

## #94 FORUM POST ON WHETHER OR NOT GOD CHOOSES THE ELECT

### **Reader,**

Every time you open a NT, God is speaking to us, on the pages.

He wrote it, .. they just wrote it down, for the most part....

WE can know we are "of the truth", first of all because Jesus IS THE Truth, ... John 14:6, and He is IN US.

This is one of the PROOFs that we are born again. = We are "OF the Truth" because we are "in Christ".

"Christ IN YOU< the Hope of Glory".

See... the word of God does not make you RIGHT.. It makes you Righteous and True.

The effect of the Spirit working in you, as you study the word, is that its Truth becomes yours.

So, when we have that.. we have the Truth in us., and we are not a **Dark Light**.

### **Luke 11:35**

A partial verse says... "a workman that/who needeth not to be ASHAMED"...

And how is it that a Believer is a shame to the NT?

It's when their Theology is confused and has issues with God's Grace.

Can a believer be deceived?

A.) most are.

And that is because of one simple thing....

= Its a belief issue, that is related to not understanding GRACE. (Hebrews 13:9).

And once the born again believer, has come to the perfected understanding of God's Grace as Christ's Cross, then they are safe from 'Doctrines of Devils.'

Calvin can't get then you then.

The Pope can't get you then,.

None of the cults can get your mind, once your mind is renewed = revelation knowledge regarding God's GRACE.

See, when you truly know what Jesus has accomplished on the Cross, that God has ETERNALLY IMPUTED to US, the born again.. when this is fully realized as the LIGHT of revelation, then CALVIN and the POPE and the MORMONS and the JW's and all these "cross confused" CULTS, and their MINISTERS..... cannot infect your mind with their THEOLOGY.. *on the FORUM, or from the PULPIT or in the Video or Commentary.*

And they CAN until you have "worked out your salvation" and that is by "walking in the Spirit" and that is all done in your BELIEVING.

Is it right, or is it wrong?

If it's wrong, then the Cult will get you.

See, wrong theology is a spiritual sickness and it'll may make you very sick, in your head, in your heart, and in your life.

The ANTIDOTE for that, is to not become one of those, and the way you do that, is to "get your heart established with God's Grace".

= THE REVELATION OF it..

Hebrews 13:9

Once you are there, then your mind is "one" with NT Truth., = **Paul's Doctrine...** and then the Devil can't get you caught up in his "doctrines of Devils" .. reader.

B

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

You do not understand Christ's plan for saving "all" mankind. You are only seeing the early portion of Christ's harvest of mankind. Don't you know that God's Word teaches that there will be TWO harvests of mankind?

**Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours (this is happening now), which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year (this will happen in the final age), when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.**

**Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the (#1) firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the (#2) feast of ingathering at the year's end.**

Only the people who have been chosen from the foundation will be blessed to be harvested early as a First Fruit of the harvest. This harvest is occurring now in this present age. The balance of mankind will be harvested into the Kingdom of heaven in the next and final age.

**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.**

**James 1:18 According to his own will begat he us by the word of truth, that we should be a certain first-fruits of his creatures.**

After both harvests are complete, all mankind (every person who has ever lived) will be converted and saved.

**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.**

Because you have a "works" based belief system, you believe that mankind has a say in their salvation and when or if it will occur. But God's Word says this belief in works is "filthy rags" and is the "crooked way" of Satan.

Christ is the Savior and He does 100% of the works to save a person. The person being saved has no say in the matter - not even when their salvation will occur. All mankind is at the mercy of Christ to save them. And just as all mankind died in Adam, all mankind will be made alive in Christ:

**1Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

However, in this present age, only the chosen first fruits (the "heirs") will be harvested into the Kingdom of Heaven. Their election for this honor & blessing occurred before they were even born and before they did any "good or evil". They have no works to boast about concerning why they were saved early.

**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 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.**

Aside from learning about good and evil, mankind is also here on earth to learn to trust God to provide for all our needs. Mankind's need of salvation is being provided for by Christ. That is why God 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.**

Where is your faith to believe that God loves all mankind and will provide for everyone's needs, especially each person's need of salvation?

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

This scripture is paraphrased by Paul below:

**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.**

The completed work of Christ in saving the world will give the Father "glory". A partial harvest of mankind will not give the Father glory, but would "miss the mark" that He set for Christ to achieve.

By believing that Christ will not save all mankind, you are, in effect, saying that Christ is a sinner.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

But Paul does not say you are "called to be saved ". as Calvin-Tulip falsely teaches.

Notice also, ...you are **1st** ""SANCTIFIED "in CHRIST",.. and that precedes,..= **2nd** = the "called to be saints".

Here is how that works.

And example... You have to become a Christian, before you can be called a Saint.

YOU have to believe in Jesus, before you can be born again., Not God believe in Jesus, for you, through you.

Listen,

The Foreknowledge of God "" choses"" those who are in Christ, to be predestined to be conformed into the image of Christ.

See that?

Let me paraphrase that, and then i'll teach it as Calvin/Tulip twisted it.

(Paraphrase)... God knew who would believe in Jesus, (FOREKNOWLEDGE) before they were born again "in Christ' ...and once they are "in Christ"= then God has predestined them to become conformed into the image of Christ.

See that? That is ... Foreknowing who is going to believe in JESUS... before you were born , and then predestining those , BECAUSE THEY ARE IN CHRIST, to be conformed into the image of Christ"... (After they die, not down here).

Now **Here is Calvinism's-Tulips version.**

**God predestined you to be chosen to believe in Christ, (or not) before you were born.**

**See how "God's Foreknowledge" was completely redefined as "pre-destined), = completely redefined by The Calvin-Tulip Society, so that their DOCTRINE changed everything.**

**They, the Calving=Tulip Group, redefined Fore-Knowing, as Pre-destining.. and they changed the "conformed into the image" that happens to the believer AFTER the DIE.... into.... "God chose (pre-destined) some to Believe in Jesus before they were born.**

**Incredible rewriting of the verses, into a theology that traps your mind.**

**Stay away from it , Reader.**

**B**

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

You said:

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From your comments, I can tell that you do not understand what is required for a person to be converted so as to become a saint.

As James says, conversion into a child of God requires both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit:

**James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

The child of God is the "precious fruit of the earth". The "coming of the Lord" that James mentions is when Christ "comes again" and gives the believer the Latter Rain of the Spirit. The church James was writing to had already received the Early Rain of the Spirit but not the Latter Rain. The Early Rain is what caused them to be "called to be saints" and is when their period of "waiting" for the Lord to return with the Latter Rain began. The Latter Rain of the Spirit is what confirms their election as a saint and is what leads to their conversion.

**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).**

The concept of the Early and Latter Rains is taught in many places of scriptures but it usually doesn't use those terms.

Look at the marriage analogy; the betrothal occurs when a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Early Rain is what makes the person a "chaste virgin".

**2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

Paul's statement is linked to the Parable of the Ten Virgins. All ten virgins are "chaste" at the beginning of the parable because they have all received the Early Rain of the Spirit. But as they wait for the Lord to return to confirm their election as His Bride (saint), they all "slumbered and slept" at night. Sleeping is a spirit word (symbol) which represents death and night is a spirit word which represents spiritual blindness. In other words, while all ten virgins waited for the Lord to return, they all committed spiritual fornication with Satan and lost their virginity - they were no longer chaste. They had become apostate and lost their salvation. The parable then says that at midnight (the deepest part of their spiritual blindness when they had become "worse than the first", Mat 12:43-45), the call goes out that the Bridegroom is returning. This is the call of Elijah to repent from works and return to faith. All ten virgins awake and trim their lamps but only the Wise virgins have the extra oil (anointing of the Latter Rain). With the extra oil, the Wise Virgins' faith is restored and they are "born again" as a child of God. This change allows them meet the Bridegroom as a chaste virgin again. The Bridegroom then takes His virgin back to heaven (spiritually speaking) for the marriage to occur and subsequent conversion.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul says that the Corinthians are "called to be saints" (1Cor 1:2). Then in verses 6-8, Paul says this:

**1Cor 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you (the Early Rain): 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In these three verses, Paul is reaffirming that the Corinthians have received the Early Rain of the Spirit and are waiting for the Lord to return. Paul says that when Christ returns, Christ will confirm their election to the "end" (point of conversion) so that the Law can no longer accuse them of sin.

The story of the woman (represents Christ's Bride/Elect) taken in adultery (John 8:3-11) also teaches when a person comes out from being under the Law so that they will be blameless in the Day of the Lord (when the Elect are judged during the conversion process). When Christ writes in the earth the first time, that act represents the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Pharisees do not drop their stones at that time because the Law still accuses the woman. When Christ writes in the earth the second time, it represents His return with the Latter Rain of the Spirit. After Christ has symbolically given the woman both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, the Pharisees drop

their stones and leave. The Law cannot longer accuse the woman of sin. A stone is a symbol for the Law.

You said:

YOU have to believe in Jesus, before you can be born again., Not God believe in Jesus, for you, through you.

You are putting the cart before the horse. A person must become a child of God BEFORE they can believe in Jesus. Carnal mankind cannot believe in Christ because:

**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.**

It is only AFTER Christ gives a person the Early Rain of the Spirit will they have any faith in Him. That is because the Early Rain of the Spirit produces the child of God within the person and it is the child of God who has faith. Without the Early Rain, no one would ever call Jesus "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.**

You said:

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Your statement above is completely false and blasphemous to the name and character of God.

You have made God out to be a liar who takes credit for another person's work.

With your statement, you are actually saying that because of God's foreknowledge of knowing who is going to accept Christ, that He, in turn, claims that he chose the person in the first place. How ridiculous!

Here 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 has the ability to declare the end from the beginning (foreknowledge) because He knows that He will cause all things to happen exactly as He has said they would happen. He has spoken it and He will bring it to pass.

**Eph 1:4 According as he (God) hath chosen us in him (Christ) 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.**

**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.**

So when God says that He chose the Elect from the foundation of the world, He meant exactly that - He chose them. And because He chose them, He will make their salvation happen before they die.

**John 1:13 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD.**

The false gospel that you are following has taught you to mix man's works with the works of Christ. By doing so, you have developed a works based belief system and have applied it to your understanding of scripture. Your "paraphrasing" of the verse about God's foreknowledge is a perfect example of your twisted way of understanding God's Word.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Here is what is "required for a person to be Converted, (Saint).

1.) Jesus came into the world to save SINNERS"...

So, you have to be a sinner.

and then...

**Jesus said...>"YOU must be born.....again".**

B

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



Yes, but that does not state how Christ accomplishes the conversion of a sinner.

The details of the pathway to salvation are taught frequently in scripture but are given "here a little and there a little" (Isa 28:9-12). To understand the full pathway to salvation, those pieces of scripture must be assembled:

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

Did you know that all the parables which begin with the phrase "the Kingdom of Heaven is like" are teaching certain details of the pathway?

Here is one of those parables:

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

This parable applies to all new believers (including the Elect) shortly after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. It is a portion of the pathway to salvation the Elect must travel.

The woman represents a person's carnal spirit/wicked heart. In this natural condition, the woman is a harlot who fornicates with Satan. When the woman is indwelt with the spirit of anti-Christ, she will become Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot:

**Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.**

God's Word teaches that it is through the woman (carnal spirit/wicked heart) that Satan deceives a new believer. This "woman" is who Eve symbolized and is why scripture shows that Eve was the one who was deceived. Adam represents the head (mind) and together, Adam and Eve are "one flesh".

**ADAM (head/mind) + EVE (carnal spirit/wicked heart) = ONE FLESH**

Because it was the woman (carnal spirit/wicked heart) who was deceived in the Garden of Eden, she is the one who was guilty of the transgression:

**1Tim 2:14 And Adam (head/mind) was not deceived, but the woman (carnal spirit/wicked heart) being deceived was in the transgression.**

Since the woman was the one who was guilty of sin, she is the one who will suffer the penalty of

sin (death). Her judgment will come in "one day" (the Day of the Lord) when she will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire.

**Rev 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.**

The events described in Revelation chapter 18 happen to all the Elect as they are being converted. After the Great Harlot is destroyed, all that will remain within the believer is the "new heart" (Eze 36:26) that Christ will give them with the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

Back to the parable: It shows that it is the woman who takes leaven (lies/deceptions) from Satan. She then hides the leaven in 3 measures of meal. Meal represents the truth of God. The number 3 represents a spiritual process. After the woman mixes the leaven into the meal, the resulting loaf of bread is fully leavened. And since the leavened is hidden in the loaf, the new believer does not realize that they are being deceiving by it. After the leavened bread has been consumed, the new believer will fall from grace and will be made "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43-45). This is when the believer will become a Seven Headed Beast with Ten horns and Ten crowns (Rev 13). They will be fully under the control of the second Beast (spirit of anti-Christ). The deadly head wound by the Sword of Christ which He delivered with the Early Rain of the Spirit will be fully healed. This represents that the believer is not converted but retains their original head (Satan). However, upon their conversion, Christ will strike another blow to the believer's head. This time, the believer will be beheaded. They will then be governed by a new head (Christ).

What I have explained above is just a portion of the pathway to salvation that Christ causes His Elect to travel. No Elect believer can escape experiencing this "Day of Evil" before they are converted.

**Jer 17:17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.**

Joe

B\_\_\_\_\_ never responded again.

Another member responded to my first post.

Dear FaithWillDo,

Listen, you don't know how God calls his people, to many testimonies that say otherwise, he calls some, he chooses some, why can't we accept that of each other?

Instead of this silly child-like behavior accusing each other of not being saved/ Born Again, it's becoming rampant on this forum and it needs to stop.

We all have our own testimonies.....respect those testimonies.....

R\_\_\_\_\_

Dear R \_\_\_\_\_,

In this world, most of mankind is not called to be saints. They will remain unbelievers until they die. They have no choice in the matter. However, there are "many" people who are called to be saints. But from that large group of "many", only a "few" of them are chosen by Christ to actually become saints. They are the Elect/First Fruits/heirs.

The unbelievers will never be given the Early Rain of the Spirit before they die. The people who are called but not chosen will be given the Early Rain of the Spirit but not the Latter Rain of the Spirit. They will remain unconverted until they die and will receive their portion with the unbelievers.

For those who are called and chosen, they will receive both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit and be converted.

The decision by God (which He made before the foundation of the world) concerning who will be given both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit is what determines who will be saved in this age and who will not. God is in full control of all things and His "will" rules supreme.

**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?**

The Doctrine of Free Will is just another lie of the apostate church.

Below is my understanding of the steps on the pathway to salvation that Christ will cause His Elect to travel:

- Christ gives the Early Rain of the Spirit to call a person to be a saint. This includes the "many" and the "few" (**Mat 22:14**). This is when the person will make a confession of faith and will enter the church (**1Cor 12:3**). However, the new believer will remain spiritually blind, carnally minded and unconverted (**Mat 12:43-45, Mark 8:15-25 & Paul's experience on the Damascus Road**).
- The spirit of anti-Christ will then enter the unconverted believer and cause the Abomination of Desolation to occur within them. This is when the new believer consumes Satan's leavened bread and becomes "worse than the first"; a Man of Sin who mixes their own works with faith under the New Covenant. They have now received the Mark of the Beast.

