

#95 FORUM POST ON THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Dear all,

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I believe this answers to the “vessels of destruction” and “vessels of mercy” (Rom 9:22, 23). For God to be fair, He cannot bestow mercy on vessels of destruction. People must want God of their own volition, then He “draws” them (Jhn 6:44), otherwise it wouldn’t be fair. If He was the One to cause one to desire Himself, everyone would be saved, because He would cause everyone to desire Him. Christ chooses us first, because we didn’t know we would be choosing Him; but He knew we would choose Him! Of course a bit difficult to explain, but this is what I’ve believed for 50 years now.

NC

Dear NC,

You said (my comments are in red):

I do not choose to believe that God, for no known reason, chooses some to salvation and not others, for any reason! **(FALSE, ALL WILL BE SAVED BUT ONLY A FEW WILL BE HEIRS/FIRST FRUITS)** The definite supposition is that God cannot be “prejudice,” He would be a “respector of persons” if He also saved the unbelievers. **(WE ARE ALL UNBELIEVERS UNTIL CHRIST FREELY GIVES US THE SPIRIT, 1COR 12:3)** He would be breaking His own law for them, which is reject God and perish; **(THAT IS WHY CHRIST WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO REMAIN AN UNBELIEVER. HE WILL GIVE EVERYONE THE SPIRIT PRIOR TO THEM PERISHING IN THE LAKE OF FIRE)** Luk 20:21; Act 10:34; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25; 1Pe 1:17. Therefore it’s my belief that God only chooses those whom He knows are going to choose Him **(FALSE, THIS BELIEF IS BLASPHEMY)**. When the Potter is working the clay He already knows who will or will not choose to be saved (God’s omniscient). **(GOD’S FOREKNOWLEDGE COMES FROM THE CERTAINTY THAT HIS WORK WILL ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING HE HAS SPOKEN)**

I believe this answers to the “vessels of destruction” and “vessels of mercy” (Rom 9:22, 23). For God to be fair, He cannot bestow mercy on vessels of destruction. People must want God of their own volition, **(NOT POSSIBLE: ROM 3:10 & 8:7, 1COR 2:14)** then He “draws” them (Jhn 6:44), otherwise it wouldn’t be fair. **(HE DRAWS THEM BY FREELY GIVING THEM THE EARLY RAIN OF THE SPIRIT)** If He was the One to cause one to desire Himself, everyone would be saved because He would cause everyone to desire Him. **(THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT**

IS GOING TO HAPPEN/CHRIST WILL CHANGE THE HEARTS & MINDS OF ALL MANKIND BY FREELY GIVING EACH PERSON THE SPIRIT AT A TIME OF HIS CHOOSING) Christ chooses us first, because we didn't know we would be choosing Him; but He knew we would choose Him! **(BLASPHEMY AGAIN)** Of course a bit difficult to explain, but this is what I've believed for 50 years now. **(IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN BECAUSE IT IS NOT TRUE)**

Your beliefs which you expressed above do not come from God's Word. They come from the teachings of the apostate church.

First of all, Christ came into the world to save all mankind and not just the people who are supposedly wise enough to choose Him.

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

Do you believe this verse above? If you say "yes", then why do you believe Christ is going to fail in this mission? Is Christ that weak?

The gospel you are following mixes man's works (Old Covenant/Old Wine) with the works of Christ (New Covenant/New Wine). Because of this mixing, the salvation of a person becomes dependent upon the person doing "something" in order to make themselves worthy of the free gift. This "something" is a work of man. Because you say mankind controls their own destiny, you are also saying that Christ does not have the ability to save all mankind even though He may have the desire to save them all (you are saying that Christ's hands are tied by mankind's "free will" ability).

Your beliefs above are contrary to God's Word and are actually quite blasphemous.

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.

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?

Satan is the god of this world and his gospel teaches the "crooked way" of trying to make oneself worthy of salvation. That is why scripture says that Satan is the "crooked serpent". The crooked

way is also called religion.

Satan's crooked gospel is based upon mixing the works of man (even just one work will qualify) with the works of Christ. In other words, Satan's false gospel is teaching that the works of Christ are insufficient to save a person - that the person must at least contribute something from within themselves to qualify for God's grace. When a believer does this mixing of the old and new covenants, they are trying to serve two masters which will cause their house to fall. This is the one and only sin that a believer can commit that leads to death (loss of salvation). For that reason, the "sin that leads to death" is the primary teaching of Satan's false gospel and is how he builds his apostate church.

Under the New Covenant, Christ does all (100%) of the work of saving mankind. For that reason, salvation is a certainty for all mankind. Christ will not cease from His work until the last person who has ever lived is saved.

Before Christ came into the world, He had already established a plan to accomplish His great work of saving mankind.

In this age, Christ is ONLY bringing in the "first fruits" of His harvest. They are the Elect who were chosen for this blessing before the foundation of the world. They contributed nothing toward their elect status. They were chosen ONLY because it suited 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.

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:

God is not a fortuneteller who looks into the future to see who will accept Christ; and then with that foreknowledge, He turns around and claims that He chose the person from the foundation of the world. This false belief makes God out to be a liar and thief. Can't you see how blasphemous this belief is?

For the balance of mankind who were not chosen to be harvested early, they will receive their free gift of salvation in the next and final age. I call this age the Lake of Fire age.

The Lake of Fire is a spiritual symbol which represents Christ's judgment of the mankind. It is not a literal place.

All mankind will experience and die in Christ's Lake of Fire because it is a necessary component of the conversion process that a person must go through to be made into a new creation (a son of God).

The old vessel must be destroyed so that the new vessel can be 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.

At the start of the final age, the "lost" (the goats) will be under the judgment of the Law for their sins. Under that judgment, death is the only outcome. However, before the "lost" perish by this judgment, Christ will have mercy upon them:

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.

Christ's MERCY will come to the "lost" in the form of the Early Rain of the Spirit which will give them FAITH. With this faith, the pathway for Christ will be made straight for Him to come to them a second time to give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, the person will be born as a child of God who will be gathered up to heaven. The child of the Devil (who they used to be/old vessel) will remain in the Lake of Fire to perish. This death will satisfy JUSTICE.

By the end of the final age, mankind will cease to exist but the Kingdom of Heaven will be that much fuller; to be testified in "due time":

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

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Hi Joe, and thanks for the replies! It's my understanding that all who are saved are "heirs of salvation" (Heb 1:14; Rom 11:16; Gal 4:7).

NC

Dear NC,

The "heirs" are the Elect and are the only people who Christ is saving in this age. They are the "chosen generation" (1Pet 2:9) who will receive the inheritance/rewards. The rewards include life DURING the ages and the honor of reigning with Christ in the final age over the balance of mankind. That reign is a reign of service and love for the purpose of bringing in the great final harvest of mankind.

When that "last day" arrives, this call will go out:

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast (Feast of Ingathering/Tabernacles), Jesus stood and cried, saying, if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride (the Elect/heirs) say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

The "called" but not chosen believers will remain unconverted and in an apostate condition when they die. They will not be heirs (The Parable of the Prodigal Son applies). They will be resurrected to judgment and will receive their "portion with the unbelievers" at the end of the final age. At that time, they will be saved along with the rest of mankind who are with them in the Lake of Fire (represents Christ's administration of judgment by the Law).

Luke 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

1Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he (the Elect/heir) 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.

Just before the ages come to a close, all who have died in Adam will have been made alive in Christ:

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

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.

Salvation is a free gift. It does not have to be earned or even "received" by mankind (as some

claim). It is freely given to mankind.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

To me, Heb 10:26 is addressing someone who discovers the "knowledge of the truth" (i.e. "receives the knowledge of the truth" e.g. the Gospel), and instead of accepting it to live by it they continue on in their sinful life without being born again.

NC

Dear NC,

No person can "discover" the knowledge of the truth while they are still in their natural state they have from birth:

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

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

Truth is a gift from Christ. Christ gives His truth to an Elect person in TWO segments.

The first segment comes to all new believers after Christ gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Early Rain of the Spirit will give the person a "measure of faith" and the knowledge that Jesus is truly the Christ. This is when they will enter the church and will be a part of the "many" who have been called to be saints. It is these type of believers who made up the bulk of the churches that the Apostles started. Scripturally speaking, these new believers were spiritual "babes". They could understand "Christ and Him crucified" (1Cor 2:2) but not much else because the Early Rain of the Spirit did not heal their spiritual blindness.

This scripture applies:

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 (by Satan).

After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit and is drawing milk, Satan will come along and deceive them through the spirit of anti-Christ (Satan takes advantage of their spiritual

blindness, Mat 12:43-45). It is at this point that the new believer will "fall backward, and be broken, and snared and taken".

Shortly after Paul's death, experiencing the apostasy has happened to all new believers.

The new believer will remain in this apostate condition until they die (non-Elect) or until Christ comes to them a second time and gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit (Elect).

With the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the Elect believer's spiritual blindness will be healed and they will then be able to receive the spiritual truth of the New Covenant. This is the second segment of truth that I mentioned above.

Using the marriage analogy, the engagement to Christ occurs when a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit. At this point, the new believer becomes a chaste virgin. They must remain in this chaste condition while they wait for the Bridegroom (Christ) to return. However, because all new believers are spiritually blind, Satan will come to them and deceive them. From Satan's deceptions, the virgin will spiritually fornicate with Satan (accept His false gospel of mixing works with faith) and will no longer be chaste.

