must respond, however not all will!

Once a person is invited to become a child of His they are separated to Him.

The selection is from "among" the Gentiles - the emphasizes the need to uphold and maintain a separation from worldliness by those who seek the divine restoration - read 1 Cor 6:17; Rev. 18:4.

1 Corith 6:17 But the **one united with the Lord** is one spirit with him...(not all!)

Only the people to whom Christ has given the Early Rain of the Sprit to will respond to the "foolishness of preaching". Without the Spirit, Christ and His Gospel are foolishness to a person. You have elevated mankind to be more than they are. No one can understand God or seek Him out. In fact, their carnal mind hates God. Only Christ can change this truth and He does so by His spiritual work that He does within a person. Until Christ does this work, no one has the ability to ever accept Christ as Lord. And after He does His work, the only thing they will choose is to confess that Jesus is Lord.

Your other comments in your post are based upon man's "works" and since I have responded to that before, I will not do so again.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

If I am right, what you believe is no-one can believe therefore all are saved.

F

Dear F _____,

Yes, mankind (being carnally minded and sinful) has no ability to understand Christ or to have faith in Christ. Only the children of God (those who have the indwelling of the Early & Latter Rains of the Holy Spirit) have that ability. Because of such, mankind is totally at the mercy of Christ to give them the Spirit so that they can be saved. Christ will then immediately judge the believer which will remove the "chaff". After their judgment is complete, they will be converted.

John the Baptist mentions the two steps of a person's conversion below. They are the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain) and the baptism of Fire (judgment).

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor,

and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

In this age, Christ is only saving the people who have been chosen for an early salvation. They are called heirs, Elect, saints and first fruits.

But even the Elect must experience their "day of evil" by becoming "worse than the first"; a "man of sin" before they are converted.

All believers (the many called) will experience the apostasy shortly after they are given the Early Rain of the Spirit. From that group of many, a "few" have been chosen for salvation before they die. For them, they are given the extra flask of oil (anointing of the Latter Rain of the Spirit) as shown in the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Notice in that parable that all ten virgins sleep (loss of salvation) at night (spiritual blindness). Then, at the deepest part of the night (midnight), the call goes out that the Bridegroom is coming. Only the wise virgins can go out to meet the Bridegroom because they have the extra oil which restores them to faith. When Christ arrives, He finds the Elect as a "chaste virgin" because they have been "born again" as a sinless child of God. Christ then gathers up His bride to heaven and the marriage takes place.

Notice in that parable that Christ only comes to the Elect believer at midnight. This is the deepest part of their spiritual blindness when they are completely under the influence of Satan via the spirit of anti-Christ. This concept matches up with these two scriptures:

1Thes 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

2Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

The apostate Elect believer will be dwelling at night, in peace and safety, in the apostate church when Christ returns. They believe that they are saved and are following Christ but they are not because they are under Satan's deceptions. When Christ comes, He will pour out the Latter Rain and heal their spiritual blindness. After they "see" the Abomination of Desolation, the truth will bring sudden destruction to the "man of sin" (2Thes 2:8) and it will burn up the natural earth (carnal nature) and the natural heaven (carnal mind).

Note: the new Earth is the new spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit and the new Heaven is the mind of Christ.

Below, Christ mentions the spiritual state of an Elect believer just before He returns to them:

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness

unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The "gospel of the kingdom" (mixes works with faith) is Satan's "another gospel (2Cor 11:4). When it is preached to the Elect believer (preached in all the world) and has been fully accepted by them (witness unto all nations), the end will come. The end represents the conversion event.

When Christ returns and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the Elect believer's spiritual blindness will be healed and they will then "see" the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.

This event above occurs during the Marriage Supper of the Lamb where Christ feeds the newly "born again" Elect believer (bride) His truth of bread and New Wine. Before that time, the Elect believer was carnally minded and was unable to receive the spiritual teachings of God's Word. After the Elect believer is sufficiently nourished, the truth they have received directly from Christ will bring judgment to the man of sin and to the Great Harlot (their worsened carnal nature).

