

#99 FORUM POST ON THE SUN AND THE MOON

Dear S _____,

All the teachings of Christ under the New Covenant are spiritual. Those teachings must be applied within a person and not out into the world. To understand those teachings, Christ must heal a person's spiritual blindness.

The Old Covenant is different. Its teachings are outward and physical. The carnal mind of mankind has no trouble understanding them.

We must rightly divide the Word by the two covenants.

Remember, the natural comes first (Old Covenant) and then comes the spiritual (New Covenant).

Under the Old Covenant, the laws are written on tablets of stone. Under the New Covenant, the laws are written in man's heart.

I'll try one more time to express my understanding of the spirit words "sun" and "moon". I'll begin with the scripture below:

Isa 60:17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. 19 The sun (Satan/natural) shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon (natural) give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy sun (Christ/spiritual) shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon (spiritual) withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

In the verses above, there are TWO different suns and TWO different moons mentioned. Do you agree?

The first sun and first moon represent the natural which always comes first. The natural sun is Satan and it gives light to his world. Remember, Satan is the god of this world - so he is the greater light when compared with the light from the moon. Plus, the light that the natural moon gives off is a reflection of the natural sun.

The natural moon represents mankind's marred/carnal spirit/wicked heart. It is mankind's carnality which (to a lesser degree) gives false light to the mind of man. It is this false light from the moon that makes mankind's mind carnal. The natural moon rules the night because it is mankind's carnality that makes mankind spiritually blind. Night/darkness are spirit words which represents spiritual blindness.

Here is how to understand Gen 1:16:

Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light (Satan) to rule the day, and the lesser light (carnal nature) to rule the night: he made the stars also.

The spiritual sun and moon come second. The spiritual sun is Christ who gives light only to the children of God. The spiritual moon (also called the new moon) is the Holy Spirit that the children of God have.

The spiritual sun and moon do not give light to this world because carnal mankind who dwell on the earth are spiritually blind and cannot see this light. The spiritual sun and moon only provide light to the converted Elect who dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven. They no longer dwell on the earth and as a result, they no longer receive light from the natural sun and moon.

The many scriptures that teach about conversion show the transition from receiving light from the natural sun and moon to receiving light from the spiritual sun and moon. In the verses that teach the conversion process, the natural sun and moon are always shown to be darkened because the newly born again believer has been gather up to heaven and is now receiving their light from the spiritual sun and moon.

By believing that only Christ represents the sun, you are ignoring the concept of "first comes the natural, then comes the spiritual". When the sun and moon are used in the scriptures that teach the conversion process, your understanding of them does not work and shows its error.

I make these comments for your benefit and with the love of Christ.

You didn't answer my question concerning the pathway to salvation which is taught by the farming and marriage analogies. If you don't want to answer, that is fine.

Joe

Dear S_____,

You said:

I disagree because there is a lot of types and shadows in the OT, and the law of God. That is why Paul said the law is **spiritual**, and asked his readers if they could "hear the Law". A lot of people don't understand that the law is also prophecy, just as Jesus said all the law and prophets shall be **fulfilled**.

Yes, ALL the things that happened to the OT fathers are "types" which are spiritually fulfilled under the New Covenant. I never said differently.

What I said was the Old Covenant of Law that is written on tablets of stone is for carnal mankind

and can be understood by them. It does not take spiritual understanding to understand the Old Covenant of Law. And you are right, there are also types and shadows contained in the Law, in fact, the whole Law itself is spiritually fulfilled under the New Covenant.

The law of honoring the Sabbath Day is a perfect example of a law that foreshadows its spiritual fulfillment. The Sabbath Day law is spiritually fulfilled when a believer is converted and enters into the rest of Christ.

Under the Old Covenant of Law, mankind is responsible for all the works required by the Law in order to make oneself acceptable (righteous) before God.

Under the New Covenant, Christ does all (100%) of the works that are required to make mankind righteous before God. Mankind contributes nothing (no works) because it is Christ who changes a person's heart and mind to "will and do of His good pleasure" (Phi 2:13). The good works that a believer does come from Christ. He is the one who causes them to be performed. So in this sense, mankind spiritually honors the Sabbath Day when they rest from all their works 24/7.

When a believer mixes their own works with faith (trust in Christ to do all the works), they are committing the one and only sin that leads to death (loss of salvation). When they do this, they have exited the New Covenant and have fallen back to trying to be acceptable by their own works. In other words, they are mixing the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. It is with this sin that Satan kills the saints and builds his counterfeit church (the apostate church).