For the Elect only, Christ will come again and give the fallen away believer the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the believer will be restored and will become a chaste virgin again who is ready to return with the Bridegroom for the marriage to take place ("marriage of the Lamb"). Immediately after the marriage ceremony, the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" will begin. During this supper, Christ will feed His new bride His spiritual truth of bread and New Wine. This supper is also the spiritual fulfillment of the physical Lord's Supper mentioned below:

Mat 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day (day of salvation for the Elect believer) when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

You said:

...instead of accepting it to live by it they continue on in their sinful life without being born again.

That is not what Paul means by willfully sinning. He is talking about the sin of adding works to faith. When a person does this, they are mixing the Old Covenant with the New Covenant.

A person is only "born again" after they have been given both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. After they are converted, they will only walk by faith (no mixing in of their own works).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Let's just say "after they receive the knowledge the knowledge of the truth" and continued to willfully sin, which means they learned of the knowledge of the truth, but chose not to follow it.

NC

Dear NC,

The knowledge that Paul is referring to is the knowledge that Christ performs all the necessary work of saving a person. With this knowledge, the foundational belief of "repentance from dead works" is laid (Heb 6:1). When a person believes that they must add to Christ's work for their salvation, they are committing the sin that leads to death which will cause them to fall from grace (Gal 5:4).

Paul was not talking about willingly sinning in general terms. Paul was talking about a very specific sin - one which He fully explained earlier in Hebrews chapter 10.

Paul also explained that sin in Hebrews chapter 6. In that chapter, Paul mentions it has the sin that causes a believer to "fall away":

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and age-enduring judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit. 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come 6 if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance: seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

In contrast to the sin that leads to death, Paul discusses sin in general terms in Romans chapter 6. No where in that chapter does Paul ever mention that a believer will lose their salvation for continuing in those sins. In that chapter, Paul also explains how the Old Man (a spiritual symbol for the carnal mind), who causes a believer to sin, dies. Paul says it is a slow death like being crucified on the cross with Christ.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our Old Man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Also, John the Baptist is a "type" for the Old Man. John made this statement below and it applies to the slow nature of transforming the carnal mind (Old Man) into the mind of Christ:

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

This verse below also applies:

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments (chastisements of Christ) are in the (New) Earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

In case you are not aware, the New Earth is a spiritual symbol for the new spiritual nature that the Holy Spirit gives a believer. The Old (Natural) Earth is a spiritual symbol for man's carnal nature.

It is from the New Earth that the chastisements of Christ come into the believer's mind. When those judgments are complete, the believer's carnal mind will have been transformed into the mind of Christ.

Also, the Old Man's time of judgment coincides with the maturing process of the new child of God.

As the new child of God matures (increases) from consuming bread and New Wine (knowledge of the truth), the judgment which comes from this new knowledge will decrease the influence of the Old Man. When this process is fully completed, the believer's carnal mind will be transformed into the mind of Christ:

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the Old Man (carnal mind) with his deeds; 10 And have put on the New Man (mind of Christ), which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him; 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

After the death of the Old Man, the believer will be a fully matured son of God.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Hi, and thanks for your replies! Concerning the "old man," we died to it ([Rom 8:9](#)), but it is not dead to us. It continues to attempt to tempt us to want to sin and this is where the testing is; but those reborn only want to "please God" ([Phl 2:13](#)). We can't have the old man and not sin at all.

Nowhere does Scripture say the old man is dead, just crucified ([Rom 6:6](#)), to restrain it from having "dominion" over the believer ([Rom 6:14](#)). Dominion is the old man's ability to cause one to desire sin, so the believer doesn't desire sin.

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impulsive, e.g. not "presumptuous" ([Num 15:30](#)), like anger, jealousy, etc., nothing like willful sin--big difference. I don't know any Christians that intentionally sin!

God bless!

NC

Dear NC,

Before I respond, I want to define certain "spirit" words along with their synonymous terms:

Old Man: Carnal mind. Called the head and also the "man of sin" after it has been made "worse than the first"). Typed by Adam.

Woman: Carnal spiritual nature. Also called the wicked heart/Old Earth/Harlot/Great Harlot/Old Jerusalem/Sodom/Damascus, etc. Typed by Eve.

When Adam and Eve were married, they become "one flesh". This "one flesh" consisted of a carnal mind and a carnal spiritual nature.

You said:

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I have heard this argument many times before about there being two types of sin (non-intentional and intentional). However, this belief is not valid and has no scriptural support. If a believer knows something to be sinful and they do it anyway, their sin is intentional. Jealousy or anger are no different, because like all sin, they both originate from the heart and enter the mind which acts upon it.

To be able to stop sinning, our heart must be changed. For our heart to be changed, we must be converted. The work of conversion is solely the responsibility of Christ to perform - and He is the one who chooses when it will be done, not the individual. In this age, Christ is only converting the Elect who have been chosen for this blessing from the foundation of the world. No one else will be saved in this age.

Conversion occurs after Christ has given a person BOTH the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, immediately followed by judgment. The judgment portion of conversion is what removes and destroys our carnal spiritual nature/Great Harlot/wicked heart (shown in Mat 24:41 & Rev chapter 18). The Apostles experienced their conversion on the Day of Pentecost and Paul experienced his conversion after being in Damascus for three days.

After a person is converted, they are a new spiritual creation. However, since the carnal mind is not destroyed at the time of conversion, it still has many sinful habits and beliefs that must be judged and removed. That is the purpose of Christ's chastisements and the Marriage Supper of

the Lamb (when truth is fed to the believer). Those chastisements and knowledge of the truth come from the person's new heart/new spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit (Isa 26:9). This spiritual process is slow (like crucifixion) and takes time to be fully complete. It is the same spiritual process that matures a child of God into a perfect man, full of age (Eph 4:13, James 3:2 & Heb 5:14). After it is complete, the person will only walk by the Spirit and will no longer sin. They will then be like Christ.

Again, the "willful sin" is when a believer mixes their own works with faith. It is the ONLY sin that leads to death because it removes a believer from being covered by the blood of Christ under the New Covenant. Man's "works" are what the Old Covenant is based upon and when a believer returns to works, they return to the Old Covenant. When a person is under the Old Covenant, they are still under the Law.

Scripture teaches that a person will only come out from being under the Law after they have received BOTH the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit (taught by the story of the woman taken in adultery). That is why believers who only have the Early Rain of the Spirit remain under the Law. They always return to their dead works - even if it is only their belief in their free will ability to "receive" the gift of salvation. When a believer has accepted this false doctrine of free will, they believe that they are smarter, wiser or just not as evil as those who reject Christ. But the truth is, they only accepted Jesus as their "Lord" because Christ chose to give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. And likewise, for those who reject Christ, it is only because Christ chose NOT to give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. In Christ' eyes, a fallen away believer (back to works) is "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43:45) and will receive a more difficult judgment in the Lake of Fire than the unbelievers.

Joe

NC replied and his response is copied into my post below:

Dear NC,

You said:

The Lake of Fire will not include children, just adults. There's no way God would send a child to the Lake of Fire if they die as a child. Only if they live long enough to willfully reject God; and He of course already knows all who will choose to be right with Him! Everybody that should be saved will be saved ([Jhn 18:9](#)).

This is not true. All mankind will be judged by the Lake of Fire (Christ's judgment). It is a necessary component of conversion.

Rev 19:20-21 shows when the Elect are judged in the Lake of Fire and Rev 20:15 shows when the rest of mankind are judged in the Lake of Fire.

Christ made this statement below because He longed to save mankind, not harm them:

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

Christ is not a monster who judges a person by tormenting them in literal fire for all eternity. This is a lie that comes from the apostate church.

When Christ judges a person in the Lake of Fire, He will not omit justice, mercy and faith during their judgment.

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.

Christ shows the "lost" mercy by giving them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With the Early Rain of the Spirit, the person will have faith which will make His pathway straight for Him to come to them a second time and pour out the Latter Rain. The person will then be born again as a child of God and be gathered up to heaven (spiritually speaking). The child of the devil (who they used to be) will remain in the Lake of Fire until he is destroyed. This is conversion. All mankind will experience it.

Finally, those who choose Christ, do so ONLY because Christ gave them the Spirit which caused them to accept Him as 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.

Before the foundation of the world, it was decided by God who would receive the Spirit and salvation during this age. Those Elect believers did not choose Christ (that implies "works" on their part). The truth is that Christ chose them.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it 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.

The Doctrine of Free Will is a lie of the apostate church. It is the primary cause that leads a person to commit the sin that leads to death (mixing works with faith).

You said:

If one sins on purpose (intentionally or willfully - e.g. Heb 10:26), they are either not matured enough yet, or they are not truly saved!

That is true.

The believers who are not truly saved are the ones who have only been given the Early Rain of the Spirit. Since they have not been converted, they remain carnally minded and spiritually blind. These believers are apostate and are being spiritually governed by the spirit of anti-Christ rather than the Holy Spirit. They make up the nearly 2,000 different denominations/sects of Christianity in the world. They believe they are following Christ but they are not - they are following Satan who is masquerading as Christ.

2Cor 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

God has sent each of these believers a "strong delusion" so that they will believe the lie that Satan is Christ. They are utterly deceived.

2Thes 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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.

No one who receives the Early Rain of the Spirit can avoid their time in the apostate church. The strong delusion is too powerful.

These believers are "many".