- The new believer then "falls away" (mixes works with faith/sin that leads to death) and loses their salvation. They unknowingly enter the apostate church. The "many" who are only called to be saints will remain in this lost condition until they die.
- For the Elect (the "few"), Christ will "come again" to them and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit (Spirit of Truth/Baptism of the Spirit). This is when an Elect believer is sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise (**Eph 1:10-14**). With the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the fallen away believer will repent of their works and make Christ's pathway straight for Him to "appear".
- Also at this time, the believer's spiritual blindness will be healed.
- Christ then "appears" and gathers the believer (now born again as child of God) to heaven (**spiritually speaking, not literally, Mat 24:29-31**). This is when the Marriage of the Lamb occurs.
- Now with "eyes that can see", the Marriage Supper of the Lamb/Lord's Supper will occur where Christ feeds the believer His Bread and New Wine (truth of the New Covenant). This is when they will "see" the Abomination of Desolation which previously occurred within themselves when the spirit of anti-Christ entered them (**Mat 24:15-16**).
- The truth the believer receives will begin the Day of the Lord/Thousand Years Reign (judgment).
- During the Day of the Lord, the spirit of anti-Christ and the believer's carnal nature (Great Harlot) will be "taken" from within the believer and cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction (**shown in Rev 19:20 and Mat 24:40-41**).
- The believer is now converted.
- After the conversion process is complete, all that will remain within the believer is the Holy Spirit who will begin maturing the new child of God into a perfect man by feeding them "meat" accompanied by any necessary chastisement. This maturing process will teach them righteousness (**Isa 26:9, Phi 2:13**).
- Next comes the time of testing by Satan when he is loosed from his prison (**Rev 20:7-10**). After the believer passes their time of testing, it will be said that they have overcome this world just as Christ overcame this world (**Rev 3:21**).
- The believer is now ready for the bodily resurrection which will occur at the end of the age (redemption of the body).

The pathway to salvation which I presented above is at the heart of the "great mystery" of Christ and His church (Eph 5:32). It is very concealed by the spiritual language of Christ and is taught "here a little and there a little, line upon line and precept upon precept" so that all unconverted believers (those who draw from the breasts) will "fall backward, and be broken, and be 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 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.**

Since Paul's death, all Elect believers will pass through the apostate church before they are converted and saved.

**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.**

No one can avoid becoming an apostate believer prior to Christ giving them the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

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

The pathway to salvation includes not only "bread" but also "leavened bread". Why? To humble us:

**Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.**

It is a very humbling experience to come out from Satan's deceptions and see the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within yourself. I speak from my personal experience.

Finally, I accuse no one of anything because that implies that the person is responsible for doing something wrong. They are not responsible for their sins but they are guilty of their sins and will have to give an accounting to Christ for them.

Consider what these two verses state:

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

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

See how Paul deals with the truth that these two verses above teach as it applies to man's sin and subsequent judgment:

**Rom 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 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? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?**

God's ways are not man's ways.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

The wonderful thing that I love about being Born Again of imperishable seed is.

You don't need any scripture to know that you have been Born Again, because it's the Living word of God that made my spirit Born Again, he testifies with our spirit that we are Gods children....

Of course the written word of God backs up His Living word and there I was, Born Again of imperishable seed...Hallelujah and Praise God.

R

I did not respond.

Another member also responded to my posts.

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*In this world, most of mankind is not called to be saints. They will remain unbelievers until they die. They have no choice in the matter.*

Where do you get this idea from?

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

This "idea" comes from God's Word. Shortly after I was converted in 2005, Christ taught me this truth along with many others.

To understand what is involved for a person to be called to be a saint, one must understand the concept of the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit which James mentions below:

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Consider this verse below:

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

In order for an unbeliever to be called to be a saint, Christ must come to them (without their asking or permission) and freely give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain of the Spirit (Spirit of Faith), the person will have a measure of faith and will call Jesus "Lord" when they are presented the Gospel by the foolishness of preaching.

The Early Rain of the Spirit is what Paul received on the Damascus Road and is when Paul first called Jesus "Lord". We can know that Paul received the Early Rain of the Spirit at that time because of what this verse below teaches:

**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.**

In this age, Christ will call "many" to be saints but that group of "many" still only represents a small percentage of mankind. Without the Early Rain of the Spirit, an person has no choice but to remain an unbeliever until they die. They were never called to be a saint by Christ.

These verses apply:

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

From the "many" who receive the Early Rain of the Spirit and are called to be saints, a "few" are chosen to actually become saints before they die.

Look at how Paul addressed His letter to the Corinthian church:

**1Cor 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**

Paul says that the Corinthians were "called to be saints". They are a part of the "many" and had only received the Early Rain of the Spirit.

After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit and has entered the church, they will remain spiritually blind, carnally minded and unconverted.

If you read Paul's letter to the Corinthians, you will be able to see the struggles that Paul had with them because of their spiritually weak condition. In that condition, the Corinthians only had a carnal understanding of Christ (Christ and Him crucified). They could understand the physical work of Christ, but the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant were veiled to them.

This truth is taught in Mark 8:15-25 and also by Paul's blindness after he received the Early Rain of the Spirit. In this weak condition, new believers need a teacher. That is why Christ made this statement to Paul after Paul was called to be a saint:

**Acts 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

Since all newly called believers are spiritually blind, they are very susceptible to being deceived by Satan. When Satan's deceptions come to a new believer, they will always (100% of the time) accept them. After they do, they will become "apostate":

**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.**

Shortly after the death of Paul, the spirit of anti-Christ came into the world and devoured the churches that the Apostles started.

**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.**

Since the end of the 1st century, all the churches had become apostate. Nothing has changed even up to today. As I sometimes say "there is one on every corner". They go by many names but they are all under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ. This deceiving spirit causes them to unknowingly follow Satan (who masquerades as Christ to them) and his false gospel



which mixes man's works with faith.

Since Christ has chosen a "few" of the "many" to be saved in this age, Christ will come a second time to those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world. They are the Elect/Bride/First Fruits/Heirs/saints. When Christ comes to them, He will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain of the Spirit, their spiritual blindness will be healed and they will "see" the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves (Mat 24:15-16). Christ will then remove the spirit of anti-Christ from within them, along with the Great Harlot (the believer's carnality). Both will be cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction. After the believer's judgment is complete, they will be converted from a child of the devil into a child of God.

To summarize: most of mankind has not been called to be saints. Christ will not give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. However, many are called to be saints. They will be given the Early Rain of the Spirit and will enter the church. From this group of "many" who are called, a "few" have been chosen to actually become saints. For them, Christ will "come again" (the second coming of Christ) and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. The Latter Rain of the Spirit will birth the new child of God within the believer. Judgment will then immediately follow the new birth to purify the believer (remove the chaff). The person will then be converted.

This verse applies to conversion:

**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

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*This "idea" comes from God's Word.*

Sorry, But it most certainly does not.

The member then made a general comment about the rest of my post.

So we just throw the book of John out the window?

I see a lot of misrepresented passages here - as well as God being misrepresented.

E

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

Where is your scripture? It is easy to say someone is wrong but to present the scriptures that contradict what they have said is not so easy.

Joe

E \_\_\_\_\_ replied and I responded to him below:

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

Thanks for a more detailed reply.

I will make a few comments below:

You said:

1. receive him.

Only those who are given the Early Rain of the Spirit will receive Him. After they have the Spirit, they can no longer reject Him. When a person "receives" Christ, they do so only because of the spiritual work that Christ did within them beforehand. In this way, a new believer has "no works" or anything they can boast about concerning their salvation (Eph 2:8).

**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.**

Look closely at Paul's conversion story in Acts chapter 9. When Christ came to Paul on the Damascus Road, Christ gave Paul the Early Rain of the Spirit without Paul's permission. Paul did not have to agree to "receive it". After Christ did His spiritual work within Paul, Paul could no longer call "Jesus accursed". This is how every person's heart is changed who enters the church. It happens by Christ's work and not by their own.

You said:

2. Be born again

After a person receives both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, they are born again. The Early Rain is given in a small measure and will not convert the person - but it does give the person a "measure of faith". To be converted, Christ must "come again" (the second coming of Christ) and pour out the Latter Rain. The Latter Rain is what Paul received after being in Damascus for three days. Paul was not converted on the Damascus Road. On the Damascus Road, Paul only became a "babe" in Christ. But after Paul received the Latter Rain, He was converted and became a "little child" - ready to grow to into a perfect man.

**Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**

**Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

You said:

3. Believe and you will live forever. do not believe receive the wrath of God.

Belief comes only from the spiritual work of Christ that He does within a person. Christ is the one who decides when and to whom He will do His work.

Those who are blessed (from the foundation of the world) must still be judged, but that judgment will not be done in wrath as it will be done with the "lost" of the final age.

For a person to be converted, the "chaff" must be removed from within them and Christ removes it by fire (His judgment).

Those who are not chosen to be saved early (this age) will be cast into the Lake of Fire where Christ will judge them according to the Law (this includes all the "called but not chosen" believers). But when Christ judges the "lost" in the Lake of Fire, Christ will not judge them as mankind judges a person. When Christ judges the "lost", He will not omit "justice, mercy and faith".

**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.**

Before the "lost" perish in the Lake of Fire, Christ will have mercy upon them by giving them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the small measure of the Spirit, the person will have "faith" in Christ. It is because of their faith that Christ's pathway is made straight for Him to "come again" and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, the person will be "born again". The resulting child of God will then be gathered up to heaven. The child of the Devil (the chaff) will remain in the Lake of Fire until he is destroyed. This satisfies justice.

You should read Joel chapter 2. It presents the events that happen in the Lake of Fire for the "lost". Christ's army is the Elect. But before the "lost" perish, this will happen:

**Joel 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people (show them mercy).**

From Christ's mercy, He will give them the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit in the "first month":

**Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the Early Rain moderately (a small amount), and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the Early rain, and the Latter Rain in the first month.**

The reason it says that the Early and Latter Rains will fall in the "first month" is to show that the time period in between the two Rains will be shortened.

This verse applies:

**Rom 9:28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.**

After all the "lost" are saved, this verse will be testified to be true:

**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.**

You said:

4. - Living water flowing to eternal life. just ask, and he will give it.

Yes, but mankind will only ask for the living water after Christ does His spiritual work within them. This work is the Early Rain of the Spirit. Without the Early Rain of the Spirit, the person will only believe the things of God are foolishness:

**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.**

This verse below applies to when a believer (who only has the Early Rain) will ask for the Latter Rain:

**11 If a SON shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain) to them that ask him?**

You said:

5. Hear the word, Believe will live forever, and not come to judgment.

John 5: 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

The judgment mentioned in the verse above is the judgment of the final age which is done in wrath. The Elect who are judged during their lifetimes will have life during the ages (eonian life) instead of experiencing this time of judgment.

God's Word says that all mankind will be judged because it is necessary for our conversion into children of God.

**Mark 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire (judgment), and every sacrifice shall be**

**salted with salt.**

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

Why did Christ make this statement below?

**Luke 12:49 “I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!**

It's because Christ loves mankind and is eager to convert them into His children. Judgement (fire) is necessary to make this happen. Christ is not a monster who can't wait to burn people in literal fire. The Doctrine of Hell is blasphemy and is completely false.

My comments above apply to the rest of your comments of your post but I do want to reply specifically to your final comment:

You said:

**5. Saved by Gods mercy, not by our good deed (water baptism being a good deed or work of righteousness) Bing justified by faith (not water baptism)**

Yes, mankind is saved by Grace (God's unmerited mercy). We have no works that we must preform in order to receive His free gift of salvation. Even the FAITH that we need is given to us by Christ. Nothing is left to chance or to mankind's supposed "free will ability" as taught by the apostate churches. Christ causes everything to happen within mankind for them to be converted and be saved. For that reason, the salvation of all mankind is a 100% certainty. After all, it is for that purpose that 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.**

Joe

I posted to another member about conversion:

Dear A \_\_\_\_\_,

You do not understand conversion. All mankind is condemned to perish because all mankind has sinned. Christ did not come to stop mankind from paying their sin debt of death - He came to make us into a new creation before we pay that debt.

After the final age ends, all mankind will have perished in the Lake of Fire because all mankind are sinful children of the devil. But in contrast, the Kingdom of Heaven will be that much fuller because all mankind will be "born again" as children of God.

When you read verses like the one below, don't think that Christ is not going to convert the

"slain" into children of God before they perish.

**Isa 66:16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.**

The death of the child of the devil is a necessary component of conversion. The old vessel must be destroyed and a new vessel created.

**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.**

After a person is converted into a child of God, they are no longer condemned by the Law because the new child of God is sinless. However, the child of the devil (who they used to be) is not sinless, and because of such, the child of the devil is shown to be destroyed by Christ's judgment.

Joe

E\_\_\_\_\_ responded to it:

Dear FaithWillDo,

wow, where do you get this from?

Those who are saved will never see the lake of fire. that is the second death.. Not the first one which we all have suffered.

E\_\_\_\_\_

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

The Lake of Fire is the symbol for the judgment of Christ which destroys the chaff (carnality & spirit of anti-Christ) within a believer. It is not literal fire nor is it a literal place.

Revelation chapter 19 presents the conversion of an Elect believer using the Lake of Fire symbol.

In the middle of the chapter, it presents the Marriage of the Lamb which represents the birth of a new child of God (Bride). The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is when Christ feeds His truth to the born again Elect believer.

The last part of the chapter presents the judgment of the believer which will purify them (remove the chaff). In that judgment, the new child of God (who has already been gathered to heaven) will ride with Christ over their own judgment. To symbolize it, the child of the devil is shown to be separated from the believer and is cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction. Since the child of God (Bride) was created prior to that judgment, the child of God does not experience the wrath of the Lake of Fire.

Mat 24:40-41 symbolizes it the same way.

**Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field (represents one believer); the one shall be taken (child of the devil/spirit of anti-Christ), and the other left (child of God/Holy Spirit). 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill (represents the same believer); the one shall be taken (the Great Harlot/worsened carnal nature), and the other left (new spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit).**

When judgment falls on an Elect believer, both the child of the Devil and the new child of God are contained within the believer. One is taken and one is left. The ones who are taken are the spirit of anti-Christ and the Great harlot - both are cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction. After this judgment is complete, the believer is converted and their carnality is destroyed.

In contrast to the judgment of the Elect described in Rev 19 and Mat 24:40-41 is the judgment of the "lost" in the final age. For the "lost", they will be cast into the Lake of Fire prior to being "born again". For them, they will experience the wrath of God while they are being judged in the Lake of Fire. However, before they perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and save them (Mat 23:23). After the new child of God is born, he will be immediately gathered up to heaven from the Lake of Fire. The child of the devil (spirit of anti-Christ/carnal nature) will remain in the Lake of Fire for destruction.

The symbolic way of presenting "conversion" that I presented above is only one of several ways that scripture teaches conversion. The symbols used are not literal but what they represent is.

Joe

Another member responded:

Dear FaithWillDo,

Amen, and He draws ALL MEN unto Himself, because of what Christ did on the cross.

**John 12:32**

**[32]And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.**

**T**

Dear T \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

He calls to everyone. Those who actually respond to Him with faith and repentance .. those are the "chosen."

No, Christ does not call everyone in this age. And no, those who respond to Christ with faith and repentance are not necessarily the "chosen".

The "chosen" are those who are given both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. They are "few" in number.

The "many" who are called to be saints have only been given the Early Rain of the Spirit. With only the Early Rain of the Spirit, they are not saints yet. But out of that group of "many" who are "called to be saints, a "few" have been "chosen" to actually become saints before they die. For them, Christ will come to them a second time and give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by His judgment. This is conversion.

Look at how Paul addresses his letters to the churches that he started:

**Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, CALLED TO BE SAINTS: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**1Cor 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, CALLED TO BE SAINTS, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**

Scripture says that "many" are called to be saints. For a person to be "called", Christ must come to them and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain, they will have a measure of faith and will call Jesus "Lord". That is what it means to be "called".

In this present age, MOST people are not called to be saints. If all mankind were being called in this age, everyone would eventually repent and have a measure of faith before they die. This would happen only because of Christ's spiritual work that He does within them when He gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. After Christ does this work, everyone would accept Christ as their Lord and would no longer call Jesus "accursed":

**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.**

It is ONLY after Christ gives the Early Rain of the Spirit to a person that they are "called to be saints". A person who is "called" will then enter the church. If Christ does not come to a person and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit, all the preaching in the world is not going to change their rejection of Christ.