You said:

[I don't agree with you trying to inject Satan in there as being the natural sun.](#)

2Cor 11:2 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Satan is not the true sun just as the lies that he teaches is not the truth of God. Satan is a deceiver who deceives the whole world. The natural sun is a symbol that helps teach this truth.

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.

For that reason, the light that the natural sun (Satan) gives off is darkened after a believer's spiritual blindness is healed. They no longer receive their beliefs from Satan - they now receive their beliefs from Christ, the true sun.

You said:

[Again I have to disagree, Satan is not the greater light. There is no greater light than God/Christ.](#)

Here is the verse again:

Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light (Satan) to rule the day, and the lesser light (carnal nature) to rule the night: he made the stars also.

You are adding to the verse something that is not there. The verse says nothing about Satan's light be greater than the light of Christ. The verse is only comparing the light from the sun with the light from the moon. If you don't understand what the moon symbolizes, then you are missing a key teaching on how Satan deceives mankind.

The moon symbolizes mankind's carnal nature and it receives its light from the natural sun (Satan). In other words, it is through mankind's carnal nature that Satan deceives the world.

Do you understand that Eve is a symbol for mankind's spiritual nature contained in our "marred" spirit? The flaw in mankind's spirit is that it is weak. Because it is weak, the flesh has the ability to spiritually govern mankind. This is why mankind has a "carnal" spiritual nature.

Since Eve is a symbol for mankind's carnal nature, Satan came to her in the Garden of Eden to deceive her. It is through mankind's carnal nature that Satan deceives mankind. And since Satan's lies were pleasing to Eve's carnality, she quickly accepted them and sinned.

Eve even displayed her carnality before she sinned:

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (LUST OF THE FLESH), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (LUST OF THE EYES), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (PRIDE OF LIFE), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Since the natural moon is a symbol for mankind's carnal nature, it is easy to see why Gen 1:16 says that the light from the natural sun (Satan) is greater than the light from the natural moon (mankind's carnal nature). The moon merely reflects the deceptions and lies of Satan.

Joe

Here is another exchange from a member who argued in support of Free Will to me.

Dear A_____,

Your understanding of God makes Him out to be a weak and merciless father who can only hope that people will turn to Him. Your belief in mankind's supposed free will ability is evidently too powerful for Christ to overcome in most people. However, there are ZERO scriptures that state mankind as any free will ability. In fact, God's Word says that no man can even call Jesus "Lord" unless they have been given the Holy Spirit by Christ - and Christ gives this gift by His own choosing without the individual's asking or permission. Mankind is truly at the mercy of Christ to save them. And according to His Word, Christ will do exactly that. When He decides to save a person, He will come to them and do all the spiritual work within them that will change their

heart and mind. If Christ didn't do this work, no man would be saved.

By accepting the false Doctrine of Free Will and believing that it is man's responsibility to approach Christ and accept Him as "Lord" is contradicted by scripture. These beliefs come from the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ and is the sin that leads to death. When a believer mixes their own works with faith, they are trying to serve two masters; Christ and Satan. When they do this mixing, their house will fall.

God's Word teaches us to rely on Christ for all our needs, including our salvation. He will do all the work and will even give us our faith, repentance and desire to follow Him. Scripture calls this approach the "straight" way.

Satan teaches mankind to believe that they are like God who alone has a free will ability. Satan teaches that salvation is the responsibility of the person and not Christ. Satan teaches that salvation is only an "offer" that mankind must accept or reject. Absolutely not! Salvation is a free gift. Scripture calls your approach to Christ the crooked way. For that reason, scripture says that Satan is the crooked serpent.

In this age, Christ is only doing His spiritual work within those individuals that His Father chose for an early salvation. They are blessed by God and had no say in the matter. They are the Elect.

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

Rom 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.

I am always bewildered by believers who can read verses like the ones above and still believe in the crooked ways of Satan. But the power of God's "strong delusion" cannot be underestimated. No man can break free of that delusion until Christ gives them the Latter Rain of the Spirit so that their spiritual blindness is healed. Unless Christ does this work within a person, they are destined to be saved in the final age while they are experiencing God's wrath in the Lake of Fire. But because Christ is not like Satan or mankind, when he judges a person, He will not omit justice, mercy and faith.