The believers who are converted (the Elect) but still sin are children of God. Christ has not yet completed their chastising judgment to mature them into a perfect man. However, Christ will complete His work within them before they die. Their salvation is a certainty because it happens by the work of Christ who cannot fail.

These believers are "few".

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Not sure what you mean by "judged by the Lake of Fire." "Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" ([Rev 20:15](#)). Everyone who enters there "shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" ([Rev 20:10](#)).

NC

Dear NC,

The teachings of the New Covenant are written in Christ's spiritual language. That language uses "spirit" words that carry meanings that are different than what man's wisdom teaches. The spirit word "Lake of Fire" is a symbol and it means Christ's judgment. It is not a literal place of fire and it certainly does not last "for ever and ever". That phrase "aion aion" should be translated as "ages of the ages". This correct translation can be proven by its usage in other scripture. It was only translated incorrectly to support the apostate church's false teaching of an eternal hell.

Look at this verse below which uses "for ever and ever":

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Here is the correct translation:

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for the ages of the ages.

Now compare how long Christ's reign lasts in the scripture below:

1Cor 15:25 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Clearly, Paul believed that Christ's reign will come to an end someday. And it will after all mankind has been converted into children of God and sin is no more. At this point, death will be defeated and Christ's reign will come to an end because Christ has completed the mission His Father gave Him to complete:

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

It will then be testified to be true that Christ is truly mankind's Savior:

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.

Christ is not the failure that the apostate church makes Him out to be.

One last point: In this age, Christ is only bringing in the harvest of the chosen First Fruits. They are the heirs and will be the only ones found written in the Book of Life because they are the only ones who have been converted. Conversion requires judgment to remove the "chaff" (things that make them carnal) from within a person. In the final age, Christ will turn His attention to the rest of mankind (the main harvest) and start working to save them as well. The Lake of Fire is not a place that is literally burning with fire. The torment the "lost" experience is mental torment. Also, since Christ is judging the "lost" by the Law, the penalty of their sin is death. But before they perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the faith they need to be saved (Mat 23:23). Look at these scriptures that teach about Christ's 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.

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.

Amos 5:24 But let judgment run down as waters (water is the symbol for the Holy Spirit), and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Prov 28:5 Evil men (the apostate church is most certainly evil) 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.

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

Mat 21:31 Which of the two was obeying his father?" They replied, "The first, of course." Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I assure you, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do (judgment is not eternal but is for the purpose of saving the lost, even those who crucified Christ).

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 (those in the Book of Life) shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss (not be an heir): but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (Christ's judgment/Lake of Fire).

Mankind uses judgment for evil purposes. Christ uses judgment to make mankind righteous because His judgment cleanses mankind of the chaff that makes them evil. In this way, Christ loves His enemies and does good to them:

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Which God do you follow? The one (the true Christ) who is loving and merciful to His enemies or the one (Satan) who hates His enemies and torments them in literal fire for all eternity with no loving purpose to it?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

We have differing comprehensions concerning the Lake of Fire, in that Scriptures use of it requires the literal use. For how could the damned be sent there if it's not literal. The entirety of God's condemnation completely rests on it being real. God bless!

NC

Dear NC,

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

John clearly says that the vision is "signified". In other words, it uses spiritual symbols to teach its truth. All the New Covenant teachings are the same way. They use Christ's spiritual language which utilizes analogies, parables, "types" and prophecies to teach the spiritual truth of the New Covenant. And within those teachings, Christ uses "spirit" words which are similar to the spiritual symbols used by the book of Revelation.

Paul even said that He teaches the New Covenant truth in the same manner:

1Cor 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Cor 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which

the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

To understand the meanings of spiritual symbols, Paul says to "compare spiritual things (words) with spiritual. In other words, we must look to other scripture and see how the symbol is used elsewhere and then with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the meaning of the symbol can be discerned.

Almost none of the New Covenant teachings can be understood by a believer unless they have received the Latter Rain of the Spirit and have had their spiritual blindness healed. When the scales fell off of Paul eyes after He received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, it represented the healing of his spiritual blindness. Mark 8:15-25 teaches this same truth by "type".

Also, consider what this scripture says:

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 (the converted Elect). 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 (parables/analogies /types/prophecies) and another language (Christ's 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).

Only Elect believers who have been converted and have been weaned from the breasts have the spiritual ability to understand the teachings of Christ under the New Covenant. Spiritual "babes" who have only received the Early Rain of the Spirit will remain carnally minded and spiritually blind. In that condition, the truth of Christ will remain concealed from their understanding. Then because their house remains empty of the truth, Satan will come to them via the spirit of anti-Christ and deceive them. After Satan does, the believer will lose their salvation and enter the apostate church. Spiritually speaking, the believer is now "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43-45) and has become a "man of sin".

In contrast to the way the New Covenant is taught by Christ, the Old Covenant teachings are literal and written for carnal mankind to understand. That is why "babes" have no problem understanding Christ's physical work which He did under the Old Covenant - work which led Him to the cross. This is why Paul made the statement below to the spiritual "babes" in the Corinthian church:

1Cor 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Cor 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye

were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

The reason the Corinthian church could not receive the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant was because they had only received the Early Rain of the Spirit. They were still carnally minded and spiritually blind. They could receive the carnal teachings of "Christ and Him crucified" but the spiritual truths of the New Covenant remained veiled to them.

Below is an easy example on the spiritual teachings of Christ where Christ uses the spiritual symbol "sword".

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.

Does Christ really mean that if you use a sword to kill others, then you must likewise be killed with a sword? Literally, that is what He is saying. However, if we understand this verse literally, that statement can easily be proven to be false. There are countless examples of people who have used violence to kill others but then do not die from that same type of violence - it almost goes without saying.

Is Christ mistaken or is His message something else?

The spiritual language of the Word of God utilizes the Hebrew and Greek languages. However, Christ assigns meanings to the Hebrew and Greek words which are different from how they are commonly defined by mankind (1Cor 2:13).

In **Matt 26:52**, Christ is using the word SWORD to teach us a spiritual message. To understand what this spiritual symbol represents, we must look at how it is used elsewhere in scripture. In other words, we must compare spiritual things with spiritual.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edge sword...

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...

From the verses presented above, it is easy to understand that the spiritual word SWORD represents the Word of God who is Christ.

Christ's hidden spiritual point He is making in **Matt 26:52** is that all who take up the Sword

(those who are given the Early Rain of the Spirit), must perish (death of the carnal nature) by the Sword. This death is a necessary part of the conversion process which happens when the Word of God (Christ, the Sword) comes to a person and gives them the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire (judgment of the carnal nature):

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.

This same conversion event is what the Apostles experienced on the Day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of FIRE, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the HOLY SPIRIT, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In the spiritual language of Christ, the Apostles took up the Sword and then died by the SWORD.

As I have been saying in my other posts, salvation and the knowledge of the truth is reserved for ONLY the converted Elect during this age. All others will try to understand the teachings of Christ but will do so only in a carnal way (as you are doing). When they do this, they will fall backward, be broken, and snared and taken by Satan.

One final point: the story of the Tower of Babel is a physical "type" which teaches a spiritual truth. This "type" is fulfilled by the nearly 2,000 different denominations/sects of the apostate church in this world - all of which teach their own versions of the truth. Their language is "confused" and they have become places where the "blind led the blind":

Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

But after a believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, they will then be able to come unto the UNITY of the truth:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man (converted**), unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more babes (**unconverted**), tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

Your belief that every person has the ability to understand the Gospel of Christ and the opportunity to be saved in this age is false.

Christ is the Savior and He alone does all the work of saving a person - and He decides when that will happen. In this age, Christ is only saving the Elect who were chosen from the foundation of the world. In the final age, the balance of mankind will be saved. No amount of supposed "free will" ability can change this truth.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

It's my belief that only those who desire to be saved will understand the Gospel. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual ([1Co 2:13](#)).

NC

Dear NC,

You said:

It's my belief that only those who desire to be saved will understand the Gospel.

There is no scripture which supports your comment above. The verse you posted does not support it in any way.

The false gospel that is taught in this world is VERY pleasing to mankind's carnal nature. For that reason, it is pleasant to the taste and easy to consume.

Christ mentions this truth here:

Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine (Old Covenant based on man's works) straightway desireth new (New Covenant based on Christ's works): for he saith, The old is better.

The Old Covenant is religion and is Satan's crooked way. It is man's attempt to make themselves acceptable to God. Satan's false gospel mixes the Old and New Wines together, whereby causing the believer to try and serve two masters (Satan & Christ).

Prov 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Satan's false gospel of mixing works with faith cannot save anyone.

The true Gospel of Christ is very different. It is based solely on the works of Christ that He does within a person and Christ is the one who decides when He will do those works. Mankind's carnal mind hates not having control over their own salvation or the truth that they cannot make themselves more worthy of their salvation than the next person. The false gospel teaches that a person must do certain things (originating from their own free will ability) to be saved. It teaches that their salvation happens because they were smarter, wiser or just less evil than those who reject Christ. From this false understanding, they believe that those who remain unsaved until they die have no one to blame but themselves. This belief is heresy and is filthy rags. Upon the resurrection of these apostate believers, they will find that they will receive their portion with the unbelievers in the Lake of Fire (Luke 12:46). They will not be heirs of the promises made to Abraham.

I wanted to explain the scripture below in my earlier post but it was getting too long. I will quickly explain it here.

This is where Christ explains how a new believer becomes apostate.

Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself SEVEN other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

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

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

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.