Why? Because of what these verses teach:

**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.**

**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.**



**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.**

During Christ's ministry, many of the Jews received the Early Rain of the Spirit. They are the ones who recognized that Jesus was the Christ just as Peter recognized Him in the verses below:

**Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

"Flesh and blood" (mankind's carnality) did not reveal the truth that Jesus was the Christ to Peter. The truth that Peter received came from the Father whose Spirit (the Early Rain) came into Peter and opened his eyes. Without the Spirit, no one can receive the truth about Christ.

Mankind is completely at the mercy of Christ to come and save them. Christ is the Savior and He does all the work. Mankind has nothing that they can contribute toward their own salvation. If mankind did, it would be a "work" and scripture clearly says that man's "works" play no part in mankind's salvation.

**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.**

Joe

T\_\_\_\_\_ never responded but K\_\_\_\_\_ did.

Dear FaithWillDo,

I'm trying to avoid blasphemy here so I'll tread lightly. The only explanation I have for the purpose of the tree of life is temptation. It's not clear for how long Adam and Eve obeyed god's command. It could have been years. And then a talking snake appears. If the snake didn't work there probably would have been a calamity where the only fruit available to eat would have been the tree of knowledge.

The tree didn't have to be nice looking. It could just as easily had thorns and ugly fruit. The fruit didn't have to taste good. It could have just as easily tasted vile where eve would have spit it out immediately and not even offered it to Adam. Point is, they were set up to fail with the backstop that it was still their choice.

K\_\_\_\_\_

Dear K \_\_\_\_\_,

Adam and Eve made a "choice" but the choice they made was caused by God.

**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?**

**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.**

In this way, God introduced mankind's experience of evil:

**Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.**

**Ecc 7:13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?**

God's plan and purpose for His offspring includes them having a knowledge of good and evil. Mankind experiences evil so that they will understand the goodness of God.

Nothing in God's creation happens by chance or by man's "will". All things happen because it is God's "will" for it to happen.

**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.**

**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.**

**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?**

Lastly, the "tree of life" in the Garden of Eden is a symbol for Christ.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Sorry, but what is 'elect or not elect'?

K

Dear K \_\_\_\_\_,

The Elect of God are the blessed individuals who have been "chosen" by God from the foundation of the world to be saved in this age. They are also called the Heirs/Saints/First Fruits/Bride/Wise Virgins/Wheat.

Christ will not save anyone else in this age. However, since Christ came to save all mankind, He will save the balance of mankind in the final age. By the end of the final age, all of mankind will be saved and be in the Kingdom of Heaven. At that time, this scripture will be testified to be true:

**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.**

Salvation is a free gift from Christ and it comes to the Elect solely by the works of Christ. Mankind has no works which they need to perform to receive their salvation. The good works/works of faith that the Elect do after they are saved are not their works - they are the works of Christ that He performs through them via the Holy Spirit.

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

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

The apostate churches of this world teach "another gospel" that says salvation is contingent upon certain works of man. In other words, the apostate church mixes man's works with the works of Christ and for that reason, a person's salvation is dependent upon the individual and not Christ. And since they believe it is dependent upon the individual, they teach that everyone has an opportunity to be saved in this age.

The apostate churches do not really believe the scriptures that I have listed below:

**Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

**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: 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.**

**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 8:33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.**

**Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**

**1Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.**

**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.**

**Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Joe

Another member responded:

Dear FaithWillDo,

**Free will to CHOOSE, absolutely!!**

A&E NEVER did partake of the Tree of Life. For if they had, all of mankind's future would've been far different than what it has become. And for that, we can't even speculate on.

**NO ONE is predestined to salvation or destruction.**

However, the PLAN of God's Grace, through faith in Jesus, was predestined, before the foundations of the world, of which is based entirely on our free will- "whosoever will".

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

You deny these scriptures:

**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.**

**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:**

**Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

**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.**

**Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**

The people who are predestined for salvation in this age are only the "first fruits" of Christ harvest of mankind. In the final age, Christ will bring in the great harvest of mankind at "year's end":

**Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.**

At "year's end", the balance of mankind will be saved from the Lake of Fire (a symbol for Christ's judgment and not literal fire):

This verse applies:

**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.**

When Christ judges the "lost" of the final age, He will have MERCY upon them before they perish (the true penalty of sin). At that time, Christ will come to each of them and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Spirit of Faith within them, they will make a confession of faith and call Jesus "Lord". With this FAITH, the pathway for Christ to come to them a second time will be made "straight". When Christ comes again, He will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain, each "lost" person will be born again as a child of God and will be gathered up to heaven. Since the child of God is sinless, they will not be judged. But the child of the devil (the chaff/carnality of the person) which still remains within the believer is judged and will remain in the Lake of Fire for destruction. This satisfies JUSTICE.

This entire spiritual process which I explained above is called conversion. For a person to be converted, it required what the scriptures below teach:

**James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives**

**the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (when He brings the Latter Rain and judgment).**

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

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

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

**Job 34:12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment (like the Pharisees do Mat 23:23).**

After the last person of mankind has been converted, these scriptures below will be testified to be true:

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**1Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

The salvation of mankind is what the Father commissioned Christ to accomplish and was why Christ came 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.**

Why do you believe and teach that Christ will be a failure? Wouldn't Christ's failure to save the world be a sin?

Scripture says that God is love and love never fails. Why do you believe that God's love for mankind is going to fail most people?

Your beliefs make no sense in light of verses like the one below:

**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?**

Since your beliefs are not coming from what God's Word teaches, you should ask yourself where they are actually coming from? Someone has deceived you.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Rom. 8:8-9. If a person is lost forever, it is because they never received the Spirit of Christ, while they had breath. *Judas Iscariot is a prime example of that.*

**There are NO second chances for anyone** who ignores or neglects to come to God through faith in Christ, before their mortal death.

The unrepentant thief on the cross was not remembered by Jesus, nor is he now with Jesus in paradise.

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

Here is a proper translation of Rom 8:8-9:

**Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

Where do you come up with "if a person is lost forever..."??? That phrase is not in the scripture.

All Romans 8:8-9 is saying that carnal mankind cannot please God. For that reason, mankind needs the Spirit of God.

So the question that you should be asking is: Will all mankind eventually receive the Spirit from Christ?

The answer is YES.

To be able to confess that Jesus is Lord, it requires the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. After a person has the Spirit, they cannot longer reject Christ.

**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.**

Scripture then says:

**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.**

All mankind will eventually confess that Jesus is Lord. And as 1Cor 12:3 says, no person can make this confession of faith unless they have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is this confession of faith by all mankind that will give glory to the Father.

By the end of the final age, Christ will have accomplished the mission that His Father gave Him. No one will be lost.

After Christ saves the last person who has ever lived, the ages will come to an end and Christ will deliver up the Kingdom of Heaven to His Father. In that way will God be "all in all".

**1Cor 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection from the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

Jesus Christ is truly the Savior of the world and not just a small part of the world as you believe. The Elect are being saved first and they are the First Fruits of the harvest. The balance of mankind will be harvested at year's end (the final age).

Why do you believe that Christ will leave most of His crop of mankind to die in the field? God's Word certainly does not teach it.

Joe

**Dear FaithWillDo,**

*FaithWillDo asked:*

*Why do you believe that Christ will leave most of His crop of mankind to die in the field? God's Word certainly does not teach it.*



Ans. Mankind DOES NOT HAVE an **eternal soul**. Here is a proper translation of **KJV Gen. 2 [7]** And the LORD God **formed man of the dust of the ground [soil, clay]**, and **breathed** into his **NOSTRILS the breath of life [oxygenated air]**; and man **BECAME** a **living soul**.

Gen. 6

[17] And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, **to destroy all flesh**, wherein is the **breath of life**, from under heaven; and **every thing** that is in the earth shall die.

Gen. 7

[15] And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the **breath of life**.

[22] **All** in whose **NOSTRILS was** the **breath of life**, of all that was in the dry land, died.

Lev. 17

[11] For the life [oxygenated air] of the **flesh IS IN the blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

**Let's be real here.** Moses did not take up Biology/Chemistry 101, and therefore **had no understanding of** the microscopic atoms of the "elements" of ALL physical things.

KJV Luke 17:26-30; 2 Thes. 1:7-10 is a good study to know of,...about **when is when?** "**WHEN**" [vs 7&10] the Lord is revealed from heaven, and what shall transpire "suddenly" and simultaneously.

There are no second chances for anyone to be saved, after their mortal death!!

E\_\_\_\_\_

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

I agree that mankind does not have an eternal soul. All mankind will perish because all mankind has sinned. Death is the penalty of sin.

So what is the solution to this problem that mankind faces?

The solution is for mankind to be made into a new creation. The new creation is a child of God who is not under the penalty of death because the child of God is sinless. The spiritual process to make this change is called conversion/salvation.

To accomplish this great work of saving mankind, 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.**

Consider this scripture below on conversion:

**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 old vessel (carnal & sinful mankind) is spiritually marred (weak) and is headed for destruction. Because it is, Christ will make the old vessel into a new vessel that pleases Him. This work of conversion is what is required to save mankind AND to satisfy the Law of Sin and Death.

**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.**

You then said:

**There are no second chances for anyone to be saved, after their mortal death!!**

This statement is completely and utterly false and is contradicted by God's Word.

First of all, salvation is a certainty and not a "chance".

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

Here it is again paraphrased by Paul:

**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.**

Secondly, Christ's blood that He shed on the cross earned Him the keys to death and hell. With those keys, Christ will resurrect from death all mankind. All mankind will then appear before Christ (White Throne) where He will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep represent the converted Elect and the goats represent unconverted mankind who is still under the penalty of death. Because the goats are still under that penalty, Christ will cast them into the Lake of Fire for destruction.

The Lake of Fire is a spiritual symbol which represents Christ's judgment. It is not a literal place nor is it literal fire - it is Christ's judgment.

After Christ casts the goats into the Lake of Fire, this verse will apply:

**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.

I have explained this scripture to you before but since you don't seem to understand it, I will explain it again.

Before the "lost" who are under Christ's judgment (Lake of Fire) have perished, Christ will have **MERCY** upon them because of His grace. His mercy will be manifested in the form of giving the lost person the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain, the believer will have **FAITH** in Christ. Their faith will make Christ's pathway straight for Him to "come again" to them and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, the lost person will be "born again" as a child of God. The child of God will be gathered up to heaven. The child of the devil will remain in the Lake of Fire to perish. The death of the child of the devil will satisfy **JUSTICE**.

Joel 2:1-27 teaches this judgment that occurs in the Lake of Fire. Christ's army are the Elect. You should read it.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*So the question that you should be asking is: Will all mankind eventually receive the Spirit from Christ?*

*The answer is YES.*

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Between the two scriptures you posted, you are comparing apples to oranges.

A. 1 Cor. 12 is about how one can know **who is a "born again" Christian**, as opposed to those who know not of what they worship, if anything at all.

Therefore Paul informs us, that while in this flesh, **NO ONE** can say that Jesus Christ is Lord, except by being **"born again"** of the Holy Spirit of God, who dwells within them.

Which of course, is the "Spirit of Christ"

B. Phil 2 is about **how "born again" Christians are to live together in the body of Christ,** while waiting for His Glorious return.

What is relative to A and B, is that the saved know that the Lord IS the Lord, **through FAITH,** by the Holy Spirit that dwells within them, whereas the unsaved shall ONLY know of Him as Lord **outwardly, BY eyesight,** for the Day of Him being **revealed from heaven, in flaming [fiery] fire, WILL DECLARE IT.**

E \_\_\_\_\_

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

That is quite a job of twisting the clear meanings of those two verses. I am always amazed at how the carnal mind can make scripture conform to what pleases it.

Here is the clear teaching of those two verses:

Since no man can call Jesus Lord unless they have the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:3), then when all mankind calls Jesus "Lord" (Phil 2:10), it necessitates that all mankind have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

You missed the Holy Spirit speaking in the latter part of my post #107.

Reposted:

"What is relative to A and B, is that the saved KNOW that the Lord IS The Lord, **through FAITH,** by the Holy Spirit that dwells within them, whereas the unsaved shall ONLY know of Him as Lord **outwardly, BY eyesight. For the Day of Him being revealed from heaven, in flaming [fiery] fire, WILL DECLARE IT."**

KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10

E \_\_\_\_\_

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

I did not miss it. I stand by my comments.

No one can call Jesus "Lord" unless they have the Holy Spirit just as scripture states.

Why won't you believe God's Word? Where is your faith that you say you have?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*I agree that mankind does not have an eternal soul. All mankind will perish because all mankind has sinned. Death is the penalty of sin.*

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Yes! I agree!

However, Jesus makes it plain and clear that in order for anyone to **enter into the KoG**. They must be "born again" **NOW by His Spirit, aka the Holy Spirit, while they still have breath.**

In regards to the death of Lazarus, a believer, Jesus reveals that He Himself is the resurrection, and by that, we can safely conclude that there is no other!!

[25] Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, **and the life:** he that believeth in me, **though he were dead**, yet shall he live:

[26] And whosoever **liveth** and **believeth** in me **shall NEVER die**. Believest thou this?

So then, did you grasp the terms for how a resurrection is granted, whereby one shall never die? His answer is "whosoever **LIVETH and BELIEVETH** in me, **SHALL NEVER DIE**."

But wait, hold up... since everyone dies in their mortal bodies, how is it that a person shall never die??

**Ans.** For all who do live, and do believe in Jesus, it is they who shall never die.

However, people who died, that **never CHOSE TO believe in Jesus, while they lived, SHALL NEVER LIVE AGAIN.**

1 John 5:10-13.

[12] He that HATH the Son hath life [eternal]; and he that HATH NOT the Son of God hath not life [eternal] .

E\_\_\_\_\_

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However, Jesus makes it plain and clear that in order for anyone to **enter into the KoG**. They must be "born again" **NOW by His Spirit, aka the Holy Spirit, while they still have breath.**

No, scripture does not say that salvation is limited to this age. Being a chosen Elect/heir/First Fruit/saint is limited to this age. For the Elect, they will be born again while they still have breath. Then they will receive the reward of having life during the ages and reigning with Christ. As for the rest of mankind, they will lose these rewards but they will still be saved in the final

age:

**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 shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

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Jesus Christ earned the keys to death and hell by His work on the cross. Jesus is the only one who has power and the legal authority to resurrect anyone from the grave. This is why Christ said that He is the "resurrection".

When Christ said "**whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**", He is speaking about the child of God (a converted believer) who is sinless and therefore, immortal. A person becomes spiritually alive when they were converted into a child of God. And as a child of God, they never spiritually die again. This does not mean that they will never physically die though because death was passed down from Adam to all mankind. Christ, though He was spiritually alive when He died on the cross, still experienced a physical death because He, too, was descended from Adam.

When Christ said "**he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live**" is referring to conversion. All mankind is spiritually dead but when Christ gives us the Spirit which causes us to believe in Him, we are born again and are made spiritually alive.

You said:

However, people who died, that **never believed in Jesus, while they lived, SHALL NEVER LIVE AGAIN.**

1 John 5:10-13.

[12] He that HATH the Son hath life [eternal]; and he that HATH NOT the Son of God hath not life [eternal]

Your comment is completely untrue. Don't you understand that Christ is going to resurrect all mankind at the end of this age? At that time, all mankind will appear before the White Throne of Christ where He will separate them as sheep (the Elect) from goats (all others).