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

Before any of the "lost" in the Lake of Fire perish, Christ will have mercy upon them and freely give them the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. With the Spirit, the person will repent of their works and approach Christ solely by their newly received faith. This will make Christ's pathway straight for Him to come and appear to them. He will then gather the newly born child of God to heaven. The child of the devil will remain in the Lake of Fire to perish. This will satisfy justice.

What I just explained above is the conversion process that Christ will accomplish within all mankind. God has spoken it and it will surely come to pass - not by man's works but by Christ's works alone.

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

The verses below are the spoken Word of God who will "bring it to pass".

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.

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

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.

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.

1Cor 15:22 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.

But you argue that mankind has the power to resist God's "will" of accomplishing all that He has spoken because you believe that mankind has a free will ability. But this is nonsense, especially when you hold it up to the light of truth:

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 truth you have received and are teaching does not come from God's Word. It is a lie and a deception that comes from the spirit of anti-Christ. Scripture says that all the Elect will experience this "Day of Evil" before Christ returns to them for their salvation. I used to believe as you do but Christ removed those lies from me and open my eyes to the truth. That is when I put my faith in Him to save me. Christ does all the work which has allowed me to enter into His rest. This is true faith and is something that Christ will give to all mankind someday.

Christ is not the false god you follow and teach. That god is a nightmare for mankind. Someday you will understand this to be true because God's Word proclaims that it will happen.

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,

FaithWillDo said:

Mankind is truly at the mercy of Christ to save them. And according to His Word, Christ will do exactly that. When He decides to save a person, He will come to them and do all the spiritual work within them that will change their heart and mind. If Christ didn't do this work, no man would be saved.

No sorry....Those who come to Christ will do their own work with his assistance. We are instructed to search out the deserving ones, and to teach them all that Christ commanded (Matt 28:19-20)...it is up to them to put in the effort if they want the blessing. God blesses effort...he does not reward laziness.

FaithWillDo said:

By accepting the false Doctrine of Free Will and believing that it is man's responsibility to approach Christ and accept Him as "Lord" is contradicted by scripture. These beliefs come from the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ and is the sin that leads to death. When a believer mixes

their own works with faith, they are trying to serve two masters; Christ and Satan. When they do this mixing, their house will fall.

Actually, when people believe that there is no need at all for works, they do themselves a disservice.

James did not contradict Paul...

James 2:14-20...

"Of what benefit is it, my brothers, ***if someone says he has faith but he does not have works?***

That faith cannot save him, can it? 15 If any brothers or sisters are lacking clothing and enough food for the day, ***16*** yet one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but you do not give them what they need for their body, of what benefit is it? ***17*** So, too, ***faith by itself, without works, is dead.***

18 Nevertheless, ***someone will say: "You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."*** ***19*** ***You believe that there is one God, do you? You are doing quite well. And yet the demons believe and shudder. 20*** ***But do you care to know, O empty man, that faith without works is useless?"***

Good questions!....because no one can *earn* everlasting life by any works on their own....but faith moves one to work in accord with their faith....IOW....you can't have one without the other.

As for OSAS...I'm afraid that is a satanic lie.

Jesus said...as part of the sign of the last days...

"and because of the increasing of lawlessness, the love of the greater number will grow cold. 13 ***But the one who has endured to the end will be saved."***

Paul also taught something similar...

"For we actually become partakers of the Christ only if we hold firmly down to the end the confidence we had at the beginning."

Heb 12:1...

"So, then, because we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also throw off every weight and the sin that easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us".

Romans 10:13-14...

"For "everyone who calls on the name of Jehovah will be saved." 14 ***However, how will they call on him if they have not put faith in him? How, in turn, will they put faith in him about whom they have not heard? How, in turn, will they hear without someone to preach?"***....

There it is....the very reason why we are to be preachers.

Paul said that even he did not feel that his salvation was assured....

“Not that I have already received it or am already made perfect, but I am pressing on to see if I may also lay hold on that for which Christ Jesus selected me. 13 Brothers, I do not yet consider myself as having taken hold of it; but one thing is certain: Forgetting the things behind and stretching forward to the things ahead, 14 I am pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God by means of Christ Jesus.”

You have to ignore a whole lot of scripture to believe that we cannot lose our salvation.

A _____,

Dear A _____,

Your understanding of "free will" is incorrect. Free will is having the ability to make choices that are free of divine intervention. Scripture strongly teaches that Christ intervenes in all our choices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Verses that say to make a "choice" do not mean that mankind has a free will ability to do so. You are adding that to the scripture.