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: (as Lot "typed" before judgment fell)

After the Elect believer's judgment is complete, they will be converted and forever saved.

In the teachings of Christ, there are many scriptures which teach the pathway to salvation that Christ causes His Elect to travel. Christ teaches it in His spiritual language "here a little, and there a little, line upon line and precept upon precept". He teaches it this way so that carnally minded people cannot understand His spiritual teachings. Why does He do it this way? So that a new believer (not drawn from the breasts) will "fall backward and be broken, and taken and snared" by Satan.

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 (spiritual 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.

When a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will become spiritually near-sighted (Mark 8:15-25). Peter equates this to being spiritually blind (2Pet 1:9). In this condition, the new believer can only receive the milk of the word (Christ and Him crucified) which is the physical

work of Christ that He did under the Old Covenant. The spiritual teachings of the New Covenant will remain veiled (blurred). For that reason, Satan can come to the new believer and easily deceive them. After he does, they will fall backward and be broken (loss of salvation), taken and snared so that they are unknowingly following Satan instead of Christ. This is the apostate church. Mat 12:43-45 explains how this spiritual process of falling away happens and it happens because of the new believer's spiritual blindness. No new believer can avoid it happening to them because Christ directs their path.

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

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.

I hope you can receive at least some of what I presented, but as in all things: as the Lord "wills".

Joe

Another member responded:

Dear FaithWillDo,

In the interim I s'pose we just shower all and sundry with bucket loads of advice?

Q

Dear Q _____,

It is by the "foolishness of preaching" that an fallen away believer is told the truth of God's Word. If the believer is one of the Elect and Christ has healed their spiritual blindness, they will be able to receive the truth of that preaching. When they do, their restored faith will make the pathway straight for Christ to "appear" to them.

This verse applies:

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 (the unconverted Elect) who are waiting for him.

James adds this to what I stated above:

James 5:17 Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one turns him back; 20 Let him know, that he which turns a sinner (apostate believer) from the error of his way shall save their soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Do you understand why James mentions Elijah in this scripture and why he mentions Elijah's 3 1/2 years drought?

Understanding James' reason is vital in understanding the pathway to salvation that Christ causes His Elect to travel to their conversion/salvation.

The 3 1/2 years of drought begins for a new believer immediately after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. It ends for them when Christ "comes again" and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit (the Spirit of Truth). The time in between the two rains of the Spirit is called a time of "great tribulation" when the temple of God (the new believer) becomes desolate (A of D). This is the time when a believer becomes apostate by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. This type of believer is what makes the churches of the world "apostate". And as God's Word says, no one is spared from experiencing this "Day of Evil" when Satan governs them from "within". Only the second coming of Christ with the Latter Rain of the Spirit can turn a sinner from the error of their ways. For this reason, Christ will send a converted believer to a sinner with the call of repentance from works. This converted believer will come to the sinner in the spirit of Elijah. This is the work that the Lord has given me to do. Then, if the sinner is one of the Elect (Wise Virgins) and has received the Latter Rain of the Spirit from Christ, they will repent of their works and be restored by their faith. Their repentance will make Christ's pathway "straight" to come to them. Christ will then "appear" and "bring salvation to them" (Heb 9:28).

One other point: There are 3 1/2 years of Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy remaining. The first 69 1/2 weeks of years was fulfilled under the Old Covenant and was literal time. After Christ was "cut off" at the cross, Christ began His New Covenant to complete the last 3 1/2 years of the prophecy. Since the New Covenant is spiritual, the remaining time is being fulfilled spiritually within each of the Elect. It is no longer literal time as when it was being fulfilled under the Old Covenant (rightly dividing the Word). And like Elijah's 3 1/2 years of drought, Daniel's last 3 1/2 years of the prophecy begins when Christ gives a person the Early Rain of the Spirit. It ends when Christ returns and gives the believer the Latter Rain of the Spirit, immediately followed by judgment (this is conversion). After the Elect believer is converted, Daniel's Seventy Weeks prophecy is fulfilled for that person. After the last Elect person is converted in this age, Daniel's entire prophecy will be fulfilled.