The goats will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Christ's judgment). But before they perish, Christ

will have mercy upon them and give them the same salvation that He gave to the Elect. And as 1Cor 3:13-15 says, the goats will lose the rewards that the Elect received, but they will still be saved and will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Finally, the scripture you quoted does NOT say that the lost "shall never live again". All it says is the "lost" do not have life as do the Elect. The verse makes no statement as to whether or not they will ever have that same life - however, other scriptures do:

**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.**

**1Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

You are adding things to certain verses when the verses themselves are silent on them. God's Word teaches us "here a little and there a little" (Isa 28:9-12). Don't add to scripture from your own preconceived beliefs; look to other scripture to find the answers. The answers are there if you look.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

In all actuality, in all of what you wrote, it really is a description of believers who repent towards God, by having faith in the finished work of Christ's sacrifice, for all sins that are common among men. **However, the one thing lacking in them, is they NEVER ASKED for the Gift of God's Holy Spirit to permanently dwell in them. KJV Luke 11:13; Rev. 3:20, Rom. 8:9.**

Therefore, though their sins were forgiven, **they never moved on into "perfection"**, by inviting the Spirit of Christ into their lives.

As a result, because the Holy Spirit does not reside/dwell within them, satan can still enter into them, with as many of his evil horde (legion) that he likes.

Do read and digest **the parable of the strongman, and He who is The Stronger.**

E

Dear FaithWillDo,

Simple! Do you believe that all people now have the Gift of the Holy Spirit, without choosing to ask for Him to come into their lives?

If so, then who are they, that are none of Christ's in Rom. 8:9, for the reason given?

E

Dear FaithWillDo,

FaithWillDo said:

*"No, scripture does not say that salvation is limited to this age. Being a chosen Elect/heir/First Fruit/saint is limited to this age. For the Elect, they will be born again while they still have breath. Then they will receive the reward of having life during the ages and reigning with Christ. As for the rest of mankind, they will lose these rewards but they will still be saved in the final age:"*

Sorry, I don't believe in **another age of mortality to come**, after Jesus returns in all His Glory, as clearly shown in **KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10**, which is a simultaneous event that transpires within a literal 24 hour period.

**When is when?** Please notice the word **"when"** in verses 7&10 about the two **simultaneous** events, **all within 24 hours**. The only way to get around that, is to change the Greek text and/or water down the English translations, of which they have, in ALL the spurious new translations.

By the Holy Spirit (not the wisdom of men), I have provided solid KJV scripture references to support my understanding.

E\_\_\_\_\_

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

Christ will give the Early Rain of the Spirit to a person of His choosing and at a time of His choosing. His gift is given to them without their asking or permission.

Paul received the Early Rain of the Spirit on the Damascus Road. Paul didn't ask for it nor did Christ ask Paul for permission to give it to him. But after Christ gave the small measure of the Spirit to Paul, Paul's heart and mind were changed. Paul then quickly accepted Jesus as Lord.

What Paul experienced is how Christ gives the Early Rain to all unbelievers. And like Paul, they will all accept Christ as their Lord.

But since the Early Rain of the Spirit will not convert the new believer, they will quickly and easily come under the deceptions of Satan and fall from grace. They will remain in this lost "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43-45) spiritual condition until they die or (if they are Elect) until Christ returns and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

The verse you mentioned in Luke 11:13 where a believer asks for the Holy Spirit is talking about asking for the Latter Rain and not the Early Rain of the Spirit. When Christ is ready for a fallen away Elect believer to receive the Latter Rain, Christ will cause them to pray for it. Christ leaves nothing to the "will" of man and He will do as He pleases:

**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 verse also applies:

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

Christ causes all things to happen within mankind. When Christ is ready to return and save a chosen person, He will send a converted believer to them in the spirit of Elijah with a call to repent of their "works" (James 5:17-20). This is the work that the Lord has given me to do. When the fallen away Elect believer responds to the call, they will pray to be forgiven. Since repentance alone cannot restore them (Heb 6:4-6), Christ will come a second time and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, the believer will be restored and born again. Judgment will then immediately follow and remove & destroy the chaff from within the believer.

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

Most persons to whom Christ gives the Early Rain of the Spirit are not "chosen" and will remain in a fallen away spiritual condition until they die. Only the Elect will experience the return of Christ with the Latter Rain before they die. They are few in number compared to the many people who are only given the Early Rain of the Spirit.

You said:

Therefore, though their sins were forgiven, **they never moved on into "perfection"**, by inviting the Spirit of Christ into their lives.

As a result, because the Holy Spirit does not reside/dwell within them, satan can still enter into them, with as many of his evil horde (legion) that he likes.

Yes, the non-Elect fallen away believers never moved onto perfection because they were not chosen by Christ to be saved in this age. It was Christ's decision not to come to them a second time and give them the Latter Rain. The fallen away believers had no choice in the matter. They simply were not chosen.

The stronger man (Christ with the Latter Rain) never came to them:

**Luke 11:21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.**

**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 (the strong man).**

Joe

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

Sorry, I don't believe in **another age of mortality to come**, after Jesus returns in all His Glory, as clearly shown in **KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10**, which is a simultaneous event that transpires within a **literal 24 hour period**.

2Thes 1:7-10 is teaching about when Christ comes a second time to a fallen away Elect believer to give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by judgment. This is the believer's time of conversion/salvation.

**2Thes 1:7 And to you (unconverted Elect) who are troubled rest with us (converted Elect), when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed (spiritual blindness healed) from heaven with his mighty angels (same event as in Mat 24:29-31).**

There is no one-time visible return of Christ to this world at the end of this age. Christ's second coming is a reoccurring spiritual event that occurs when Christ comes a second time to each Elect believer to convert them.

These verses apply:

**Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne...**

**Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

**Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

The only end-time event that happens at the literal end of this age is the bodily resurrection from the grave. All resurrected people will then appear before the White Throne and be separated as sheep from goats. This will commence the final age when the Elect will reign with Christ in judgment of the goats who have been cast into the Lake of Fire. And as I have stated, Christ will have mercy upon the goats before they perish and give them both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit.

Joel chapter 2 teaches the judgment in the Lake of Fire which occurs in the final age when the Elect (Christ's army) are reigning with Christ. Joel 2:18 says that Christ will have mercy (pity) upon the "lost" before they perish. From His mercy, Christ will pour out both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit upon them all:

**Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the Early Rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the**

## **Early rain, and the Latter Rain in the first month.**

Both the Early and Latter Rains will fall in the "first month". This means that the time in between two Rains will be short, unlike it is today for the Elect who have to wait a longer period of time for the Lord to return with the Latter Rain.

You said:

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In both verses where "when" is mentioned, they are referring to the same event that occurs when Christ returns.

**2Thes 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, 1). WHEN the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

**2Thes 1:10 2). WHEN he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.**

**1).** Christ is revealed (v. 7) when He heals the Elect believer's spiritual blindness (like when the scales fell from Paul's eyes). That is when the believer can finally "see" Christ.

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 who are waiting for him.**

The first time Christ appears to a believer is when He comes to them with the Early Rain of the Spirit. At that time, the new believer can only see Christ carnally (His physical work of "Christ and Him crucified"). The true Christ which is taught by the spiritual teachings of scripture will remain veiled from their understanding.

**2).** Christ is glorified in his saints after He has converted them "in that day". The "day" is the Day of the Lord and is not a 24 hour period.

This is the same time of being "glorified" here:

**Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

The Early Rain of the Spirit gives a person a measure of faith. This is what justifies them. The Latter Rain of the Spirit and judgment is what glorifies the believer.

Joe

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

I didn't directly answer your question so I will do so here:

You asked:

Do you believe that all people now have the Gift of the Holy Spirit, without choosing to ask for Him to come into their lives?

No, not all people are given the Early Rain of the Spirit. Most of mankind will not receive the Spirit until the final age. In this age, "many" are called and they are the ones who are given the Early Rain of the Spirit. They are given it without asking. Since most of the "many" are not chosen, they will die in an apostate condition and will receive their portion with the unbelievers (Luke 12:46).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I fully understand your position. So then, In regards to how Christ brings to us the early and latter rain, I perceive in that we do agree, even though we are saying it differently.

However, in that of Christ's visible and Immortal return, it will be a global event of 24 hours. My understanding of that is in the study of Luke 17:26-30.

When one researches the events and days of Noah and Lot, one will literally see that what transpired for them, took place in 24 hours, even though the recipients of God's wrath may have been lengthy or brief in the destruction of those who were caught unaware and not spared.

I am listing those references for study:

Luke 17:26-30

[26] And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

[27] They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

[28] Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

[29] But **the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.**

[30] Even **thus** shall it be in **the day WHEN the Son of man is revealed.**

(2 Thes. 1:7-10 will be a **simultaneous** event within 24 hours).

**Noah:** Gen. 7:1-12

[10] And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

> [11] In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, **the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of**

heaven were opened.

[12] And the rain was upon the earth **forty days and forty nights** [*vs. 12 is an inserted description for after the fact, of the flood's beginning and end- > ignore vs. 12, and read vs. 11 and 13 in suit*].

> [13] In **the selfsame day** entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

**Lot:** Gen. 19:20-28

[23] **The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. (Lot got ready to leave Sodom in the morning and then traveled all night to Zoar, all in the same day)**

[24] Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

[27] And **Abraham gat up early in the morning (the same day)** to the place where he stood before the LORD:

[28] **And he looked** toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, **and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.**

E \_\_\_\_\_

Dear FaithWillDo,

I agree to your understanding of the early rain and the latter rain, but that has been happening from Pentecost to NOW, during this PRESENT time of God's Age of Grace among mortal men.

**1. Early rain:** repentance towards God, for the forgiveness of sin by faith in Christ's shed blood for atonement.

**2. Latter rain:** the receiving of the Gift of God's Holy Spirit.

**Many** professing Christians have only participated in part #1, whereas only **few** have participated in both #1 and #2.

John 3:3-8; Luke 12:32; Luke 9, 13; John 14:23; Rev. 3:20.

I do not see any kind of an additional age at all, whereby mortal men will exist, after this Age of God's Grace ends, which will be "**WHEN**" Jesus returns "in flaming fire", taking **vengeance** on all the unsaved.

There will be no second chances for those who "hath" **not** "taken part in the FIRST resurrection", who is Christ. **All of such will be found to be NOT "BLESSED" and NOT "HOLY"**.

As Rom. 8:9 clearly states "whosoever hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his". [and never will be].

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I completely agree.

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The final age will commence after the bodily resurrections from the grave. I explained the existence of this final age in my last post.

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Your understanding of salvation mixes the Old Wine with the New Wine. The Old Wine is based on the works of man, the New Wine is based on the works of Christ.

Under the New Covenant (New Wine), Christ does all the works for mankind's salvation. Because He does, salvation is not a "chance" or an "opportunity". It is a certainty.

Since you cannot "see" that there will be another age (I call it the Lake of Fire age) where Christ and the Elect judge the "goats", you cannot see that during this time of judgment, the goats will be saved. Until you can see this truth about the final age, you are not going to be able to see that Christ will save all mankind.

**1Cor 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection from the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the consummation (the final age), when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

What I am meaning is because the Holy Spirit of God is not within them, all who have died mortal death without Christ, they cannot be resurrected back to life, but rather to judgment/condemnation, which is the second death, cast into the Lake of fire. They will be terminated/destroyed, as having never lived at all!!

John 3:18 clearly defines the separation of the sheep and the goats.

By default, **the unsaved mortally dead are judged/condemned ALREADY**, because they did NOT believe in the Lord Jesus while they had breath.

**The GWT judgment** is just a metaphor for John 3:18.

How do I know that?

Rev. 20

[15] And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire**. Therefore, it does not matter what is written in any other "heavenly" books.

**As concerning the living on earth**, the "MotB" will perform the literal separation of the goats from the sheep. God will not end this world until people stop coming to repentance towards Him, through faith in Jesus. **The "Mark" will do just that. At that time, it will literally be the last generation of them who are of faith in the Lord Jesus.**

By their own will, The "Mark" will seal the fate of the unsaved for the 2nd death and permanent destruction.

**EDIT:**

The return of Jesus, being revealed in all His VISIBLE Glory, in Immortality will be the "consummation", aka the end.

**"WHEN"???** KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10.

Remember? It's a **simultaneous** event. **Vengeance upon the wicked unsaved, and redemption for those who are saved in Jesus.**

2 Peter 3

[7] But the heavens and the earth, **which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition** [the destruction] **of ungodly men**.

Yes, you do know **"WHEN"**, and that is right here:

Tell me that you don't know, that the gospel message has been preached in all the world.

No, not only by Missionaries and Evangelists, but by **Digital Communications**.

Everyone today has a cell phone.

And the irony of that is, even by the aid of "the prince of the power of the air/atmosphere", the gospel is now being preached exponentially, through the "miracle and wonder" of **microwave technology**.

Yes! The consummation will soon be here. Jesus said so.

Mat. 24

[14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness [only, and not that all are saved] unto all nations;

and then shall the END [consummation] come.

**Edit:**

Lest we all forget and be led astray, I am reminding all of Acts 1:9-11

[9] And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

[10] And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

[11] Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this SAME Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have SEEN him [visibly] go into heaven.

E\_\_\_\_\_

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

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How can the "lost" appear before Christ at the White Throne if they are not resurrected back to life? Christ is the resurrection and He earned the keys to death and hell. He has the power and authority to resurrect anyone He chooses from death.

Also, all judgment has been given to Christ (John 5:22). The Lake of Fire is the spirit word for Christ's judgment. When the goats are cast into the Lake of Fire, it is for the purpose of judging them. They are alive and will experience wrath during that judgment. But as Joel 2:18 & Mat 23:23 teach, Christ will have mercy upon them and save them before they are "terminated/destroyed".

When a person is saved, they are made into a new creation which has no sin. Because of such, the new child of God is removed from Christ's judgment. The child of the devil (which still remains within the person) will remain under judgment and will perish. This is what conversion does. It gives a new life to the person and destroys who they used to be. It happens spiritually within them.

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**The GWT judgment is just a metaphor for John 3:18.**

Those who are condemned already is referring to all mankind. Because all mankind has sinned, all mankind will perish in the Lake of Fire. No one can escape that judgment. At the end of the final age, mankind will cease to exist because all mankind has perished in the Lake of Fire. That includes you and me. The only solution is for Christ to give us a new birth and make us into a new creation before we perish in the Lake of Fire. This is called conversion and is how Christ saves mankind.

Look at Rev chapter 19. I know you may not understand what it teaches but I will try anyway.

Chapter 19 symbolically presents the conversion of the Elect which happens during each of their lifetimes in this age. In that chapter, it teaches conversion by the marriage analogy.

The Marriage of the Lamb occurs when the Elect believer is given the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This produces the bride (new child of God) who is gathered up to heaven to dwell with her new husband (Christ). The marriage is not literal - it is symbolic of what Christ does spiritually within one of His Elect.

Next comes the Marriage SUPPER of the Lamb. The Supper occurs immediately after the marriage (new birth) and is when Christ feeds His new bride the truth of God (milk, bread, meat and New Wine).

After the Elect believer was given the Early Rain of the Spirit, they remained spiritually blind and could not learn the truth of God as it applies to the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant. But after the believer receives the Latter Rain, their spiritual blindness will be healed and they will finally be able to understand the spiritual teachings of Christ. This is the purpose of the Marriage Supper. The Marriage Supper is also a spiritual event and it happens within the Elect believer.

After the Elect believer has received enough nourishment from Christ at the Supper, the truth that they have consumed will bring judgment to rid themselves of their carnality (spirit of anti-Christ and the Great Harlot). This is symbolically shown when the new Bride rides with Christ and destroys their carnality in the Lake of Fire. This event also happens within the believer.

After the Lake of Fire has destroyed the Elect believer's carnality (everything that causes it), the person will be governed solely by the Holy Spirit within them. This is when the believer will begin walking by faith, truth and the Spirit. They are now converted.

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destruction.

**[7] But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition [the destruction] of ungodly men.**

Everyone who receives the Early Rain of the Spirit (including the Elect) will receive the mark of the beast. It first happened in the 1st century when the spirit of anti-Christ entered Judas. Shortly after Paul death, it began happening to all the churches that the Apostles started until they were all apostate.

Your understanding of end-time prophecy is carnal and not spiritual. Rev 22:9 says that the Elect must keep the sayings of the prophecy. How can they keep the sayings if those prophecies only happen at the literal end of the age? They couldn't.