The Old Covenant of Law was given to prove that mankind cannot ever be good enough by their own works. When a fallen away believer realizes this truth, it will be their schoolmaster to lead them to the New Covenant where Christ will do all the works through them. Only in this way can we be acceptable to God.

As for those who are "deserving", they are the ones who have the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Apostles were sent out to find those people and present the Gospel to them. Those who were not given the Early Rain of the Spirit will only reject the Gospel so Christ told the Apostles to move

on to another place.

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.

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

You need to add to your beliefs what these two scriptures above teach. At present, they are void from your understanding.

What I explained above is how it works even up to this day and that is why the foolishness of preaching is necessary - only those who have had their hearts prepared by the Early Rain of the Spirit will make a confession of faith. All others will continue to reject Christ.

You say that I ignore a lot of scripture but I have not. It is your misunderstanding of how God works within mankind that causes you to think so. Christ purposely teaches His truth "here a little and there a little". A person MUST put the pieces of scripture together to understand the truth of God.

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

The carnal mind of man will automatically fill in the missing pieces of truth from their preconceived beliefs just as you are doing to support your false belief in mankind's free will ability. The verses you quoted are ALL silent on whether or not the choice that is made is free of God's intervention. To fill in that missing part of those verses, you must look at other scripture like the ones I presented above.

God does not operate in this world as the carnal mind believes He should.

As for doing good works; yes, we are to do good works and follow Christ's commandments of loving God and our neighbors. But when we do these things, it is Christ who is doing them through us. This is actually the way it happens. Christ deserves all the credit and the glory.

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

Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created

all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The phrase “twenty four elders” is a spiritual symbol which represents all the Elect. When they cast their crowns before Christ, they are acknowledging that Christ is 100% responsible for who they have become (including their good works).

If a believer does not do good works, it is only because Christ as directed their steps to not do them. They are Christ's workmanship. Think about that for a minute. We act only in the manner that Christ causes us to act. We have no works that we can claim as our own.

Consider this verse:

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.

This scripture directly contradicts your foundational beliefs.

With your beliefs, those who make the "right" choice in following Christ absolutely have something they can boast about to those who reject Christ. In your mind, you have to believe that you are smarter, wiser or just not has evil as the others, and therefore, you deserve salvation when the others do not. This is what scripture calls filthy rags because it is void of faith.

When you read scriptures, you should not add to them things that fit into your preexisting beliefs. Look to other scripture to fill in the parts that the verse in question is silent on. Take this verse you quoted:

"For we actually become partakers of the Christ only if we hold firmly down to the end the confidence we had at the beginning."

Our ability to "hold firmly to the end" is given to us and is caused by Christ (to will and do of His good pleasure). You are adding to the verse your belief in your own works to accomplish "holding firm", rather that trusting Christ to make you hold firm. You have no ability to do anything a part from Christ causing it to happen. You should be at rest (the spiritual fulfillment of the Sabbath Day law) but with your beliefs, you are still working.

As for OSAS, all believers will fall away and lose their salvation shortly AFTER they have been given the Early Rain of the Spirit. The verses that teach about falling away only apply to these believers (babes). They are the "many" who make up the 2,000 different denominations/sects of Christianity in the world. They are the apostate church. None of the churches are following Christ. They are following Satan because they all mix works with faith. This is the crooked way of the crooked serpent.

But after Christ gives a chosen believer the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by judgment (this is conversion), Christ will not allow them to ever fall away again.

Falling away only happens when a believer mixes their own works with faith. That is the ONLY sin that leads to death (loss of salvation). After a believer is converted, they cannot fall away again because Christ has increased their faith which causes them to fully trust in Him to direct their steps only on the path of righteousness. Any other sin will be dealt with by Christ from His continued teaching of truth to them and by His chastisement. Once the converted believer has become a "perfect man" of full age (fully matured son of God), they will be like Christ who does not ever sin. Don't confuse "sin in general" with the sin of mixing works with faith.

Until Christ comes to a fallen away believer a second time and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit, they will remain in an apostate condition. They have no free will ability to change it. In this age, Christ only returns to the chosen Elect. The "many" who have only received the Early Rain of the Spirit will remain in their lost condition until they die. This happens solely to satisfy the purposes of God – just as the conversion of the Elect satisfies the purposes of God. Christ is in full control of everything that happens within His creation. You should not believe differently.

Joe