If you are still not able to receive what I have been presenting, I will move onto another thread (as the Lord wills).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Let's try some other passages that is more fitting ([1Co 2:14](#); [2Co 4:4](#)).

NC

Dear NC,

Okay. Here is the first one:

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.

In this natural spiritual condition, no man can call Jesus "Lord" or even have a desire to seek Him out (1Cor 12:3 & Rom 3:10) because the things of the Spirit are foolishness to him. This truth applies to all mankind because all mankind starts off life in the "natural".

The only hope of salvation for mankind is for Christ to act. His first act is to come to a person and freely give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. He gives the Spirit without their permission and without them asking for it.

Paul's conversion experience is a "type" which teaches the pathway to salvation that all the Elect will travel (1Tim 1:16). Paul received the Early Rain of the Spirit on the Damascus Road. He had no intentions of becoming a believer but all that quickly changed for him when Christ "suddenly came to His temple" (Paul). After Christ gave Paul the Early Rain of the Spirit, Paul fell to his knees and called Jesus "Lord". Paul then submitted to Christ's authority and asked "what will you have me do?" Paul blindness symbolized Paul's spiritual blindness.

The Early Rain of the Spirit is the Spirit of Faith and is what causes a person to make a confession of faith when they are presented the Gospel (that is why the foolishness of preaching is needed). After they make a confession of faith (caused solely by Christ's previous work within the person), they will enter the church. But because the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in a small amount, it will leave the new believer carnally minded, spiritually blind and unconverted.

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.

In this weak spiritual condition (Mat 12:43-45), the new believer's house will remain empty

(void of truth). Satan will then come to the new believer and deceive them with carnally pleasing lies. The new believer will accept his lies as the truth of Christ because they have no ability to know differently - after all, those lies seem to be true to their carnal mind. However, the bread that the believer is consuming has been fully corrupted by the leaven which has been hidden in the loaf:

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.

The "woman" in the parable represents mankind's carnal nature/wicked heart. After the believer consumes Satan's leavened bread, the woman becomes the Great Harlot who has spiritually fornicated with Satan via indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. At this point, the Abomination of Desolation occurs within the believer and they become a "man of sin".

If the apostate believer is one of the chosen Elect, Christ will "come again" (the second coming of Christ) and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. When Christ comes to the believer, he finds them walking in darkness in an apostate condition.

These verses apply:

1Thes 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety (they feel secure in the apostate church); then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child (the new birth is about to happen/salvation); and they shall not escape.

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

Jer 3:3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no Latter Rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead (Great Harlot controls the believer's mind) thou refusedst to be ashamed (in a completely deceived state).

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

Here is your second verse:

2Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not (all mankind), lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

This verse also applies:

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And here:

Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man (lies that unbelievers have received from Satan), he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Because all mankind is carnal (the natural), all mankind falls prey to Satan's deceptions. And because all mankind follows Satan's ways because of Satan's deceptions, scripture says that Satan is the god of this world. The only thing that can change this "lost" condition of mankind is Christ. He begins His work of salvation by coming to a person to giving them the Early Rain of the Spirit.

I will end here because I have already explained what happens next.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I'm not one who believes that it requires God to first give one desire for Him. Otherwise all would be saved. Those whom God gives the desire to be right with Him will not fail to be right with Him. Our difference in understanding has to do with how one has the desire for Him. Some think it's God that gives the desire, and some think that the desire is from self. Eventually some get tired of the old sinful life and choose to be right with Him for escape from the old self (sin nature).

NC

Dear NC,

Your comments are completely contradicted by scripture.

You said:

I'm not one who believes that it requires God to first give one desire for Him.

Contradicting verse:

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.

You said:

Otherwise all would be saved.

But all mankind will be saved - just not in this age. Christ's plan for saving mankind requires two ages of time to complete. The Elect are chosen and saved in this age, all others will be saved in the final age. Only then will the scriptures below be proven 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 5:18 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.

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.

You said:

Those whom God gives the desire to be right with Him will not fail to be right with Him.

In your first comment you said "I'm not one who believes that it requires God to first give one desire for Him" but now you are saying God does give the desire to some people. Seems contradictory. Do you mean that some people naturally have a desire to be right with God but those who don't, God will give it to them, too, so that all can be saved. If this is the way it works (which it isn't), why don't you believe Christ will save everyone who is presently alive today?

You then go on to say that those who have the desire to be right with God (either from their own doing or by God giving it to them) will not fail to be right with Him. So evidently, you believe that salvation in this present age comes from having the desire to be right with God and not from God having "chose" the person. Your belief is contradicted by 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.

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

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:

Don't those who are "called to be saints" (like the Corinthians believers) have a desire to be right with God? Of course they do. However, only a "few" of the Corinthian believers are actually chosen to be saints. Most will die in their sins and won't be made right with God.

Because of Satan's deceptions, everyone who is called to be a saint (the "many") will fall away from approaching Christ strictly by faith and will start mixing in their own "works" for salvation. They all have a desire to be right with God but none of them have the ability to approach Christ strictly by faith whereby Christ's pathway will be made straight so that He will come and save them. But from that group of "many" who are called to be saints, a "few" have been chosen for salvation. For them, Christ will come to them a second time and complete His work within them. Merely having a desire to be right with God does not make a person one of the Elect.

Consider this statement made by Paul concerning the Nation of Israel's strong desire for God:

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Even though the Nation of Israel has a "zeal" for God, most of the Nation of Israel will die in their sins and receive their portion with the unbelievers in the Lake of Fire.

Joe

Dear NC,

Actually, the majority of mankind will perish (Mat 7:13,14).

This passage is in the sense that God "wills to have all men be saved," i.e. desires all men to be saved. But He knows that the saved will be few in comparison to the number of the lost. God already knew this is how it would be. He knew it would be worth those who will come to Him.

NC

Dear NC,

You said:

Actually, the majority of mankind will perish (Mat 7:13,14).

Here are the verses:

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: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The people who are cast into the Lake of Fire in the final age are headed for destruction because death is the penalty of sin. However, you are not taking into consideration what these verses below say.

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

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

The truth of God's Word is concealed from carnal mankind in many ways. One of the ways that an apostate believer does not take into account is that Christ teaches "here a little and there a little". You cannot take one verse of scripture and make assumptions about it. You must look to other scripture in order to "see" the whole truth of the matter.

When you read Mat 7:13-14, you are ignoring a great deal of scripture in order to support your false beliefs. You need to learn from scripture in the prescribed way that scripture teaches a believer to follow.

Below are verses you need to consider so that you don't make false assumptions on Mat 7:13-14 as you are doing.

All judgment has been given to Christ:

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

When the "lost" in final age are judged by the Law, Christ is the one who administers their judgment. When He does, He will not administer the Law in the same way as you and the Pharisees do.

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.

Christ will not omit mercy and faith when He administers the Law to the "lost". Why do you keep insisting that He will? I have presented this verse above to you before but you ignore what it states.

When Christ administers the Law to the "lost", He will show them MERCY before they perish. Why? Because Christ is not willing that any should perish:

2Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

If Christ is not willing that any should perish, who is going to stop Him from having mercy upon the "lost"?

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 Father has given Christ all the authority of administering judgment upon mankind. Since Christ says that He will not omit mercy in a person's judgment and that He is not willing that they should perish, what do you think is going to happen?

This is what will happen:

Christ's mercy will come to the "lost" in the form of the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Early Rain of the Spirit is what gives a carnal person their FAITH. This is the only way that a person can have faith because scripture says that no man can call Jesus "Lord" unless they have the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:3).

So what value is faith to the person?

Faith is what makes Christ's pathway straight for Him to come to the person and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. When Christ comes to the person, they will be converted. The newly born child of God will then be removed from Christ's judgment because the new child of God is without sin and will not be judged.

So how is JUSTICE satisfied?

JUSTICE is satisfied by the destruction of the child of the devil who will remain in the Lake of Fire (under judgment) until he perishes.

In the way that I described above is how Christ will add MERCY, FAITH AND JUSTICE to a

lost person's judgment in the Lake of Fire. This entire process is called "conversion" and is the work that Christ will do to save mankind - just as the Father sent Him to do:

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

Where is your faith to believe what Christ has stated in all the verses I presented above?

Do you have faith to believe the verses below?

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

After Christ has converted the last person in the Lake of Fire, this scripture 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.

If you believe that the scripture should be translated as "desires" instead of "will have", the scripture itself would not make any sense. Can't you see that? I'll explain it below.

If Christ only desires to saved mankind, that is an emotion. An emotion can be testified to be true in the present because it does not require anything to happen. But when the verse is translated as "will have", it does require something to happen in the future (due time). After it has happened, it can only then be "testified" to be true.

But even if the verse should be translated as "desires", you need to apply the verse below to your understanding (a little here and a little there).

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

Christ is mankind's God and even if He only desires to save all mankind, "that will he do".

You need to really ask yourself if you have any faith in God's written Word, because to me, I can't see that you do. You have your preconceived beliefs which have been taught to you by "ministers of Satan". Because of those false beliefs, you seem to be willing to twist or ignore certain scriptures so that those beliefs don't die.

You need the Latter Rain of the Spirit to open your eyes to the truth - and as scripture says, you

should pray for it:

Luke 11:11 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 to them that ask him?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

It's the saddest thing in this life, that the majority of mankind will perish, for not choosing to believe in God and be right with Him. Of course in His omniscience He knew most would reject Him; but He also knows it's worth the few. Though the saved will be "innumerable" ([Rev 7:9](#)), they will be "few" in comparison to those perishing "many."