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (OT saints) and upon thy holy city (New Jerusalem, the Elect), to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Whenever you see in scripture the spiritual symbols "time, times and a half, 3 1/2 years, 42 months, or 1260 days", know that the scripture is referring to the time an Elect believer spends in between the Early and Latter Rains.

Joe

Q_____ did not respond but another member did:

Dear FaithWillDo,

Do talkers compare to doers ?

[Luke 11:46](#) And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves **touch** not the burdens with **one** of your **fingers**.

1 Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place;

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

G_____

Dear G_____,

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

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

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

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Joe, what good would Jesus have done to do only words..(He has to die and rise again so we do too)

[John 5:36](#) But I have greater **witness** than that of John: for the **works** which the Father hath given me to finish, the same **works** that I do, **bear witness** of me, that the Father hath sent me.

[John 10:25](#) Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the **works** that I do in my Father's name, they **bear witness** of me.

John 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

[John 16:7](#) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I **go away**: for **if I go not away**, the Comforter will not come unto you; but **if I depart**, I will **send him** unto you.

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

[1 John 3:16](#) Hereby **perceive** we the **love of God**, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

G

Dear G _____,

Did you not read the verses I posted? They are not hard to understand.

Christ's work is spiritual which means it happens within mankind. He is the one who causes a believer to "will and DO of His good pleasure".

The works that a believer does are CAUSED by Christ to happen. He does His works through us. We have no works that we can claim as our own even though we perform them.

We have nothing we can boast about either concerning our salvation and why we "follow" Christ. Christ is the one who causes everything to happen.

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.

Look at how the writers of the NT referred to themselves:

Rom 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.

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,

James 1:1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

**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,
To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:**

A bondservant only does as their master commands.

These statements are not hyperbole - they are factual. Christ was causing them to "will and do of His good pleasure". Their "works" were the works of Christ. They knew this was true even though their human senses told them that it couldn't be. This is where their faith came into play. They believed what Christ told them rather than what this world and its carnality was telling them.

The Doctrine of Free Will is a very deceptive lie from Satan. Believers who claim to have a free will ability have no faith in what Christ has said in His Word:

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.

Deut 29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

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.

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?

It is the false Doctrine of Free Will which the apostate churches teach that Paul was referencing below:

2Thes 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

When the spirit of anti-Christ indwells a believer, the man of sin (who the believer becomes) is sitting in God's Temple (a person with the Holy Spirit). The man of sin shows himself to be God by claiming that he has a free will ability that can go against God's "will". By believing this lie, the believer makes God's "will" out to be nothing more than wishful thinking.

God the Father is the only one who has a free will ability and His "will" rules over His creation. Nothing happens in His creation that is not in accordance with His will.

When one of the Elect are saved, it happens because it was God's "will" for it to happen:

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD.

When a person rejects Christ, the same is also true. They reject Christ because it is God's "will" for them to reject Him.

When God is ready for a person to be saved, He will send Christ to them to freely give them His Spirit. With His Spirit indwelling the person, their heart and mind will be changed. When it is, they will accept Christ as their Lord and they will no longer be able to reject Him:

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 Christ has been sent by His Father to save the world, Christ will do exactly that - no one who has ever been born will be lost. When the time ordained by God for a person to be saved arrives, they will be saved. In this age, Christ is ONLY saving the people who have been blessed and chosen for salvation from the foundation of the world. All others will be saved in the final age.

God's "will" will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Verses versus doing:

2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.

G _____

Dear G _____,

There are "works of Christ" and there are "works of man". A believer must understand the difference between these two types of works.

I'll try to explain below:

The apostate church claims their works as being their own works (as supported by the Doctrine of Free Will) which they did to earn (or to receive) their salvation. By believing this way, it

justifies in their mind why the people who reject Christ are worthy of eternal damnation and why they are not.

This false pathway to salvation is called the "crooked" way.

Isa 59:8 The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

Lam 3:9 He has blocked my ways with hewn stone (the works of man); He has made my paths crooked.

Satan's "another gospel" (2Cor 11:4), which is taught in the apostate churches, mixes man's works with the works of Christ. In the spiritual language of Christ, Satan's gospel mixes the Old Wine with the New Wine. An unconverted believer will do this mixing because the Old Wine tastes better to their carnal minds than does the New Wine.