The end-time prophecies are teaching the pathway to salvation that Christ causes all His Elect to travel. Those prophecies have been fulfilled over and over again within all the Elect since the death of Paul.

The Second Coming of Christ is when Christ "comes again" to each of His Elect and gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit within the believer, they are "born again" and are saved:

**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.**

When Christ appears to an unbeliever and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit, Christ will appear (first time) to them in the flesh because they can only see Him "carnally" (Christ and Him crucified). They remain spiritually blind. They can understand the teachings of the Old Covenant which was given to carnal mankind to follow. But the New Covenant is spiritual (happens within a person) and its teachings can only be understood after a person has had their spiritual blindness healed. This happens after they have been given the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This is why the Marriage Supper is necessary - because before that time, the believer was not able to understand the spiritual teachings of Christ.

One more comment: The heavens and the earth are spiritual symbols (words). The natural earth represents mankind's carnality and the natural heavens represents the carnal mind. The New Earth represents the spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit and the New Heavens represent the mind of Christ.

To understand the spiritual teachings of Christ, you must understand that the spirit words (John 6:63) which Christ speaks carry meanings that are different than what man's wisdom teaches (1Cor 12:3). This is how Christ keeps His truth concealed from all but the converted Elect.

You said:

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This event described in Acts 1:9-11 is referring to how Christ will return to His Elect with the Latter Rain. After He heals an Elect believer's blindness, He will appear out of the clouds (His veil). It is a spiritual event that happens in the heavens (mind). That is how the Elect "see" Christ when He comes to them a second time. Human eyes will never see Christ again like they could during His first appearance that took Him to the cross. That appearance was under the Old Covenant. But now we are under the New Covenant and it is spiritual. That is a big difference. When Christ comes a second time, He only appears spiritually to a person and will not be visible to their flesh (physical eyes).

Consider what Christ said here about His second coming:

**Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen**

Every eye will see Christ because Christ will convert all mankind. This spiritual appearance can only happen if the person has been given the Latter Rain and has had their spiritual blindness healed. If Christ's second coming is a physically visible event that only happens once at the end of this age, how can the Jews who crucified Christ (who are now dead) see Him?

The verses below say that Christ's second coming is a reoccurring event. It is not a one-time physically visible event that is taught by the apostate churches.

**Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne...**

**Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

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**They are NOT resurrected back to life, but rather to the condemnation of God's fiery judgment they had "ALREADY", which was they ignored and/or rejected Christ, the ONLY means of God's salvation for them, while they had breath.**

**In other words they NEVER accepted/received the early rain and the latter rain AT ALL. They**

**all are the son(s) of perdition and are LOST, just as much as Judas Iscariot.**

There is no other fictional "add on" Age of God's Grace to come again, that will be "special" for the wicked unsaved. The Grace of God's plan of salvation, through FAITH in Christ, **will END** in the literal DAY of Christ's VISIBLE and Glorious return from Heaven. KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10. **All know of it as being "the consummation".**

**E**

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

When I say the "lost" are resurrected back to "life", I don't mean that they are saved. They are resurrected back to life in the same lost spiritual condition they had before they died. They will then appear before the White Throne and be cast into the Lake of Fire for judgment.

From that judgment, they will be redeemed:

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

**Jer 4:2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, IN JUDGMENT, and in righteousness; and the nations shall BLESS THEMSELVES in him, and in him shall they glory.**

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

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

You do not understand judgment and how it applies to conversion.

Christ judges mankind because He loves mankind. That is why Christ longed to start that process of judgment upon the earth:

**Luke 12:49 "I came to send fire (judgment) on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!**

You are seeing Christ as a "hard man" when He is not.

**Mat 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:**

Christ is loving, kind, merciful and full of the goodness of God. The "lost" in the Lake of Fire will discover this truth about Him when they are redeemed by His judgment.

You said:

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Mankind has NO ABILITY to accept or to reject the Spirit. It is freely given to them without their knowledge. After it is given to them, they will call Jesus "Lord" when they are presented the Gospel. No one with the Spirit can reject Christ.

**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.**

Also, to be like Judas, a person must be given the Early Rain of the Spirit and then be given the spirit of anti-Christ. Both spirits are within the person which causes them to try and serve TWO masters. And since the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in a small measure, the spirit of anti-Christ will win the spiritual war within the person. After it does, the spirit of anti-Christ (Satan) will remain the person's "head" and will govern them. The blow to the person's head from the Sword of Christ will be healed. The Seven Headed Beast is representative of an apostate believer who is controlled by the second Beast (spirit of anti-Christ).

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There is plenty of scripture that teaches about the final age (the Lake of Fire age) when the "lost" are saved.

Here is just one of them:

**Luke 12:59 I tell you, you will not get out (of the Lake of Fire) until you have paid the last penny."**

And another:

**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 shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (the Lake of Fire/judgment).**

God's grace never ends. Why do you believe it will? Don't you know that God never changes.

**Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

As for the Second Coming of Christ - His second coming occurs when Christ returns to a fallen away Elect believer. When Christ comes to them, He will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit and heal the person's spiritual blindness. After their blindness is healed, Christ will appear to the newly "born again" person. His judgment will then follow to destroy the child of the Devil (the chaff/their carnality) which still remains within the person.

John the Baptist said it this way:

**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.**

The baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain) will give the person a new birth. The baptism of Fire (judgment) will purify/remove the things that make them carnal. This spiritual process of conversion is what has to happen in order for a person to born as a child of God and for them to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Your understanding of the Second Coming of Christ is false and is contradicted by what scripture actually teaches.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

It appears that you are dancing around two scriptures that you care not to discuss.

2 Thes. 1

[7] And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

[8] In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

[9] Who shall be **punished with everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Rom. 8

[9] But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is **none of his**.

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

2Thes 1:7 is the Second coming of Christ when He pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit and judges the carnality of the believer. That is how the non-converted believers to whom Paul is

writing to will be able to enter into the "rest" of Christ like Paul and the others with Paul have done. It is the man of sin who is cast into the Lake of Fire, not the new child of God. This is what happens when an Elect believer is converted.

Rom 9:8 only says that unconverted mankind is "none of his". It is completely silent on the salvation that will come to them later while they are being judged in the Lake of Fire. You should stop adding to scripture.

Why do you believe that Christ's love and mercy come to an end after this age? Nothing in scripture even hints that it will.

Christ was sent to save all mankind by His Father. Your beliefs make Christ out to be a failure who cannot save most of mankind. But if Christ were to fail to save even one person, Christ will miss the mark that His Father set for Him. This would be a sin. Can't you see that?

There are also many scriptures which state that Christ will save all mankind. Why do you not believe them? You are letting your false belief in mankind's supposed free will ability override the teachings of scripture. Only God the Father has a free will, mankind does not.

When a believer mixes works with faith, they are committing the sin that leads to death. Even if a believer adds only one work to the work of Christ, they will fall from grace.

When Christ does His work within a person, they can no longer reject Him. Christ is now spirit and His work is now spiritual. Do you know what that means? Christ will change a person from within, and when He does, their heart and mind will change. Mankind's "will" is nothing for Christ to overcome. You treat Christ like He is no more powerful than mankind.

There is nothing I can do to help you understand until Christ does His work within you first. That is the way Christ operates in the world. Carnal mankind has no ability to seek Him out or to understand His spiritual teachings until Christ changes a person from within. Mankind is at the mercy of Christ to save them. When Christ is ready to "appear" to you, 2Thes 1:7-9 will happen in your life and you will then be able to receive the scriptures I have presented.

I can see no beneficial reason to continue this discussion with you.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Heb. 9:24-28

[28] So Christ was once offered **to BEAR the SINS** of many; **and unto them that LOOK for him [by faith] shall he appear the SECOND time [in flaming fire] without SIN unto salvation.**

KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10 is a **simultaneous** event of "**when**" He shall be **revealed** from heaven..

2Cor. 5

[21] For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

But after His resurrection into New Eternal Life with Immortality, in His future visible and Glorious return from Heaven, **He will no longer be ruling in the capacity of being our High Priest**, but rather as our Savior/ Redeemer, King of kings, for we will be "changed into His likeness" of His Immortality

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

Christ is now spirit and when He returns to a believer to convert them (His second coming), He will appear spiritually to them (between their ears, so to speak) because their spiritual blindness will be healed when He gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

As Paul says below, the purpose of Christ's second coming is to bring salvation to His Elect (those who are waiting for him):

**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.**

Even the 120 Jewish Elect had to wait for the Lord to return and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon them. Their waiting was symbolically shown here:

**Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty),**

Christ will never appear again like He did the first time where He was seen with human eyes. He will remain in "heaven" (the spiritual realm) until the restitution of all things:

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

Do you believe you are saved now? I'm sure you would say yes.

Tell me then, why does Paul say that Christ brings salvation to those who are waiting for Him (unconverted Elect believers) when He appears the second time?



The first time Christ appears to a person is when He comes to them and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. Since the Early Rain does not heal the person's spiritual blindness, the new believer can only see Christ "in the flesh" (Christ and Him crucified). In other words, the new believer can only see Christ through scripture carnally. They cannot understand the spiritual language of Christ.

After the spirit of anti-Christ came into the church, the believers started denying that Christ ever came to them "in the flesh". They were being told that the Early Rain of the Spirit which they first received was actually the Latter Rain of the Spirit. Because they were told that they had received what the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost, they believed that they were converted when they were not. That is why John said this to the converted believers he was writing to:

**1 John 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. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.**

**Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

"As little children" is how all converted believers begin walking the pathway to spiritual maturity.

"Babes" are unconverted believers who have only received the Early Rain of the Spirit. The "babes" remain carnal and "are of the world". When they speak, the world hears them.

This is not true of converted believers who are "drawn from the breasts" and have become as "little children". When a converted believer speaks, the world cannot hear them for the same reason that the world could not hear Christ.

Consider this scripture:

**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/little children) 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).**

"Babes" (who only have the Early Rain of the Spirit) will remain carnal in their understanding of Christ (they speak as the world speaks). Because they remain spiritually blind and unable to understand the truth that Christ teaches, they will "fall backward and be broken and snared and taken". This is why all new believers will fall away/lose their salvation and enter Satan's apostate church. And because even the Elect will experience this "Day of Evil" (time of "great tribulation") before they are converted, scripture says that salvation only comes to the Elect when Christ returns with the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

Even to this day, the apostate churches of this world deny the need for both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. Most have no idea what the Early and Latter Rains represent. However, a few have some understanding, but they still misapply that teaching.

The tower of Babel is a physical "type" that represents the apostate church and that is why there are so many different denominations/sects of apostate Christianity. They have no unity of truth. The unity of truth that the Apostles taught early on in the churches was "confused" so that the apostate churches all speak different languages. The only common factor the apostate churches have is that they all follow the "another gospel" of Satan which mixes works with faith.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

After reading and digesting all of your post, I can say that 90% of it is the Truth of God.

However, God's discernment within me does not agree to the 10% of your explanation. Though John 3:18, is very clear to understand, that all of mankind is **physically born "condemned already"** before God, **we who are born again by His Holy Spirit have become so, "BECAUSE"**(John 3:18) we **"REASONED"** (Isa. 1:18) with God's counsel, and then **"CHOOSE" to ENTER into the New Covenant relationship with God the Father, through faith in Christ.**

For one to make a **CHOICE**, is to utilize their **OWN HUMAN FREE WILL**, through their own decision making process. For one to NOT CHOOSE Christ, **is to remain in default** of the dictate of John 3:18.

Therefore, every living person, while still having breath, who DOES NOT believe in God, through faith in Christ, and obeys not the gospel of Christ, **by default** remains in the condition of **"condemnation" by God**, and therefore **"is lost"**, being a **"son of perdition"** (destruction), which is the meaning of "he is **none of His**" (Rom. 8:9).

**Edit:**

John 4

[23] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for the Father **seeketh** such to worship him.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must** worship him **in [the Holy] spirit and in truth.**

John 6

[37] All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in **no wise cast out.**

E\_\_\_\_\_

Dear E\_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

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You made this statement: "because we reasoned" and we "chose" to accept Christ by our faith.

That statement is true but you must also understand that mankind has NO ABILITY to do what you stated UNLESS Christ comes to us and causes it to happen.

Here are these same verses again. I keep showing them to you because you have yet to accept what they teach.

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Mankind is at the mercy of Christ to do His spiritual work within them which will CHANGE their heart and mind to accept Him. He does this by freely giving each person (at a time of His choosing and without their permission) the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. Without the Spirit, no man can call Jesus "Lord" (1Cor 12:3). Mankind has NO WORKS which they can take credit for when they accept Christ as their Savior. Christ is the one who causes us to do and believe ALL that is necessary for our salvation. His works are SPIRITUAL and they take place within a person.

This understanding I explained above is the foundational difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. The Old Covenant is based solely on the works of man. The New Covenant is based solely on the works of Christ. This difference between the two covenants is VERY IMPORTANT to understand.

Consider these verses:

**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.**

**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.**

**John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you...**

**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 believer takes credit for things like their "faith" and their "confession of faith", they are stealing from Christ. It was Christ's spiritual work that He did within the person which gave them their faith and their confession of faith.

The false gospel of Satan mixes man's works with the works of Christ. This is the same as mixing the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. When a believer does this mixing, they are trying to serve TWO masters and are committing the ONE and ONLY sin that leads to death. It is by this sin that Satan kills the saints and builds his apostate church which masquerades as Christ's church.

Satan is called the "crooked serpent" because Satan teaches the "crooked way" of man's works. "Man's works" is the foundation of all the world's religions. When a person practices religion, they are following Satan and not Christ. The New Covenant is not a religion because Christ does all the works of making a person acceptable to God.

The Doctrine of Free Will is one of Satan's most powerful deceptions because it is pleasing to mankind's carnality.

This verse applies:

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

The Old Wine represents the Old Covenant of man's works. The New Wine represents the New Covenant of Christ's works. After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will remain unconverted (the deadly head wound will heal), spiritually blind and CARNALLY MINDED. Because the new believer remains carnally minded, they will still prefer the Old Wine over the New Wine. But after Christ gives the person the Latter Rain of the Spirit and converts them, they will no longer be carnally minded. It is at this point that the person will prefer the New Wine.

I hope this clears up the 10% you are not yet "seeing".

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Yes, I agree that everyone, WHILE they have breath, is sought after by God the Father, and for those He woos by His Holy Spirit, He gives (leads/points) them to Christ, of whom will "come into them", if they answer His calling.

However, it is WE who must open the door of our heart (our human will), and personally invite Christ into our life. It is then that THEY take up residence, being BOTH Jesus Himself, as well as the Father, for God the Father permanently abides/dwells WITHIN Christ. John 14:23, Rev. 3:20.

WITHOUT faith in the blood of Jesus' sacrifice for our covering, God the Father will not and CANNOT dwell within anyone of us alone by Himself, ever!

Therefore, since Pentecost, should it be that anyone who has died, without answering Jesus' calling to them, that He may dwell WITHIN them, they remain to be "condemned already", having no hope of ever entering into the KoG, though they spent their whole life in "church-ianity" running parallel with it. They never were "born again" by the Holy Spirit of God, and therefore THEY truly ARE "none of His".

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

You are still relying on a mixture of man's works and faith for salvation. All that is needed for salvation are the works of Christ which He will do within mankind. After He does His works within a person, their heart and mind will be changed because the Spirit will cause them to "will and do of His good pleasure".

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

Also, you said that "while they have breath" a person is sought after by God. After the bodily resurrection, all mankind will have breath again. Christ will then continue His work of saving mankind and will not stop until the last person is saved.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

What you say has merit for understanding your reasoning of the work of Christ in the early and latter rain. In that I agree and have no problem. For a while now, I have understood the three "comings" of Jesus.

What does bother me though, is your insistence that everyone will be saved, even those who **refuse** to repent towards God, through believing in Christ.