Judging from your accusations it seems you don't understand what I'm sharing, but that's ok, as many others are also missing my points.

NC

Dear NC

I do understand what you are sharing because I used to believe and teach that understanding myself. But after I was converted in 2005, I stopped believing those false doctrines.

Scripture says that Christ is not willing that any should perish (2Pet 3:9) so why do you believe that Christ will not achieve His "will"/desire in this matter?

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

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

You do not believe the verses above because the gospel you teach requires "works" from a person for them to be saved. The true Gospel requires no works from mankind for their salvation because all the works which are necessary are performed by Christ.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who WORKETH ALL THINGS after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of

God: 9 NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Until Christ causes you to come out of your "works" based belief system which comes from this world (your carnality), you are not going to be able to see the true Christ and His glorious Gospel as I do.

At this point, I see no beneficial reason to continue this discussion.

Joe

Another member began posting to me.

Dear FaithWillDo,

If your interpretation of the scriptures you cited to suggest that all of mankind will be saved in the end, are correct then that would have very serious implications for the authority of God's Word. There is nothing in the Bible to suggest that all mankind will be saved, to the contrary, Jesus said many professing Christians will be cast into hell forever.

Matt: 7:22-23 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matt 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Jesus talked about hell more than anyone else in the Bible. He describes it as a place where those who don't know Him will be cast into to be tormented forever. There is nothing to suggest that they somehow find a way out and repent at a future time.

CS

Dear CS,

The Lake of Fire is a spiritual symbol for Christ's judgment. It is not a literal place.

Here is the correct translation of Mat 25:41:

Matt 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the age enduring (aionios) fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Christ's judgment is not eternal. It lasts only until its desired effect is accomplished. At the end of the final age, Christ's judgment will end because all mankind will be converted into children of God. At that time, God will be "all in all" (no one left out of the Kingdom of Heaven).

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.

I could present you more scripture but I have already done so on my other posts on this thread. If you can't receive what I presented on those posts, adding to them here will not help you understand.

If you have a specific question, I would be willing to answer it (as the Lord wills).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

The only question I would like to ask, is how d you deal with the scriptures which describe hell as a place of eternal torment with no escape.

Below are just a few verses describing hell as being eternal. I can't accept your interpretation of other scriptures, if it contradicts what Jesus said.

Hell is a prison of everlasting chains from which there is no hope of release ([Jude 6](#)).

It is a furnace of conscious torment where the fire never goes out ([Matt. 13.49-50](#)).

It is a place of excruciating misery where the worm does not die ([Mark 9.47-48](#)).

Hell is a place of agonizing thirst that can never be quenched ([Luke 16.22-24](#)).

CS

Dear CS,

The verses you posted are true but your understanding of them is in error.

Firstly, the Greek words commonly translated as everlasting, eternal, eternity or for ever and ever all come from the root word "aion" which means a age of time. All its other forms should be translated as being related to an age, such as "age enduring" or "for the ages", etc. There is no single Greek word that means eternal or everlasting used in scripture.

Secondly, to understand the verses you quoted, you must understand how they relate to the spiritual process of "conversion".

To be saved, a person must be converted. Conversion consists of Christ giving a person the both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, followed by judgment. After a person is given the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, they are "born again" as a new creation; a child of God. Christ will then judge the believer to destroy the marred spirit which has made them carnal and sinful.

In the farming analogy, man's carnality is called "chaff". In other analogies, it is called the Great Harlot, child of the devil or man of sin. All the death, destruction and suffering shown during a person's judgment is for the purpose of destroying the child of the devil so that all is left within a person is the new child of God.

I made this post below on another thread this morning. It will expand what I stated above.

The teachings of the New Covenant are written in Christ's spiritual language. That language uses "spirit" words that carry meanings that are different than what man's wisdom teaches. The spirit word "Lake of Fire" is a symbol and it means Christ's judgment. It is not a literal place of fire and it certainly does not last "for ever and ever". That phrase "aion aion" should be translated as "ages of the ages". This correct translation can be proven by its usage in other scripture. It was only translated incorrectly to support the apostate church's false teaching of an eternal hell.

Look at this verse below which uses "for ever and ever":

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Here is the correct translation:

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for the ages of the ages.

Now compare how long Christ's reign lasts in the scripture below:

1Cor 15:25 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Clearly, Paul believed that Christ's reign will come to an end someday. And it will after all mankind has been converted into children of God and sin is no more. At this point, death will be

defeated and Christ's reign will come to an end because Christ has completed the mission His Father gave Him to complete:

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

It will then be testified to be true that Christ is truly mankind's Savior:

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.

Christ is not the failure that the apostate church makes Him out to be.

One last point: In this age, Christ is only bringing in the harvest of the chosen First Fruits. They are the heirs and will be the only ones found written in the Book of Life because they are the only ones who have been converted. Conversion requires judgment to remove the "chaff" (things that make them carnal) from within a person. In the final age, Christ will turn His attention to the rest of mankind (the main harvest) and start working to save them as well. The Lake of Fire is not a place that is literally burning with fire. The torment the "lost" experience is mental torment. Also, since Christ is judging the "lost" by the Law, the penalty of their sin is death. But before they perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and give them the faith they need to be saved (Mat 23:23). Look at these scriptures that teach about Christ's 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.

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.

Amos 5:24 But let judgment run down as waters (water is the symbol for the Holy Spirit), and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Prov 28:5 Evil men (the apostate church is most certainly evil) 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.

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

Mat 21:31 Which of the two was obeying his father?" They replied, "The first, of course." Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I assure you, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do (judgment is not eternal but is for the purpose of saving the lost, even those who crucified Christ).

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 (those in the Book of Life) shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss (not be an heir): but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (Christ's judgment/Lake of Fire).

Mankind uses judgment for evil purposes. Christ uses judgment to make mankind righteous because His judgment cleanses mankind of the chaff that makes them evil. In this way, Christ loves His enemies and does good to them:

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Which God do you follow? The one (the true Christ) who is loving and merciful to His enemies or the one (Satan) who hates His enemies and torments them in literal fire for all eternity with no loving purpose to it?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Thank you for sharing your interpretation of what all those scriptures are saying. After carefully reading through all of them, I came to the sad realization that we're worlds apart with our radically opposed interpretations of every single verse you cited.

There's nothing new or unusual about Christians holding to different interpretations, the Church is divided into 40,000+ Denominations, because they don't agree with each others systematic theology, views and interpretations.

Our views are so far apart, that I don't think we will find any common ground on how we understand the Bible. I've never come across anyone who shares your views before, so that immediately throws up a red flag. My Pastor warned us about anyone who comes up with

something new, he said we need to treat them as wolves in sheep's clothing. God appointed Shepherds to lead local Churches, so as a Sheep I must obey God and listen to my Shepherd.

Our Pastor said, "there is nothing new under the sun, all things remain the same as they always have been". So with all due respect, I have no choice other than to reject all of your views as unbiblical. Please don't take this personally, I'm only conveying what my Pastor instructed me to say. I'm not trying to force our systematic theology on you, nor am I accusing you of being a heretic. My own family is radically divided over our different views and theology, that doesn't mean we don't love each other.

My own theology has fundamentally changed, according to some of my Roman Catholic family and friends, I have crossed over to join the enemy (the Protestant Church). I would never judge someone for holding to a different theological system, as that would make me a hypocrite, since I was a practicing Roman Catholic before I converted to Christianity. I believe everyone matures on the Christian journey, so views and understanding changes over time. That's why we can't judge anyone until their race is run.

CS

Dear CS,

You must understand that shortly after the death of Paul, all the churches became apostate. Paul was very distressed by this revelation and cried over it with his churches for 3 years (Acts 20:29-31). You should not take it lightly. All the churches which exist in the world are apostate. They teach "another gospel" just as Paul warned about.

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.

Christ taught about the coming apostasy of the church frequently. It happened so long ago now that the apostate church is well entrenched in this world. It is not just one denomination, sect or group - it is all of them. When a believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, their spiritual blindness will be healed. It is at that point that they will "see" the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves when they came under Satan's deceptions (Mat 24:15-16). No new believer can avoid it happening them.

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.

I made another post related to this subject on another thread this morning and I will share it with you below. It is a little long and will run over into a second post here. It begins by explaining the concealed nature of scripture and how it lead to the apostasy.

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

John clearly says that the vision is "signified". In other words, it uses spiritual symbols to teach its truth. All the New Covenant teachings are the same way. They use Christ's spiritual language which utilizes analogies, parables, "types" and prophecies to teach the spiritual truth of the New Covenant. And within those teachings, Christ uses "spirit" words which are similar to the spiritual symbols used by the book of Revelation.

Paul even said that He teaches the New Covenant truth in the same manner:

1Cor 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Cor 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

To understand the meanings of spiritual symbols, Paul says to "compare spiritual things (words) with spiritual. In other words, we must look to other scripture and see how the symbol is used elsewhere and then with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the meaning of the symbol can be discerned.

Almost none of the New Covenant teachings can be understood by a believer unless they have received the Latter Rain of the Spirit and have had their spiritual blindness healed. When the scales fell off of Paul eyes after He received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, it represented the healing of his spiritual blindness. Mark 8:15-25 teaches this same truth by "type".