Pro 23:30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Hos 4:10 "They will eat (carnal understanding) but not have enough (no spiritual understanding); they will engage in prostitution (fornicating with Satan) but not flourish, because they have deserted the LORD to give themselves 11 to prostitution; old wine and new wine take away their understanding.

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

Because Satan's false gospel mixes man's works with the works of Christ, Satan is called the "crooked serpent":

Isa 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

In contrast to the crooked way of Satan is the "straight" way of Christ. The straight way of Christ is based on faith in Christ to do all the necessary works for salvation.

Psa 5:8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa 42:16 And I will bring the blind (an unconverted believer) by a way that they knew not;

I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Mat 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Elijah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

After an Elect believer is given the Latter Rain of the Spirit, they will recognize that their salvation came solely by the works of Christ which He did through them. In the spiritual language of Christ, this is when the crooked path is made straight.

When the Elect recognize this truth, they will cast their crowns before Christ's throne:

Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders (represents 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.**

Also in the spiritual language of Christ, the works of man which men do to clothe themselves with salvation are called "filthy rags". In this world, it is called religion.

Isa 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

The works that Christ does to clothe His converted Elect are called "white robes". In other words, the Elect are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

Rev 7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Job 29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me (faith in the works of Christ**): my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.**

Phi 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law (man's works**), but that which is through the faith of Christ (**works of Christ**), the righteousness which is of God by faith:**

The scene being described in Revelation 7:14 occurs immediately after an apostate Elect believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit and is converted. It is at this time that Christ "appears" to the newly born child of God and gathers them up to heaven (spiritually speaking). The "great tribulation" occurred to the believer when they were indwelt with the spirit of anti-Christ and were under Satan's deceptions.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Can you explain belief in the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead, or that is done by belief and that is being called, to call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ..

Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

G_____

Dear G_____,

This verse applies:

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.

When Christ is ready to call a person out of the world and into the church, Christ will come to them (without their asking or permission) and freely give them the gift of the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain of the Spirit, the person will have a "measure of faith" and certain spiritual gifts. It is at this point that they will make a confession of faith when presented the gospel by the "foolishness of preaching".

With their new faith, however, they will only have a carnal understanding of Christ (Christ and Him crucified) and not a spiritual understanding of Christ. A spiritual understanding is necessary for a person to understand the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant. A carnal understanding of Christ is all that is necessary to understand the physical work of Christ that He did under the Old Covenant - that includes the crucifixion and His resurrection.

But because the new believer cannot understand the spiritual teachings of Christ, Satan will come to the new believer and deceive them via the spirit of anti-Christ. With the spirit of anti-Christ within the new believer, they will accept Satan's "another gospel" which mixes man's works with the works of Christ. So instead of having faith in Christ and following His ways, they

are now unknowingly putting their trust in their own works and following Satan.

Note: Salvation comes by "faith" and that is what makes Christ's pathway straight for Him to come to the believer a second time to convert them. When a believer falls out of faith, the pathway becomes "crooked" because they are now following the "crooked" serpent's way which is by "works".

While the new believer is under Satan's deceptions, the Abomination of Desolation will occur within the believer. This is when they will "fall away" and become a "man of sin". They will remain in this "worse than the first" spiritual condition (Mat 12:43-45) until they die or (if they are Elect) until Christ comes to them a second time and pours out the Latter Rain which will heal their spiritual blindness. With their blindness healed, their faith will be restored to Christ so that Christ will appear to them. When this happens, the believer will be converted and saved.

What I presented above is the pathway to salvation that Christ established for all the Elect to travel. It is taught in many places of scriptures using analogies, parables and "types". Within those teachings, Christ also uses "spirit" words which have meanings that are different from what man's wisdom teaches (1Cor 2:13). This new language that Christ uses is called Christ's "another language" which is mentioned in the scripture below:

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 (converted believers who "see" spiritually). 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 (spiritual 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 (by Satan/how the apostate church was formed).

Joe