Your quote of Mat. 21:31 is rendered clearly in the **KJV**, but it is said more specifically in the Textus Receptus Greek (**TRG**).

**KJV**- Mat. 21:32

[31] Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God **BEFORE** you.**

[32] For **John came unto you** in the way of righteousness, and **ye believed him not**: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: **and ye, when ye had seen it, **REPENTED NOT** afterward, that ye might believe him.**

**TRG**- Mat. 21:31 Which of the two did the will of the father, they say to him. The first said to them, Jesus said to them, "**Truly I say to you that publicans and harlots will BRING you into the kingdom of God.**

32. For **John came to you** in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe. but the prostitutes and the harlots believed in him, **but you, seeing, **DID NOT REPENT** after believing in him.**

I am vehemently opposed to any and all doctrines that forecast an additional, future temporal Age of that which "**IS AS** a 1000 years" of the KoG being on the earth, for the preaching of the gospel AGAIN(?) to the SUPPOSED bodily resurrected UNSAVED!!

All should learn, know and be confirmed/ convinced, that **ever since Pentecost**, we HAVE BEEN IN the very **last** temporal Age of God's Grace, of which shall be "**suddenly**" ENDED, "**WHEN**" Jesus is **revealed** from heaven **in flaming fire**. KJV 2 Thes. 1:7-10; Luke 17: 26-30.

E

Dear E \_\_\_\_\_,

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Your quote of Mat. 21:31 is rendered clearly in the **KJV**, but it is said more specifically in the Textus Receptus Greek (**TRG**).

The "lost" only refuse to repent because Christ has not come to them yet and given them the Holy Spirit. Unless a person is given the Spirit beforehand, they cannot accept Christ.

**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.**

In this age, Christ is only saving the Elect who have been chosen from the foundation of the world for this blessing. Christ is not working to save anyone else in this present age. If He were, everyone alive today would be saved before they die. Christ's saving work is that certain.

But in due time (this age and the next), everyone will be saved and come unto the knowledge of truth:

**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.**

I have answered your other comments many times before so I will not respond to them again.

I don't see any reason to continue our discussion. It has run its course.

Joe

R\_\_\_\_\_ began responding to my posts on the same thread:

**Dear FaithWillDo,**

*FaithWillDo said:*

*No one can call Jesus "Lord" unless they have the Holy Spirit just as scripture states.*

**Amen!!!**

**R\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear R\_\_\_\_\_,

Do you understand the implications of no one being able to call Jesus "Lord" unless they have the Holy Spirit?

Those "implications" go against the teachings of orthodox Christianity, and because of such, most believers will deny the truth of what 1Cor 12:3 teaches.

By accepting the truth of 1Cor 12:3, you are saying that no one can believe in Christ UNTIL Christ comes to them and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. This is true because of what

these scriptures state:

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

You can also add to these verses above what Paul said about mankind in the first 2 chapters of Romans.

Do you know that Paul's conversion experience, which is presented in detail in Acts chapter 9, is a "type" for how Christ saves His Elect?

**1Tim 1:16 Howbeit for this cause, I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern (type) to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.**

Consider when Paul received the Early Rain of the Spirit as He travelled the Damascus Road. Paul was on his way to persecute Christians in Damascus and had no intention of becoming a follower of Christ himself. But all changed for Paul when Christ "suddenly" came to His temple (Paul) and gave Paul the Early Rain of the Spirit. After Paul received the Early Rain, Paul fell to His knees and called Jesus "Lord". Paul then submitted to Christ's authority when Paul asked "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

When any person makes a confession of faith, it only happens because the Lord (from His own choosing) came to that person and gave them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain, the person will have a "measure of faith" and certain spiritual gifts. It is at this point they will enter the church. This happens only because of the spiritual work of Christ that He did within the person. The person's "will" plays no part in their decision to accept Christ as "Lord".

**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.**

Orthodox Christianity teaches that a person must make a free will decision to accept Christ and then they will receive the Holy Spirit. But this is putting the cart before the horse. Christ must give the person the Holy Spirit first and then they will make a confession of faith. And as 1Cor 12:3 also says, with the Holy Spirit within a person, no one will be able to continue to reject Christ.



Because this is the way salvation is freely given to mankind, mankind is totally at the mercy of Christ to come to them and save them.

However, in this age, Christ is only saving the Elect who have been chosen from the foundation of the world to be the first group of mankind (the First Fruits) to be saved. Everyone else will have no choice but to wait until the final age for their salvation.

This scripture applies to the final and great harvest of mankind which occurs at the end of the ages:

**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.**

Before the "lost" who are under Christ's judgment (Lake of Fire) have perished, Christ will have MERCY upon them because of His grace. His mercy will be manifested in the form of giving the lost person the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain, the believer will have FAITH in Christ. Their faith will make Christ's pathway straight for Him to "come again" to them and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, the lost person will be "born again" as a 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 to perish. The death of the child of the devil will satisfy JUSTICE.

After the last person who has ever lived is converted and saved, this scripture will then be testified to be true:

**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.**

This is how Christ loves and blesses all His enemies (children of the devil).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Listen sweet pea...I don't need reams and reams of commentary.

You can only know that Jesus existed, in one's spirit, that is where we need the testifying ....the "LIVING " " HOLY" Spirit testifies with our spirit ( he talks to our spirit as he indwells us) that we are Gods children.

He " TESTIFIES " with "OUR" spirit?

You need to be Born Again of the" LIVING " Spirit, that is where we know all about God by His Living witness the LIVING Holy Spirit.....witnessing Gods truth to our spirit.

Commentary doesn't bring our spirit Alive, only the Living Holy Spirit can do that supernatural/Spiritual act.

R

Dear R\_\_\_\_\_,

You are forgetting what Christ said here:

**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.**

If a believer is unconverted (Early Rain only), they will easily be deceived by Satan. They will believe that the spirit that is within them (which is witnessing to them) is the Holy Spirit but it is not. It is the spirit of anti-Christ. That is the nature and power of Satan's deceptions.

The spirit of anti-Christ teaches false beliefs that are pleasing to mankind's carnal nature. It is impossible not to be deceived by them after a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit and enters the church.

For that reason, understanding the truth of scripture is vital and is why the truth of God sanctifies a believer.

**2Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

**John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

After a person is called out from the world and enters the church, the Early Rain of the Spirit will give them faith and certain spiritual gifts, BUT it will not heal the new believer's spiritual blindness so that they can understand and receive the truth of God.

Paul's blindness "typed" this truth after he received the Early Rain of the Spirit on the Damascus Road. Only after Paul received the Latter Rain of the Spirit did the scales fall off Paul's eyes. The Latter Rain of the Spirit is the "Spirit of Truth" that Christ mentions here:

**John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

Even though the Apostles heard directly from Christ during His ministry, they still could not understand His teachings of the New Covenant. All they could understand was "Christ and Him crucified" (Christ's physical work that He did under the Old Covenant).

Christ explains spiritual blindness here:

**Mark 8:15 And he charged them, saying, take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. 16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, it is because we have no bread. 17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? 18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. 20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. 21 And he said unto them, how is it that ye do not understand?**

In the verses above, Christ is giving His disciples a lesson on the spiritual language of God's Word - His language:

**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.**

At this point in time (before they were converted at Pentecost), the disciples had received the Early Rain of the Spirit but had not yet received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain of the Spirit). And because of such, they were still spiritually blind and could not understand the spiritual language of Christ.

Christ ends His comments above by asking the disciples this question: “**How is it that ye do not understand?**” No response from the disciples is recorded in scripture. However, Christ answers His own question in the very next four verses.

**Mark 8:22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. 25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.**

Since Christ is the Word of God, He teaches us not only through His words which are recorded in scripture but also by the things that He did. In answering the question that He proposed to the disciples in verse 21, Christ goes to Bethsaida and gives us His answer in type by the healing of a blind man.

In verse 23, Christ leads a blind man out of the city. Once outside the city, Christ places spit on his eyes and touches him with His hands. These actions occur as the blind man is looking down which symbolizes the carnal aspect of His healing. Christ does not have to tell the blind man to look down, the blind man just does it naturally. The spit (water) symbolizes the blind man receiving the **Early Rain of the Spirit** with its accompanying vision (carnal understanding). This event represents the time when an unbeliever is called out from the world and enters the church.

After Christ asks the man what he could see, the man looks up and says that he could see men "walking as trees". "Walking as trees" is a spiritual symbol for called out believers who walk by sight (the flesh, carnal nature) rather than by faith & the Spirit. The man's blindness was not total any longer but he was still very near-sighted and could only see Christ carnally. Paul stated that this near-sighted type of understanding will only allow a believer to see "Christ and Him crucified" (**1Cor 2:2**). This means that the new believer can see Christ's physical work that He did under the Old Covenant, but Christ's spiritual work that He is presently doing under the New Covenant will remain blurred.

This first healing of the blind man reflects the true spiritual condition of a new believer when they first enter the church. At this time, the believer is left carnally minded and spiritually near-sighted. They can see a little, but that only opens the door to Satan's carnally based deceptions - deceptions which each new believer will readily accept due to their carnal nature still being in control of them (**Mat 12:43-45, Mat 24:24 & Luke 5:39**).

For a carnally minded and spiritually blind believer (Early Rain only), the Old Wine still tastes better than the New Wine:

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

The Old Wine represents the Old Covenant which is based on the works of man. The New Wine represents the New Covenant which is solely based on the spiritual works of Christ.

In the final verse of the story of the blind man, Christ lays His hands upon the man's eyes again, but as He does, Christ has the man look up instead of down. This second healing represents the **Latter Rain of the Spirit** when true spiritual vision is given to a believer. The man's upward gaze represents the spiritual aspect of the healing in contrast to the carnal aspect when the blind man was looking down at the earth.

From that moment onward, we now know that the blind man is a type for a called AND chosen believer who has received both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit (**James 5:7-8**). The man has been given eyes that can see spiritually ("**drawn from the breasts**" **Isa 28:9**). From his new ability to understand God's Word, he will then come out from Satan's deceptions and will begin walking by faith. He will be included in the resurrection of the First Fruits and will receive the reward of life during the ages.

If a believer does know that they have experienced a time of blindness when they were under the spirit of anti-Christ, it is certain that they are still blind and under Satan's deceptions.

After Christ gives a believer the Latter Rain of the Spirit and heals their blindness, they will "see" the Abomination of Desolation (Mat 24:15-16) that previously occurred within themselves. That is the same time that the "man of sin" is revealed to the believer and they will find that he is the one who is looking back at them in the mirror. When they see this "sign of the times", judgment will fall and destroy the man of sin (2Thes 2:8).

This is the pathway to salvation that all the Elect will travel as taught by God's Word.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Do you actually understand what it means to be Born Again of imperishable seed that liveth and abideth forever?

What is imperishable seed?

What in you needs to be Born Again? It's not complicated or rocket science?

Do you understand the Living Holy Spirit...do you understand that He is Gods Living witness in our heart/ spirit?

Have you been Born Of The Spirit..by Gods Living witness the Holy Spirit?

Has your spirit been Born Again....or do you only understand the written word?

R\_\_\_\_\_

Dear R\_\_\_\_\_,

Yes, I completely understand what is it to be born of imperishable seed. It means to be converted.

The seed is the Holy Spirit and it is imperishable because the Spirit does not sin. However, to be born of the Spirit requires BOTH the Early and Latter Rains.

**James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

The "precious fruit of the earth" is a converted believer. James is writing to believers who have only received the Early Rain of the Spirit and they are waiting for the Lord's return to give them

the Latter Rain of the Spirit. James is telling the unconverted believers to be patient for their time of conversion.

Scripture says that the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in "measure" and is only a small amount:

**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 Spirit is given in measure when Christ first comes to a person, it will leave them spiritually blind and carnally minded. In this condition, the believer will not be converted but be easy prey for Satan to deceive.

Christ describes what happens to all new believers here:

**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.

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.

This same event is described here in the prophecy of the Two Witnesses (represents one Elect believer):

**Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.**

After an unconverted Elect believer comes under Satan's deceptions, they will remain spiritually dead and "worse than the first" until Christ comes to them a second time and gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain, the Elect believer will be born (converted) and the new child of God will be gathered up to heaven. This event is described here:

**Rev 11:11 And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares also teaches about falling away and conversion:

**Mat 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

**Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;**

The sower is Christ. The "field" is a person. The seed is the Early Rain of the Spirit.

But shortly after the person receives the Early Rain, Satan will come to the person and plant his seed (spirit of anti-Christ) within them, too.

**Mat 13:25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.**

**Mat 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.**

Now the new believer has both the Early Rain of the Spirit and the spirit of anti-Christ within them. A spiritual war soon develops over which spirit will govern the new believer. Since the Early Rain of the Spirit is only given in "measure", the spirit of anti-Christ wins the war and starts governing the believer. This is when the believer becomes "worse than the first"; a man of sin.

When the time for the harvest arrives, Christ will "come again" and give the fallen away Elect believer the Latter Rain of the Spirit. The Latter Rain of the Spirit comes with power and will easily defeat the spirit of anti-Christ. The converted child of God will then be harvested into the barn (Kingdom of Heaven).

**Mat 13:28** He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? **29** But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

**Mat 13:40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (spiritual understanding).

This verse applies to the time of the harvest when the fallen away Elect believer is given the Latter Rain of the Spirit:

**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 (spiritual blindness healed) and see that your wickedness is great (the man of sin revealed), which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

The time of the harvest represents "conversion" and is when the believer is born again and gathered up to heaven.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Thanks for voicing your own opinion...

I don't agree with it.

R

I was going to stop posting with her but she posted again:

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*It means to be converted.*

So, explain what converted means?

R

Dear R \_\_\_\_\_,



Conversion is to be changed from a child of the devil into a child of God. Conversion requires both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit before the precious fruit of the earth is ready for harvest into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This verse also applies to conversion:

**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.**

And this verse:

**Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

The Sword is the Word of God who is Christ. Anyone who begins following Christ (Early Rain) will later perish by Christ (Latter Rain & judgment/death of the child of the devil).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

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No it doesn't..The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are Gods children...obviously you aren't understanding that Gods Living Holy Spirit is what makes our spirit Born Again.

*FaithWillDo said:*

*This verse also applies to conversion:*

***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.***

We are Born Again, that is what the word of God says, now if you take that to mean what you believe it to mean, by posting what you post.

I 100% disagree with your theology Joe....I read absolutely no Spiritual Life whatsoever in your words...just commentary after commentary...that is my opinion.

*FaithWillDo said:*

*The Sword is the Word of God who is Christ. Anyone who begins following Christ (Early Rain) will later perish by Christ (Latter Rain & judgment/death of the child of the devil).*

All I can say to this is.

Thank you Father God that I have your Living witness the Living Holy Spirit in my heart, that is witnessing to my heart / spirit that this post is a load of tosh!..in Jesus Name...Amen!!

Shaking my head at what I'm reading.

Walking away in disbelief...wondering exactly where they get this nonsense from....

R

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*Now the new believer has both the Early Rain of the Spirit and the spirit of anti-Christ within them.*

A Born Again has been Born Again of incorruptible seed....you cannot have the anti- Christ indwelling where the Spirit indwells..which is in our hearts/ spirit.

I have never heard such nonsense...

Now I am done with this nonsense, goodbye.

Good grief Lord, what is this nonsense?

R

Dear R \_\_\_\_\_,

You are ignoring what scripture teaches:

**Mat 13:28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 LET BOTH GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

Also consider what Paul says here:

**Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

A believer's spiritual war takes place "within" themselves; between their ears so to speak.

Before the coming of the spirit of anti-Christ, the spiritual war was between a believer's carnal spirit and the Early Rain of the Spirit. But after the arrival of the spirit of anti-Christ within the believer, their original carnal spirit was made "worse than the first". With this strengthening, the

person's carnal spirit wins the spiritual war and they begin being governed by their worsened carnality. Their "head" survives the deadly head wound by the Sword (Rev 13:3) when Christ gave the person the Early Rain of the Spirit. Satan remains the head of the person (represented by the Seven headed beast) who has now become an apostate believer (man of sin).