Also, consider what this scripture says:

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 (the converted Elect**). 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 (**parables/analogies /types/prophecies**) and another language (**Christ's 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**).**

Only Elect believers who have been converted and have been weaned from the breasts have the spiritual ability to understand the teachings of Christ under the New Covenant. Spiritual "babes" who have only received the Early Rain of the Spirit will remain carnally minded and spiritually blind. In that condition, the truth of Christ will remain concealed from their understanding. Then

because their house remains empty of the truth, Satan will come to them via the spirit of anti-Christ and deceive them. After Satan does, the believer will lose their salvation and enter the apostate church. Spiritually speaking, the believer is now "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43-45) and has become a "man of sin".

In contrast to the way the New Covenant is taught by Christ, the Old Covenant teachings are literal and written for carnal mankind to understand. That is why "babes" have no problem understanding Christ's physical work which He did under the Old Covenant - work which led Him to the cross. This is why Paul made the statement below to the spiritual "babes" in the Corinthian church:

1Cor 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Cor 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

The reason the Corinthian church could not receive the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant was because they had only received the Early Rain of the Spirit. They were still carnally minded and spiritually blind. They could receive the carnal teachings of "Christ and Him crucified" but the spiritual truths of the New Covenant remained veiled to them.

Below is an easy example on the spiritual teachings of Christ where Christ uses the spiritual symbol "sword".

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.

Does Christ really mean that if you use a sword to kill others, then you must likewise be killed with a sword? Literally, that is what He is saying. However, if we understand this verse literally, that statement can easily be proven to be false. There are countless examples of people who have used violence to kill others but then do not die from that same type of violence - it almost goes without saying.

Is Christ mistaken or is His message something else?

The spiritual language of the Word of God utilizes the Hebrew and Greek languages. However, Christ assigns meanings to the Hebrew and Greek words which are different from how they are commonly defined by mankind (1Cor 2:13).

In **Matt 26:52**, Christ is using the word SWORD to teach us a spiritual message. To understand

what this spiritual symbol represents, we must look at how it is used elsewhere in scripture. In other words, we must compare spiritual things with spiritual.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

From the verse presented above, it is easy to understand that the spiritual word SWORD represents the Word of God who is Christ.

Christ's hidden spiritual point He is making in **Matt 26:52** is that all who take up the Sword (those who are given the Early Rain of the Spirit), must perish (death of the carnal nature) by the Sword. This death is a necessary part of the conversion process which happens when the Word of God (Christ, the Sword) comes to a person and gives them the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire (judgment of the carnal nature):

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.

This same conversion event is what the Apostles experienced on the Day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of FIRE, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the HOLY SPIRIT, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In the spiritual language of Christ, the Apostles took up the Sword and then died by the SWORD.

As I have been saying in my other posts, salvation and the knowledge of the truth is reserved for ONLY the converted Elect during this age. All others will try to understand the teachings of Christ but will do so only in a carnal way (as you are doing). When they do this, they will fall backward, be broken, and snared and taken by Satan.

One final point: the story of the Tower of Babel is a physical "type" which teaches a spiritual truth. This "type" is fulfilled by the nearly 2,000 different denominations/sects of the apostate church in this world - all of which teach their own versions of the truth. Their language is "confused" and they have become places where the "blind led the blind":

Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

But after a believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, they will then be able to come unto the UNITY of the truth:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,

unto a perfect man (converted), unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more babes (unconverted), tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Your belief that every person has the ability to understand the Gospel of Christ and the opportunity to be saved in this age is false.

Christ is the Savior and He alone does all the work of saving a person - and He decides when that will happen. In this age, Christ is only saving the Elect who were chosen from the foundation of the world. In the final age, the balance of mankind will be saved. No amount of supposed "free will" ability can change this truth.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I'm sure you're well aware that there are currently more than 40,000 Christian Denominations, and the number is set to grow much higher. All of these Denominations came about due to their departure from the Church which Christ established. Jesus has been building His Church for the past 2000 and He will continue until every last elect Saint of God is added to His body.

The Bride of Christ (the Church) is made up of elect Saints, from every age. So it consists of believers who died over the past 6000, those who are living now and those who are yet to be born. God chose every single one of them before He created the world. That's what my Bible and my Shepherd tell me. Your interpretation is completely foreign to me, I've never heard of anything like it before so I can't accept that you have discovered some new truth or revelation, which my God appointed Shephard missed.

I read all of your recent posts, hoping to find some common ground, but regrettably I wasn't able to find anything that I could agree with. From where I stand, it looks like you have imposed your private unbiblical narrative to every scripture you cited. With that said, I have no choice other than to place your systematic theology among the other 40,000 opposing Denominational views.

At the end of the day, what you or I believe doesn't matter at all. The only thing that matters is that the truth remains the same forever, regardless of what we chose to believe. God is not mocked by any man's false doctrine, for every man will reap what he sows. God doesn't reward people based on how accurate their interpretation of the bible is, He's not impressed by our wisdom. He will reward us according to our works and not according to what theology we subscribe to.

So I think we're making a big deal out of nothing, there's no need to complicate the simplicity found in Christ. He simply said, "believe in Me and you shall be saved" and I'm glad He didn't add any other conditions to salvation. Sinful men came along after Christ ascended to heaven and

added endless conditions to salvation, in order to create new Denominations by which they could become wealthy and powerful from the tithes and offerings they gouge from their congregations.

CS

Dear CS,

You said:

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Your statement above matches to what I have been teaching. I can't imagine how you have come to believe that my understanding is contrary to that statement.

In this age, Christ is only saving the Elect - those chosen from the foundation of the world. They are saved not by anything that they did or will do. They are saved because Christ made the decision to do His spiritual work within them which changed their heart and mind. When His work is finished within them, they will be a "perfect man". The Elect are His workmanship.

To be saved, a person must go through the conversion process. The conversion process is 100% the work of Christ and the individual contributes nothing to it. The individual merely responds to Christ's work that He does within them.

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

The reason my overall understanding of scripture is foreign to you is because it contradicts the teachings of the 40,000 (not sure how you came to such a high number) different denominations of the apostate church. The one common factor all those apostate denominations have is that they teach a gospel that mixes works with faith. Some will claim that they don't believe in man's free will ability but when you examine their beliefs, it become clear that they do. I have never found even one denomination that is not apostate.

When a believer mixes works with faith, they are committing the sin that leads to death (loss of salvation). After this happens, the only thing that can restore the believer is the return of Christ where He pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. In this age, Christ will only return to the Elect. The many millions and millions of apostate believers in the 40,000 different denominations will not see His return before they die. That is how Christ causes His Elect to be saved while leaving the others unsaved.

If you can't agree with those statements above, then you are following Satan's false gospel and

are apostate. This is not a personal criticism of you because Christ causes EVERYONE who is called to be a saint (Early Rain of the Spirit) to fall away and become apostate (even His Elect). I was an apostate believer up until I was converted at the age of 44. If you take my comments as a personal criticism, it can mean that you are trying to add your own works to your salvation. When a believer adds their own works, they are saying that they don't really believe that Christ's works are sufficient to save them.

Most apostate believers take credit for their confession of faith and/or repentance. When they do, they are stealing from Christ who is the one who caused their confession to happen in the first place. He causes it to happen when He gives the person the Early Rain of the Spirit. Without the Spirit, they would never make a confession of faith nor would they even have a desire to seek Him out. As a result, they have no choice but to remain an unbeliever until they die. No amount of preaching would be able to change it.

This verse applies:

1Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

You said:

At the end of the day, what you or I believe doesn't matter at all. The only thing that matters is that the truth remains the same forever, regardless of what we chose to believe. God is not mocked by any man's false doctrine, for every man will reap what he sows. God doesn't reward people based on how accurate their interpretation of the bible is, He's not impressed by our wisdom. He will reward us according to our works and not according to what theology we subscribe to.

Without an understanding of the truth, a believer cannot be converted because judgment comes from having the truth of God within oneself. If a believer does not have the truth, they cannot not be saved.

John 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

The "sword" represents the Word of God which is truth. It is by that sword that Christ slays our carnality.

Isa 66:16 For by fire (judgment) and by his sword (God's Word) will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Truth is what slays the man of sin (an apostate believer):

2Thes 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth (Spirit of Truth), and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

The Spirit of Truth is the Latter Rain of the Spirit and is what causes judgment to fall on a believer.

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.

The Apostles received the Spirit of Truth/Latter Rain of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. That is when they were converted and saved. And that is the same spiritual process that must happen to the other Elect for them to be converted and saved, too.

Back to your comments that you made above; those comments are coming from a "works" based belief system which you have applied to God's Word. That "works" based system comes from a person's carnality which has been made "worse than the first" by the spirit of anti-Christ. Filtering the truth of God's Word through that works based belief system is what causes a believer to become apostate.

When a person comes unto the knowledge of the truth, it happens ONLY because Christ healed their spiritual blindness so that the Marriage Supper of the Lamb/Lord's Supper can take place. The truth of Christ will remain concealed otherwise. No man has the ability to understand Christ without Christ first causing it to happen. That is what this "type" teaches below:

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.

Peter says that this near-sighted condition is the same as being blind:

2Pet 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Peter makes this statement because the believers to whom he was addressing were mixing their own works with faith. They were still preferring the Old Wine.

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.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I won't be able to respond to every point you made as there are just too many to deal with. But I saw a lot of red flags reading through the above two posts. The red flags represent unbiblical opinions.

The most obvious one is your private unbiblical opinion regarding the "Early Rain and Later Rain of the Spirit". I have never heard of such a thing before, so I will dismiss it as a false opinion.

Secondly, you claim that a believer can lose his salvation. This is another false private opinion, which cannot be supported by any scriptures.

Thirdly, your claim about the "elect being saved under a different dispensation or covenant to those who are saved at a later time". This is heresy, because Christ refutes your opinion, because He described those whom He came to redeem as one people. After He redeemed them, He said "it is finished". Someone has deceived you by false Doctrine (I call it the doctrine of Demons). The work of redemption was finished for all of Gods elect, on the cross, there are no more for Him to save in the future.

CS

Dear CS,

You said:

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The Early and Latter Rain concept is a part of the farming analogy used in scripture to teach the pathway to salvation. It is not understood or taught by the apostate churches in the world. They are blind to it.

Consider the marriage analogy used in scripture. It likewise teaches the pathway to salvation but uses different symbols. The Early Rain of the Spirit occurs when a person becomes "espoused" to Christ. The Early Rain of the Spirit is what makes them into a "chaste virgin". But since the Early Rain leaves the new believer spiritually blind, carnally minded and unconverted, Satan quickly deceives them and causes them to "fall away". When this happens, the believer is spiritually fornicating with Satan and causes them to lose their virginity (no longer chaste). To restore Christ's prospective bride, Christ will return to the fallen way believers who are "chosen" and give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain of the Spirit, Christ will appear and take his chaste virgin back with Him to heaven for the "Marriage of the Lamb" to occur.

You said:

Secondly, you claim that a believer can lose his salvation. This is another false private opinion, which cannot be supported by any scriptures.

I am always amazed when a person makes this false statement because there are MANY scriptures which teach this truth about losing one's salvation. It happens when a believer commits the one and only sin that leads to death which is to mix their own works with faith.

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

Paul describes it below using the example of circumcision:

Gal 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. **4** Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

And here:

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and age-enduring judgment. **3** And this will we do, if God permit. **4** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift (Early Rain of the Spirit), and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come **6** if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance: seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

The truth is ALL new believers will fall away and lose their salvation. This is the apostasy that Paul said would happen shortly after his death. It happens to all new believers because they remain spiritually blind after they have entered the church. Satan then comes to them at "night" (time of a new believer's spiritual blindness) and plants his seed within them, too. With both the Holy Spirit and the spirit of anti-Christ within the new believer, they will try to serve TWO MASTERS. When this happens, their house will be divided and will fall (lose their salvation). This is taught in the Parable below. Do you have "eyes" that can see the truth of what the parable teaches?

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed (**Early Rain of the Spirit**) in his field (**mankind/one person**): **25** But while men slept, his enemy (Satan) came and sowed tares (**spirit of anti-Christ**) among the wheat (**the child of God/Elect**), and went his way. **26** But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. **27** So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? **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 (**time the believer receives the Latter Rain, 1Sam 12:17**): 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 (**this is the conversion**

event).

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When Christ said "it is finished", He was only referring to His physical work that He had to do under the Old Covenant. You are misunderstanding Him because salvation also requires Christ spiritual work that He is now doing under the New Covenant.

Just as Paul said about the Corinthians believers who had only received the Early Rain of the Spirit, you are only seeing "Christ and Him crucified" (1Cor 2:2). In other words, you can only see the physical work of Christ because you are still spiritually blind. The spiritual work of Christ that He is now doing under the New Covenant is what converts a person from a child of the Devil into being a child of God.

I made a post to another member this morning concerning how Christ saves all mankind. I will copy it into a second post. I strongly encourage you to read it.

Joe

Dear CS,

Here is that post:

You said:

Actually, the majority of mankind will perish (Mat 7:13,14).

Here are the verses:

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: 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The people who are cast into the Lake of Fire in the final age are headed for destruction because death is the penalty of sin. However, you are not taking into consideration what these verses below say.

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept

must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

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

The truth of God's Word is concealed from carnal mankind in many ways. One of the ways that an apostate believer does not take into account is that Christ teaches "here a little and there a little". You cannot take one verse of scripture and make assumptions about it. You must look to other scripture in order to "see" the whole truth of the matter.

When you read Mat 7:13-14, you are ignoring a great deal of scripture in order to support your false beliefs. You need to learn from scripture in the prescribed way that scripture teaches a believer to follow.

Below are verses you need to consider so that you don't make false assumptions on Mat 7:13-14 as you are doing.

All judgment has been given to Christ:

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

When the "lost" in final age are judged by the Law, Christ is the one who administers their judgment. When He does, He will not administer the Law in the same way as you and the Pharisees do.

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.

Christ will not omit mercy and faith when He administers the Law to the "lost". Why do you keep insisting that He will? I have presented this verse above to you before but you ignore what it states.

When Christ administers the Law to the "lost", He will show them MERCY before they perish. Why? Because Christ is not willing that any should perish:

2Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

If Christ is not willing that any should perish, who is going to stop Him from having mercy upon the "lost"?

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 Father has given Christ all the authority of administering judgment upon mankind. Since Christ says that He will not omit mercy in a person's judgment and that He is not willing that they should perish, what do you think is going to happen?

This is what will happen:

Christ's mercy will come to the "lost" in the form of the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Early Rain of the Spirit is what gives a carnal person their FAITH. This is the only way that a person can have faith because scripture says that no man can call Jesus "Lord" unless they have the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:3).

So what value is faith to the person?

Faith is what makes Christ's pathway straight for Him to come to the person and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. When Christ comes to the person, they will be converted. The newly born child of God will then be removed from Christ's judgment because the new child of God is without sin and will not be judged.

So how is JUSTICE satisfied?

JUSTICE is satisfied by the destruction of the child of the devil who will remain in the Lake of Fire (under judgment) until he perishes.

In the way that I described above is how Christ will add MERCY, FAITH AND JUSTICE to a lost person's judgment in the Lake of Fire. This entire process is called "conversion" and is the work that Christ will do to save mankind - just as the Father sent Him to do:

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

Where is your faith to believe what Christ has stated in all the verses I presented above?

And what about your faith to believe the verses below:

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to

them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

After Christ has converted the last person in the Lake of Fire, this scripture 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.

If you believe that the scripture should be translated as "desires" instead of "will have", the scripture itself would not make any sense. Can't you see that? I'll explain it below.

If Christ only desires to saved mankind, that is an emotion. An emotion can be testified to be true in the present because it does not require anything to happen. But when the verse is translated as "will have", it does require something to happen in the future (due time). After it has happened, it can only then be "testified" to be true.

But even if the verse should be translated as "desires", you need to apply this verse to your understanding (a little here and a little there).

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

Christ is mankind's God and even if He only desires to save all mankind, "that will he do".

You need to really ask yourself if you have any faith in God's written Word, because to me, I can't see that you do. You have your preconceived beliefs which have been taught to you by "ministers of Satan". Because of those false beliefs, you seem to be willing to twist or ignore certain scriptures so that those beliefs don't die.

You need the Latter Rain of the Spirit to open your eyes to the truth - and as scripture says, you should pray for it:

Luke 11:11 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 to them that ask him?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Also, what you preach is contrary to my statement, in that you believe lost sinners in hell will get a second chance to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior at some later time. If that were true, then God would be a liar.

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You know I belong to an independent non-denominational Reformed Church, nobody outside of our local congregation has any say or influence over us. So it wouldn't make sense to suggest that we are somehow influenced by any false doctrines. Our highest authority is the Bible and we have no other authorities to answer to or be influenced by.

CS

Dear CS,

You said:

What you preach is contrary to my statement, in that you believe lost sinners in hell will get a second chance to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior at some later time. If that were true, then God would be a liar.

Salvation is not a "chance". You only believe it is a "chance" because you believe that mankind must contribute their own works in order to be saved (even if it is only their repentance and/or confession of faith).

God's Word proclaims that salvation for mankind is a certainty and not a "chance". I have shown you many scriptures that say so. Have you ever considered that when you say that Christ will fail to save all mankind that you are making Christ out to be a liar and a sinner (missing the mark)?

Don't you know that Christ never fails at anything He sets out to accomplish, especially a task that is given to Him by His Father (1John 4:14)?

If you have read my post above to the other member, it explains how Christ saves the "lost" in the Lake of Fire.

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Just your statement above about having a "chance" for salvation indicts that you believe in mixing works with faith. You believe that mankind must act upon Christ's "offer" of salvation in order to receive salvation. This is not taught by scripture. Scripture teaches that Christ will do the spiritual work within a person that will cause them to repent and to accept Him as Lord. The

individual has no ability to do it on their own. When a person does repents and accepts Him as Lord, they only do it because Christ changed their heart and mind beforehand by freely giving them the Spirit.

If Christ didn't act first within a person, the person would never repent or accept Him as Lord.

Christ is the Savior and He does 100% of the work to save a person. He saves a person by coming to them without their asking or permission. He then freely gives them the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. With the full amount of the Spirit, the person's heart and mind are changed and they are "born again". The person has no say in the matter as to whether or not Christ will do this work within them - Christ simply does it because He desires to save them.

In this age, Christ has said that He is only going to save the people who have been chosen for salvation. They are blessed. But this does not mean that He will not do His work within the rest of mankind in the next age. In fact, scripture clearly says that He will do so. You just have chosen not to accept those verses which say so.

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.

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1Cor 3:13 Every man's (all mankind) 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.

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.

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.