After the apostate believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the spiritual war resumes. However, this time, the Holy Spirit comes with power and quickly wins the spiritual war.

**Mar 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory (this is the Latter Rain).**

**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.**

**Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he (Christ) shall come unto us as the RAIN, as the Latter and Early RAIN unto the earth.**

When judgment comes, notice that both the spirit of anti-Christ (tares) and the Holy Spirit (wheat) are still within the believer who is being converted:

**Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field (one flesh/one believer); the one shall be taken (spirit of anti-Christ/man of sin), and the other left (Holy Spirit/child of God). 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken (worsened marred/carnal spirit/Great Harlot), and the other left (Holy Spirit/child of God/Bride of Christ).**

After the believer's judgment is complete, the spiritual war will end. The newly converted believer will then enter into the rest of Christ. At this point, the believer will never fall for Satan's deceptions again or lose their salvation.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Please answer the question..you have posted scripture.

There is also the Living word....for the 3rd time,what inside you has been Born Again?

Is the imperishable seed Alive or dead....what did it make Born Again in us?

Do you understand God's witness..... ,who witnesses Gods truth to our hearts, scripture or the Living Holy Spirit?..... what is the role of the Living Holy Spirit?

R

Dear R \_\_\_\_\_,

You asked "what" within us is born again? Our "soul" (our individual consciousness) is born again and becomes a quickenning spirit which is led by the Holy Spirit.

**1Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

Mankind's marred spirit is weak and cannot stop our carnality from governing us. It will be destroyed and replaced upon conversion.

The "heart" is a synonymous term for our marred spirit. I personally sometimes call it our carnal spiritual nature.

Consider this verse:

**Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit (**Holy Spirit**) will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart (marred spirit) out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh (**one governed by the Holy Spirit**).**

It is the "heart" that dictates what the mind believes. Because it does, it is man's heart that needs to be replaced so that our mind can be transformed into the mind of Christ.

Consider the "type" that Adam and Eve teach:

Adam and Eve are "types" for mankind's spiritual makeup. Adam represents the head (mind) and Eve represents the marred spirit (heart). For that reason, Satan tempted Eve instead of Adam. Satan knew that Adam (mind) would fall in line with whatever Eve (heart) tells him to do because Adam wants to please his wife:

**1Cor 7:33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.**

Since the marred spirit (heart/Eve/woman) is the one who was deceived by Satan, she is the one who Christ holds responsible for our sin:

**1Tim 2:14 And Adam (mind) was not deceived, but the woman (**marred spirit/heart**) being deceived was in the transgression.**

Because the woman (marred spirit/heart) was guilty of sin, she will bear the penalty of sin (death). She will be destroyed (her destruction is described in Rev chapter 18) by the judgment of Christ upon the believer's conversion.

With a new heart within a converted believer, the man (Adam/mind) will then be slowly renewed and transformed into the mind of Christ. When this transformation is complete, the believer will be a perfect man who is "full age":

**Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

You asked:

**Do you understand God's witness..... ,who witnesses Gods truth to our hearts, scripture or the Living Holy Spirit?..... what is the role of the Living Holy Spirit?**

I have answered this question before. I will try again.

After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, they will remain spiritually blind and carnally minded. The carnal mind hates God and will not allow the small measure of the Holy Spirit to witness to it. Because the believer remains carnally minded and spiritually blind, they will easily be deceived by Satan (via the spirit of anti-Christ within the believer) who will teach his lies to the believer. Satan's lies are very pleasing to the believer's carnality. As a result, the believer will quickly accept them as the truth of God.

The lies of Satan ("another gospel"), which come from the spirit of anti-Christ within the believer, is what witnesses to the new believer - it is not the Holy Spirit who is doing the witnessing.

This verse applies:

**Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom (Satan's another gospel) shall be preached in all the world (the believer) for a witness unto all nations (the believer's beliefs); and then shall the end come (the return of Christ to convert the apostate Elect believer).**

Below are a couple of parables where Christ teaches about Satan's deceptions coming to a new believer:

**Mat 13:31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed (Early Rain of the Spirit), which a man (Christ) took, and sowed in his field (mankind): 32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds (unclean spirits) of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.**

And here:

**Mat 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven (Satan's lies), which a woman (the Great Harlot) took, and HID in three measures of meal (truth of God), till the whole was leavened.**

Satan's deceptions happen to all new believers and cannot be avoided by anyone.

Now, I will address your point on the value of scripture vs. the witnessing of the Holy Spirit: Both are inseparably linked together and combine to be a witness to a converted believer.

Here's why:

Scripture is a written record of God's Word and God's Word is Christ who lives within a believer. Therefore, scripture is a witness unto a converted believer and is profitable into making them "perfect". It is the Holy Spirit within the believer that makes it possible for scripture to be a witness to the converted believer because it is the Holy Spirit (both the Early and Latter Rains) that gives them spiritual understanding.

Consider this scripture:

**2Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

Now, look at how much Paul relied on scripture:

**Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**

**Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

**Rom 11:12 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,**

**Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.**

**Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

**Gal 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.**

**1Tim 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.**

I could show you more verses but I'm sure you get the point.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

No, I don't get your point, what are you actually trying to achieve by "FORCE"....

Your posting doesn't speak to my heart/ spirit.....you and I are on different levels of understanding.

I can only understand what the witness, the Living Holy Spirit reveals to my heart/ spirit, your understanding of scripture is confusing to me, therefore I ignore it..as God isn't a God of confusion.

R

Dear R \_\_\_\_\_,

You are right, God is not a God of confusion. But Satan is and that is why there is no unity in the apostate churches. With approx. 2,000 different denominations/sects of apostate Christianity, there is still very little truth taught in them.

The tower of Babel and the confusion of languages is a "type" for the apostate church.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Thanks.

R

Another member responded:

Dear FaithWillDo,

May I ask, what do you make of these scriptures below?

**1Pe 4:17-18 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the END be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**

This passage above doesn't say the end of the ungodly and sinner will be salvation/eternal life. I don't see how it can be seen to be indicating a good END here for those who don't obey the gospel. End means end I would think.

**Mat 13:38-42 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall GATHER OUT OF HIS KINGDOM all things that**

**offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Isn't the lake of fire the appointed END for the ungodly and sinner?

**1Co 15:20-24 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S at his coming. Then cometh THE END, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

Doesn't this indicate that the "all" who shall be made alive in Christ...are they who are Christ's...? It could only be referring to all mankind in a potential sense, not actual, since not all come to faith in Christ to be counted as being His.

Christ is said to be the first-fruits of many brethren. Likewise the apostles are also said to be a kind of first-fruits (of many brethren)....due to them saving souls through the gospel.

These verses come to mind as well:

**Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to DESTRUCTION, and many there be which go in thereat**

**Rom 9:18-23 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to DESTRUCTION: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, (the vessels of wrath apparently are not prepared for glory then.)**

**Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to DESTROY both soul and body in hell.**

What I see in scripture is that salvation is the saving of the SOUL....that is what eternal life is....the soul that believes and follows Christ gets to live on for eternity, as opposed to being destroyed. It is either inherit eternal life or perish (ie, be destroyed) like the beasts that perish. If hypothetically some part of a person survives the lake of fire.....it isn't the soul....because the soul is what the lake of fire destroys. That is why I believe it's called the second death....the first death is the destruction of the body in death, the second death is the death/destruction of the soul after it has been raised to face the judgment. All through scripture it



is either inherit eternal life **or** PERISH...be destroyed. It doesn't say anyone can inherit eternal life after being one who perishes. We are being warned about the coming wrath/destruction in order that we might avoid that and so receive eternal life.

L \_\_\_\_\_

Dear L \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

**1Pe 4:17-18 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the END be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**

This passage above doesn't say the end of the ungodly and sinner will be salvation/eternal life. I don't see how it can be seen to be indicating a good END here for those who don't obey the gospel. End means end I would think.

No, it doesn't say that the end of the ungodly will be salvation but it also doesn't say that it won't. It is silent on both outcomes.

What Peter is saying is that judgment comes to the Elect first in this age. It comes to the Elect after they have received both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. This judgment will remove the "chaff" from within the believer so that they will only be governed by the Holy Spirit. After this judgment is complete, the believer will be converted.

This judgment of the Elect is shown in the last part of Rev chapter 19. Since the child of God (Bride) is born PRIOR to judgment coming to the believer, the child of God (who is not judged) will reign with Christ over their own judgment. This is Christ's symbolic way of showing the Elect do not suffer wrath during their time of judgment.

For the "lost" of the final age, judgment will come to them BEFORE they are saved. They, themselves, will be cast into the Lake of Fire (symbol for Christ's judgment) where they will experience wrath. But before they perish (the penalty of sin), Christ will have mercy upon them and give them faith. With this faith, Christ will convert them into children of God who will be gathered up to heaven. The child of the devil (represents their carnal spiritual makeup) will remain in the Lake of Fire and be destroyed. This will satisfy justice.

**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.**

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Isn't the lake of fire the appointed END for the ungodly and sinner?

Yes, but as I presented above, Christ is not willing that any should perish (2Pet 3:9). And because Christ only loves and blesses His enemies, He will have mercy upon them as they are being judged in the Lake of Fire. Before they perish, He will save them.

The parable you quoted happens "within" a single Elect person. They are the field. Both the seed of the Holy Spirit (produces the wheat/child of God) and the seed of the spirit of anti-Christ (produces the tares/child of the devil) are planted within them. The judgment which comes at the "end of the age" (the person's time of conversion) is for the purpose of removing the tares (child of the devil) from the field (the believer) so that only the wheat (child of God) remains and is harvested into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This parable is a teaching on the pathway to salvation that the Elect will travel. It does not apply to the "lost" of the final age.

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The verse says that "all" who died in Adam (that's all mankind) is the same "all" who will be made alive in Christ. In other words, Christ is going to save all mankind just as many other scriptures state.

These two verses below state the same thing:

**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.**

What most believers do not understand is that in this age, Christ is only coming to and saving the chosen Elect. Christ is not working to save anyone else at this time. Since Christ is the Savior, He is the one who decides the timing of a person's salvation. Mankind does not get to choose when they receive their free gift of salvation.

Also, it's not just the apostles who are called first fruits. It is all the people who Christ has chosen to save in this age:

**James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

**Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

The farming analogy is what the Parable of the Wheat & the Tares uses and is where the term "first fruits" comes from. In this age, Christ is harvesting the wheat who are called the first fruits of His harvest of mankind. They are first to be harvested but not the last. There will also be a second harvest of mankind which comes at "year's end".

It is these two harvests of mankind that the Feast of Weeks (First Fruits) and the Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles) represent:

**Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.**

The Feast of Ingathering will occur at year's end (the final age).

You said:

**Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to DESTRUCTION, and many there be which go in there at.**

The strait gate (the straight pathway which represents faith in Christ) leads to life. In this age, only the Elect (the "few") will travel it. For the rest of mankind, their pathway to salvation goes through the wide gate and destruction in the Lake of Fire. But as I have shown, before the lost perish from Christ's judgment, Christ will have mercy upon them and save them.

You said:

**Rom 9:18-23** Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to DESTRUCTION: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, (the vessels of wrath apparently are not prepared for glory then.)

Christ endures "much longsuffering" with the vessels of wrath because He longs to save them. That desire to save mankind is what this verse below is actually teaching:

**Luke 12:49** "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

But to satisfy the purposes of God, Christ must wait until the established time in the final age to save the vessels of wrath. He does this so that He can "make known the riches of His glory" when He displays the vessels of mercy to the vessels of wrath.

The "glory" that the Elect receive comes from them reigning with Christ in the final age. The vessels of wrath will not receive this glory 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 shall receive a reward (**glory of reigning with Christ in the final age**). **15** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss (**no glory the Elect receive**): but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

You said:

**Mat 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to DESTROY both soul and body in hell.

Those who can only kill the body cannot cause the believer to lose their salvation. A believer should not fear them.

Those who can "destroy the soul and body in hell" are those who can kill the believer spiritually. When this happens to a believer, they will lose their salvation. Those who have this ability to kill a believer spiritually are Satan, unclean spirits, and the ministers of Satan in the apostate church.

All new believers will experience becoming apostate after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. However, only the Elect (First Fruits) will also receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit which will restore their salvation.

As for your final comments, they are based on the works of man and the teachings of the

apostate church. Under the New Covenant, mankind must learn to trust in the Lord to save us (that's faith) and He will not disappoint anyone. However, He gets to decide who will be the vessels of mercy and who will be the vessels of wrath. Mankind does not get to make a choice in the matter. In the end, all mankind will be saved and it happens solely by the work of Christ. Can you believe this?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Sorry for taking so long to get back here. Thanks for your replies. So the "end" of the ungodly and sinners who obey not the gospel.....isn't really the end (as opposed to eternal life)..? Same with destruction and perish.....they don't mean quite what they are saying? Are you saying those terms are hyperbole or allegorical somehow?

But what about where it talks about those who perish like the animals? Do animals/beasts receive eternal life?

Psa 49:12

Nevertheless man being in honour **abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.**

Psa 49:20

Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, **is like the beasts that perish.**

2Pe 2:12

But **these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption**

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In Acts it mentions how those who were "appointed to eternal life believed". To me that must mean those who did not believe were not appointed to eternal life. How will they receive eternal life if they are not appointed to receive it?

Sorry to pepper you with so many questions. Trying to make sense of what you are saying.

L

Dear L \_\_\_\_\_,

You asked:

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are saying? Are you saying those terms are hyperbole or allegorical somehow?

I'll try to bring a little more clarity to what I have been presenting.

Firstly, NO ONE but Christ has the ability to obey the gospel and to keep the Lord's commands. In that sense, mankind is like "beasts" who are led by their carnal instincts and who will perish.

Adam and Eve were created spiritually marred and they quickly became carnally minded. Eve even displayed her carnality prior to her sinning in the Garden of Eden.

**Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (LUST OF THE FLESH), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (LUST OF THE EYES), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (PRIDE OF LIFE), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**

It is mankind's carnality that causes mankind to disobey God and to sin. Because of such, mankind has no ability to obey the gospel or to have faith in Christ. Paul makes this point very clear in some of his letters. Here are some of the key statements by Paul:

**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.**

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

**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.**

Also, the Old Covenant (which is based solely on the works of man) was given to prove to mankind that they will always fall short of God's righteousness. As a result, the Old Covenant cannot save mankind because it cannot change mankind from within (spiritually). Unless mankind changes spiritually, mankind will always be carnal & sinful.

Since mankind is sinful (and the penalty of sin is death), John 3:18 says that mankind is "condemned already". As a result, all mankind will perish in the Lake of Fire - either in this age or in the final age. No one can escape this fate. Scripture is full of verses which state this truth.

Here is how to understand John 3:18 - my comments are in blue:

**John 3:18 He (converted person/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.**

Because mankind's destiny is to perish in the Lake of Fire, the only way for Christ to save

mankind is for Christ (by His work alone) to make mankind into a new creation.

The old vessel which is spiritually marred will be destroyed and made into a new vessel by mankind's Potter (Christ):

**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.**

Here is mankind's spiritual makeup:

### **MIND + SPIRIT/HEART = A LIVING SOUL**

Because mankind's spirit/heart is marred, mankind's spiritual nature is carnal. This makes the formula look like this:

### **CARNAL MIND + CARNAL SPIRIT/WICKED HEART = A LIVING SOUL**

To make the necessary spiritual change within mankind without destroying a person's individual consciousness, Christ will come to every person who has ever lived and remove their marred spirit and give them a new spirit.