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

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You are not getting your understanding from Christ and scripture. Your understanding is coming from the leavened bread that Satan has given you to consume. The leaven in that bread is HIDDEN so that you do not know it is in there. That is the nature of being deceived - a deceived person cannot know that they are deceived while it is occurring. They can only know it AFTER they come out of the deception.

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.

You accept Satan's leavened bread because the false truth that it teaches is pleasing to your carnal mind. The Old Wine (man's works/Satan's crooked way) simply tastes better to the carnal mind.

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

Christ even warned us about the power of Satan's deceptions:

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.

The only reason the "very Elect" (the Apostles) were spared from Satan's deceptions was because they were converted prior to the spirit of anti-Christ coming into the church. Once a person is converted, they will no longer fall prey to Satan because their spiritual blindness has been healed. After a person is converted, their salvation is secured. This is also when a believer comes out from being under the Law (taught by the story of the woman taken in adultery). However, for unconverted believers (Early Rain only), they are easy prey for Satan. No new believer is spared from experiencing the apostasy. That is why scripture says this below about the time when Christ gives the Latter Rain of the Spirit to one of His Elect (Wheat):

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

After a fallen way Elect believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, their spiritual blindness will be healed. It is only then that they can see that they have been under Satan's deceptions all along. This is when they will "see" the Abomination of Desolation (Mat 24:15-16) and when they will "perceive and see" that their wickedness is great.

As I said, all new believers will fall prey to Satan. God's Word says so. That is why salvation only comes to a person after they have received 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.

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

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Jesus never preached the formula you preach for salvation. You have added endless requirements, which Christ warned would happen after His ascension to heaven. Jesus said "believe in me and you shall be saved", yet you insist on adding these endless false conditions to the simple gospel which Jesus preached. So I hope you can understand, that I need to obey God rather than follow your private opinion which I have never heard any theologian preach in 2000 years of Church history.

There is absolutely nothing in God's Word to suggest that a saved person can lose his salvation. Every verse you cited to support your view didn't say anything about losing one's salvation. Every single one of them was referring to those who made a false profession of faith, so they were reprobate to start with. Just as everyone thought that Judas Iscariot was a genuinely saved but the truth is he was a Devil.

No new believer can ever fall away, only those false converts who never were saved appear to fall away. But they were never saved to begin with so your whole theology is back to front and very messed up.

Christ, never referred to His physical work on the cross when He said it is finished, that can't be true as it would make Him a liar and I don't believe He ever lied. If you go back through the new testament and find all the references which speak about why He came into the world, they all speak about His mission to do the work of redemption and atonement. So when He said it is finished, He was stating that He paid the penalty in full to redeem those the Father sent Him to redeem (the elect)

There is no more work to be done, all of Gods elect, from the beginning of time to the end of time have already been saved. There is nobody else left to save.

CS

Dear CS,

You said:

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There are no requirements that mankind must perform to be saved. Salvation is a free gift. However, there are works that Christ needs to perform for our salvation. Those works are spiritual works and they will cause a person to be converted from a child of the devil into a child of God.

Also, you are right not to believe me but you should believe the scriptures I have posted. If you can't accept those scriptures, you need to pray for understanding.

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The verses I posted are not hard to understand. However, you are adding meaning to them that is not there. You MUST look to other scripture to fill in the missing pieces of truth. Don't make assumptions about those missing pieces so as to force the verse into your current belief system. Let scripture teach you "here a little and there a little".

Those verses don't say anything about a person's confession of faith being false. You are adding that to the verses.

Also, none of the Apostles were saved prior to them receiving the Latter Rain of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Judas only became a "devil" when the spirit of anti-Christ (Satan's spirit) entered him:

Luke 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Judas is a "type" for what happens to the churches that the Apostles started. Judas didn't ask for Satan to enter into him and Judas didn't even know it when it happen. However, after it did, Judas' heart was changed to betray Christ.

To be saved, a believer must have BOTH the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. The Apostles only had been given the Early Rain of the Spirit when they walked with Christ. They had "faith"

(repented of their works) and it was that faith that made Christ's pathway "straight" for Him to "come again" to the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost.

The Early Rain of the Spirit will only give a believer their faith (which includes a repentance from works) and certain spiritual gifts. But it will not heal their spiritual blindness or convert them (Read Mark 8:15-25, Luke 22:32). The Apostles remained unconverted and spiritually blind up until they received the Latter Rain of Spirit. It was only then that the "Spirit of Truth" opened their eyes to the spiritual teachings of Christ.

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.

The apostate churches are full of believers who only have the Early Rain of the Spirit. They are spiritually blind and as a result, they are deceived by Satan via the spirit of anti-Christ. And like Judas, they have become devils. After an Elect believer in the apostate church is given the Spirit of Truth, they will leave as quickly as they can.

You said:

Christ, never referred to His physical work on the cross when He said it is finished, that can't be true as it would make Him a liar and I don't believe He ever lied.

Again, you are adding to scripture to where the scripture is silent.

Christ made His statement of "it is finished" just before He died on the cross. This meant that His physical work that He needed to perform under the Old Covenant was finished. Upon His resurrection, the New Covenant began. That work of Christ is His spiritual work of converting each and every person who has ever lived.

Below is the only single verse of scripture that I have found that summarizes the work that Christ must perform to save mankind:

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life (accomplished under the Old Covenant/"it is finished"), and that they might have it more abundantly (being accomplished under the New Covenant).

Christ's physical work under the Old Covenant which led Him to the cross is what earned Christ the keys to death and hell. This work gave Christ the authority to resurrect all mankind from the grave. In this way, Christ gives all mankind life. However, the sinful life that we have now is not salvation. We must be "born again" spiritually by the Holy Spirit which requires the marred spirit of mankind to be destroyed by judgment. Only after Christ does His spiritual work within a person will they then have life "more abundantly".

You said:

There is no more work to be done, all of Gods elect, from the beginning of time to he end of time have already been saved. There is nobody else left to save.

The Elect's salvation is certain to happen because Christ will cause it to happen from His work under the New Covenant. You are only seeing "Christ and Him crucified" as Paul said to the Corinthians. You are not seeing Christ's spiritual work of conversion that He is presently doing within His Elect. That is what it means to be spiritually blind.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

The lake of fire is a literal place which God created to be an eternal punishment for the Devil and His Angels and also for all those who worshiped them.

Again, you have misunderstood what the scriptures are actually saying. Christ will not show any mercy to the Phrasees or unbelievers at their judgement. They will be judged by the covenant of the law and there is no mercy for those under the law. Only Born Again Believers are judged under the covenant of grace, so they have full forgiveness and eternal lie in paradise.

You used the term "apostate believer" this is a contradiction in terms. It's like saying a half saved person, you are either a believer or you are not so don't try to muddy the waters with these unbiblical terms. he truth is hidden from unbelievers, Jesus said "there is no truth in you". The truth is foolishness to those who are perishing, so they will always reject it no matter how much you plead with them.

The law is the curse which condemns unbelievers to eternity in hell, if Christ administers the law correctly then He has no choice other than to cast unbelievers into hell forever. God never said that unbelievers get a second chance, that is pure heresy right there. I would urge you to find a faithful Shepherd to teach you what the Bible says, it's obvious you have fallen victim to Demonic doctrine.

You say faith is what makes a pathway for Christ to save a person, this is Demonic doctrine because no man has ever had any faith. Faith must be received from God. He only gives faith as a gift to His elect. So it's not something that we ever had, it's one of the gifts that God gives to those he chose to save.

Justice has nothing to do with burning the Devil, the only way justice is satisfied is by Christs work on the cross. You preach a works gospel, Christ preached a grace gospel.

CS

Dear CS,

Your understanding is carnal and is blasphemous to the name of Christ. You are making Christ out to be a failure and far worse than the most evil people of mankind. At least mankind has no ability to harm a person beyond them dying. But you believe Christ will harm a person in literal fire for all eternity. Nothing could be worse. The gospel you are following is not "good news" for the world - it is a nightmare that only Satan would teach. By promoting Satan's false gospel, you have become a "minister of Satan".

Here is the penalty of sin:

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.

Because death is the penalty of sin, Christ said this:

2Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish (penalty of sin), but that all should come to repentance.

"Fire/Lake of Fire is a spiritual symbol for Christ's judgment. During that judgment, Christ will administer justice, mercy and faith to the lost person (Mat 23:23). This is how Christ loves His enemies and does good to them. Justice is satisfied by the destruction of the child of the devil (who the person used to be prior to their new birth). You are not seeing the true Christ.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

We're are at opposite ends of the theological scale. Instead of refuting every point individually I can actually just refute everything you claim in your response. I don't like dismissing someone's entire theological system, as being fundamentally flawed, but I have no choice here.

I have never found such things in the bible, as early rain or later rain or losing ones salvation and getting it back in some strange future age or any other thing you believe. I have never even heard anyone else share your views, so it sounds like you're all on your own with the theological system you created out of your imagination.

I would have answered each of the points you made individually, but I can see that it would be useless because you have convinced yourself that your theology is the only correct one and all the others are false. This is what every cult does, "professing themselves to be wise they became fools". I would be more than happy to go over all of your false interpretations of scripture and correct you, but I can see that you're not willing to be corrected. A wise man gladly receives correction but a fool despises it.

CS

Dear CS,

Dear Christian Soldier,

You are right, we are at "opposite ends". You are following Satan who is masquerading as Christ to you. I am following the true Christ. Someday after Christ has given you the "knowledge of the truth", you will see the true Christ, too.

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.

There is no point in continuing our discussion at this time.

Joe