**Eze 36:26 A new heart (new spirit) also will I give you, and a new spirit (the Holy Spirit) will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

Mankind's carnal mind (which contains our individual consciousness) will not be destroyed, but will be transformed by the new spirit/heart into the mind of Christ. This spiritual process that Christ will perform within mankind is called "conversion". Conversion destroys the old vessel and creates the new vessel.

After a person is converted, they will spiritually no longer be a part of mankind who dwells upon the earth. As a new child of God, the person will dwell with Christ in heaven.

Note: The terms "earth" and "heaven" are "spirit" words (John 6:63, 1Cor 12:3) and they do not represent a literal location - they represent a spiritual state of being.

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I have been asked these types of questions many times on forums. Here is what Paul says is the difference between the Elect who are saved in this age and the balance of mankind who will be saved in the final age:

**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 shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

This scripture is teaching about all mankind who will be judged by Christ. It breaks mankind down into TWO groups. One group is the Elect. The other group is the balance of mankind.

The Elect are chosen by Christ from the foundation of the world to be saved early (as compared to most of mankind). They are the First Fruits of the harvest of mankind. They are called "blessed" because they are the ones who were chosen to receive the reward of being an "heir" to the promises made to Abraham. Their reward is to have "life during the ages and to receive the glory and honor of reigning with Christ in the final age to save the rest of mankind." One other important point is that the Elect do not experience wrath during their time of judgment as will the balance of mankind.

The Elect are blessed not because of anything they have ever done to deserve it. They are blessed solely because it satisfies the purposes of God:

**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.**

Also, (and this is very important), mankind has no say in whether they are saved now or later. There is nothing (no works) that a non-chosen person can do to save themselves in this age AND there is nothing that a chosen person can do to stop from being saved in this age. No one gets to choose. We are all the workmanship of Christ and He is the one who decides when He will save a person.

After Christ converts one of His Elect, many times in scripture they will identify themselves as "bondservants" to Christ. The term "servants" is used in the KJV instead of "bondservant".

All the Elect are considered bondservants because they recognize that it is Christ who causes them to "will and do of His good pleasure":

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

After I have presented this truth above to people on the forums who have asked questions like you have, they will usually give me a negative reply and say that Christ would never operate in this world as I have explained above. They still believe in their own free will abilities to choose for themselves "if and when" they are going accept Christ's free gift of salvation. They reject the teachings of Paul which say "none seeketh after God" and that the natural man considers the things of God to be "foolishness". By believing in free will, they make themselves out to be equal with God, who alone has a free will ability.



Here is scripture's reply to these "believers" who insist that Christ would never operate in this world the way I have explained above:

**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?**

**Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob (**represents the Elect**) have I loved, but Esau (**represents the non-Elect**) have I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.**

We are all at the mercy of Christ to come to each of us and save us. By the end of the final age, it will be testified to be true that Christ really is the Savior of the world:

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

You said:

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Here is the verse when it is incorrectly translated:

**Acts 14:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.**

Here is the verse when it is correctly translated:

**Acts 14:48 And the nations hearing were glad, and were glorifying the word of the Lord, and did believe -- as many as were appointed to life age-during;**

All mankind will receive "life" but only the Elect will receive "life" during the ages. That is one of the rewards the Elect will receive.

The Greek word "anioios" is the adjective form of "aion" which means "age". It should never be translated as "eternal" but because of translator bias, it's frequently translated that way.

Does that scripture makes better sense to you now after seeing its correct translation?

Joe

Dear L \_\_\_\_\_,

My wife read our exchange and she pointed out to me that I didn't really answer your question below:

You asked:

But what about where it talks about those who perish like the animals? Do animals/beasts receive eternal life?

When Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross, He earned the keys to death and hell. Though mankind perishes like beasts, Christ will resurrect the all mankind from the grave at the end of this age. At that time, all mankind will be brought back to life and will appear before Christ's White Throne where He will separate them as sheep from goats.

As for animals being resurrected, I don't know of any scripture that teaches that this will happen.

I also wanted to point out that the word "beasts" is also used as a spiritual symbol. It can represent apostate believers or even Satan. They are called "beasts" because they kill the saints. The word "beasts" does not always mean literal animals.

Below are an examples of where the word "beasts" is symbolic of apostate believers.

I will begin with one of the verses you quoted:

**Psa 49:20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not (referring to apostate believers), is like the beasts that perish.**

**Psa 79:2 The dead bodies of thy servants (the Elect after they are spiritually killed by Satan) have been given to be meat (false teachings) unto the fowls of the heaven (unclean spirits), the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth (apostate believers).**

**Job 35:10 But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; 11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth (apostate believers), and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven (unclean spirits)?**

**2Pet 2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts (apostate believers), made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.**

Satan is even represented by the word "beast" because he is the "head" of the apostate church (Christ is the head of converted believers/the true church):

**Psa 30:30 A lion (Satan) which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;**

**1Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Whew, I'm finding it's a lot to parse and chew on and I'm not young any more. Just can't get my head around it all right now, so I'll have to let it percolate and simmer on a back burner for a while and see if anything cooks up.....asking the Lord to sift this.

L \_\_\_\_\_

Dear L \_\_\_\_\_,

I highly recommend that you pray for understanding. That is what the Lord caused me to do many years ago when He was ready to convert me. Christ responded by giving me the Latter Rain of the Spirit which opened up my understanding. It was the greatest day of my life!

My conversion testimony is posted on my website which is shown under my member name.

One final point: the apostate church is consuming "hidden" leaven (false teachings) in the loaf of bread that Satan feeds them. The whole loaf of bread is leavened which means there is a lot to "unlearn" after an Elect believer comes out from the apostate church.

**Mat 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman ([man's carnal nature/Great Harlot](#)) took ([from Satan](#)), and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**

The leaven is hidden in the bread which explains why the apostate church believes that they are the true church. A person cannot know that they are under Satan's deceptions while it is happening. That is the nature of deception.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Joe

L \_\_\_\_\_ responded a few day later from seeing my posts to E \_\_\_\_\_.

Dear FaithWillDo,

...or maybe there are some things that are just wrong, because I am not sure anyone can be said to know all truth. I believe what you are saying about Goliath is true. (A couple of years ago or so, the Lord "spoke" the number two to me...ever since then so many "two's" have been cropping up!)

The concept of free will I believe is somewhere in the middle between the two poles.... so to speak. The Lord is sovereign, that is true....and I do "hear" those examples of scripture you are bringing.....yet, for example, if scripture warns against sinning wilfully then we must have some free agency to exercise our will. Maybe it's the difference between heaven's overarching point of view and our limited earthly realm or something like that. I do believe God chooses us, not that we choose Him, because no man can come to Christ except the Father draws him. But on the other hand a person can harden their heart and resist the Holy Spirit.

In 2 Peter 3 I believe the thousand years is as a day is speaking of the time of God's long-suffering (grace), if we read it carefully. Which age we are in now.

And I believe we are saved and redeemed when we come to faith....there are scriptures that say so, but then we need to learn and grow and apprehend, as the Spirit leads us into all truth. We are covered by His grace and full members of the family of God in the meantime, just as children are members and heirs in any family even though young. But then there is also the further salvation and redemption of our physical bodies after we die, when mortality puts on immortality.

I agree with the principle that the Lord speaks to us in parables...allegories, spiritual language...but I am cautious of not wanting to overshoot the mark. We can fall short of the mark and also I have seen how we can overshoot the mark as well. I don't want to walk ahead of the Lord, but only be LED by Him, if and when and where He leads, according to His will and wisdom.

L\_\_\_\_\_

Dear L\_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

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What you said above sounds reasonable but it is not true according to what God's Word teaches. You must remember that God's ways are not mankind's ways. What sounds reasonable to mankind may not be true at all.

I recommend that you read all of Romans chapter 9. It teaches about how God deals with mankind in this world. Some people are chosen to be vessels of honor (Elect) and some are not. Paul even says that God is the one who causes people to sin. God does this because it suits His purposes for this creation.

Here is one of the key passages of chapter 9:

**Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault (for when a person sins)?**

**For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repleist 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 honour, and another unto dishonour?**

Evidently, Paul was asked about why God still finds fault with mankind for their sin since (as Paul had taught them) it is God who is the one who causes mankind to sin in the first place. To mankind, this "way" just doesn't sound fair.

The apostate church rejects the truth that Paul taught in Rom 9:19-21. In place of that truth, the apostate church teaches that God would never cause mankind to sin, but rather, mankind sins because they make a "free will" choice to sin. And because mankind makes a free will choice to sin, mankind must also make a free will choice to accept or reject Christ's free gift of salvation.

These false teachings of the apostate church are founded upon the lie that mankind has a free will ability to direct their own steps. With this lie, they justify why unbelievers are worthy of hell and why they are not. By doing so, they make themselves out to be wiser, smarter or just not as evil as those who continue to reject Christ. This belief in their own "works" makes for a very self-righteous person. But to Christ, it is nothing more than filthy rags.

According to scripture, mankind sins because it is God's "will" for mankind to sin. Why does God do this? The answer is because mankind's sin will teach mankind the difference between "good and evil" - knowledge that God desires for His children to have.

**Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:**

Consider these verses below which teach who is responsible for mankind's sin:

**Prov 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.**

**Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.**

**Ecc 7:13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?**

**Isa 45: 7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.**

**Isa 63:17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.**

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

**Ezek 14:9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.**

**Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?**

Because God is responsible for mankind's sin, God took responsibility to correct our sinfulness. To do this, God sent Christ into the world to save the world. Christ began His work of saving mankind by becoming the perfect blood sacrifice for the sins of the world so as to comply with the Law of God. Next, to correct mankind's sinning ways, Christ established a new covenant with mankind where He would do all the necessary spiritual works to change mankind from within. By these spiritual works, mankind will be made into a new creation and will never sin again.

By the end of the next and final age, God will have many new children (all mankind) who are like Him in knowledge and in character. This is the purpose for this creation and is the meaning of life that eludes most people.

You said:

**I don't want to walk ahead of the Lord, but only be LED by Him, if and when and where He leads, according to His will and wisdom.**

This is a very wise statement and it is in line with what scripture teaches about how a person learns the truth of God. It is my fault for exposing you to "too much" of the higher level truths of God when you are not ready to receive them.

**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.**

Scripture teaches that truth is received "line upon line and precept upon precept". In other words, it is like constructing a building. You must start with the foundation, then onto the lower levels and finally onto the higher levels. If you try to build on the higher levels before the lower levels are complete, the truth of the higher levels will escape you. When a believer does this, it causes error in their understanding.

The foundation of truth starts with "Christ and Him crucified" (the physical work of Christ). All

that is required to be able to receive this truth is the Early Rain of the Spirit. But after this truth is received, the next levels of truth require a spiritual ability in order to understand and receive the teachings of the New Covenant. It is these spiritual teachings of the New Covenant that are greatly misunderstood by the apostate church.

After Christ pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit and heals an Elect believer's spiritual blindness, they will have a great deal of false teachings to unlearn.

The first truth that Christ teaches a believer after they have received the Latter Rain is the truth that the Doctrine of Free Will is completely false. It is that false doctrine that is the foundation of the apostate church's belief in "works". After that doctrine falls and is replaced with the truth that salvation comes to mankind solely by the works of Christ, the believer will finally have true faith in Christ.

True faith is trusting Christ for every need and every step that a person takes to become a full aged son of God (salvation). After they "come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim 2:3-6), they will come to know that their own works have been nothing but filthy rags and not the white robes that they thought they were wearing when they were under Satan's influence.

In conjunction with their restored faith, the believer will "see" the Abomination of Desolation (Mat 24:15) that previously occurred within themselves when they were under Satan's influence. At this point, they have come out of Satan's deceptions. The knowledge of this truth will bring destruction to the "man of sin" who they had become in the apostate church.

This verse applies:

**2Thes 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming (this is when the man of sin is cast into the Lake of Fire, Rev 19:20):**

Now that the true Christ has been revealed to the believer, the next truth they will be able to receive is the truth that Christ is truly the Savior of the world. They will quickly learn this truth because they now know that mankind's salvation is totally in the hands of Christ and not in the individual's hand. And since Christ has said that He will save all mankind, they now have the necessary faith to believe Him.

I hope this helps a little.

Joe

L \_\_\_\_\_ responded and her comments are in my post:

Dear L \_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

Oh dear, „God doesn't "cause" mankind to sin.....bible says we sin when we are drawn away and tempted by our own lusts etc, and that HE does not tempt anyone. Can't agree with your take on this.....it gives license for people to be irresponsible and fatalistic. That is not how the Lord says or does things.

Christ created Adam and Eve in a spiritually marred condition which caused them to become carnally minded. Christ did this on purpose since God never makes mistakes. God's purpose for their marred spiritual condition was to cause them to sin (be subject to vanity/sinfulness).

**Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,**

Also, you are right when you say that God does not tempt anyone. That is why God made mankind spiritually marred and carnal so that it would do the tempting.

Christ also created Satan to tempt mankind as well. Look at the verses below and see how Christ uses Satan to do His work:

**2 Sam 24:1 And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.**

So how did the Lord move David to number Israel? The Lord sent Satan to do it:

**1 Chron 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**

You said:

Do you believe the Lord controls us like puppets? I don't think it's like that. And the bible says explicitly that we are elect according to His foreknowledge.

Do you feel like a puppet? I certainly don't - but at the same time, I understand that it is the Lord who directs my steps and gives me the answer of my tongue. He is the one who causes me to "will and do of HIS GOOD PLEASURE (Phi 2:13). Just because I have no ability to perceive His spiritual work which He does within me, it does not mean that He is not doing it.

As for "foreknowledge", God is not a fortuneteller who looks into the future and sees how things turn out. I know that apostate believers use the verse on foreknowledge to claim that God looks into the future and sees who accepts Christ. They say that God then turns around and claims that He "chose" the Elect in the first place. This explanation for how God chooses His Elect is blasphemy. I hope you don't believe this way.

Here is where God's foreknowledge comes from:

**Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning (foreknowledge), 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 God will accomplish all things exactly as He has said. He accomplishes them by His work.

You said:

I agree that repentance is "granted".....but an individual may harden their heart and resist the Holy Spirit when He comes calling....or their heart may be open to the Lord and soft.....often due to the Lord having prepared their hearts through afflictions of life experiences that He allowed the devil to inflict. But not because of controlling anyone.

The Holy Spirit does not "come calling". Christ either gives the Spirit to a person or He doesn't. Once Christ has given the Spirit to a person, their heart and mind will be changed. After it is changed, they can no longer reject Christ.

**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.**

Paul's conversion experience is a "type" which presents how Christ saves each of His Elect. As Paul traveled on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians, Christ came to Paul and give Paul the Early Rain of the Spirit. After Christ did, Paul fell to His knees and called Jesus "Lord". Paul then submitted to Christ's authority over him and asked the Lord "what do you want me to do"?

And just as Paul entered the church, so will all the Elect. Christ comes to His temple "suddenly" just as He came to Paul. A person's "will" plays no part in it. Salvation happens to the Elect only because it was God's "will" for it to happen. And because it is God's "will", Christ will do all the necessary spiritual works to make it happen. The person has no works to perform to receive the Holy Spirit. It is freely given to them.

**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.**

You said:

Scripture says the mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs their steps.....both sides of this equation are true....the mind of man exercises his will to plan his way, while the Lord may open or close doors or otherwise direct how things go. Eg, many planned to go to work in the World Trade Centre towers on 9/11 but we have testimonies of many having impediments put in their way so that they weren't able to show up for work on time and so their lives were spared.

Yes, mankind has a "will" and a "mind". With the mind, a person has thoughts, beliefs and can "make plans". But it is God who directs their steps as to what they believe and do, even to the point that the words which come out of their mouths are caused by God. In God's creation, God leaves nothing up to chance or to mankind's "will". Everything that happens, happens because God has caused it to happen, either directly or indirectly.

God is powerful and He will do with His creation as He sees fit. Nothing can stop Him:

**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?**

Joe

L\_\_\_\_\_ responded and we decided to end our discussion.