

15 FORUM POST ON THE PATHWAY TO SALVATION

A member responded to my posts in a thread about the parables. He made this comment:

Dear FaithWillDo,

This thread is about parables, not Calvinist nonsense.

Stay on topic.

J

Dear J _____,

I do not teach Calvinist doctrines.

Calvinist doctrines are founded upon the mixing of man's works with faith. All apostate churches teach this false gospel. When a person is truly converted & saved, it happens solely because Christ chose to save them at that time.

Paul's conversion experience that is recorded in Act 9 is the "type" whereby all mankind will be saved (**1Tim 1:16**). And just like with Paul, Christ will come to a person when they hate Him and reject Him. But after Christ freely gives the person the Holy Spirit, their heart will be changed so that they will submit to Christ and make a confession of faith.

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.

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

This is exactly what happened to Paul on the Damascus Road when Christ gave Paul the Early Rain of the Spirit.

Acts 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly, there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecute thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecute: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

A person's faith in Christ and submission to Him can happen no other way. Why? Because of what these scriptures teach:

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

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity (hatred for Christ just as Paul had) against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

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

Salvation is a free gift that is given to a person without their asking for it and without their permission - and it is up to God the Father as to when Christ will give this gift to a person.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 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.

In this age, God has chosen only a few people (according to the good pleasure of His will) for an early salvation. They are the Elect and first fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind. In the next and final age, the balance of mankind will receive their free gift of salvation and be harvested at year's end.

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

In the end, all who have died in Adam will be made alive in Christ. This is true Gospel of Christ.

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

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

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.

What I explained above is not what Calvinism teaches. Calvinism teaches a false doctrine of "foreknowledge" that is based upon the mixing of man's works with faith.

In my first post, I responded to the thread topic on parables. However, the discussion expanded to include the pathway to salvation. This was appropriate to do because most of the parables are teaching about the details of what Christ does to save a person (here a little and there a little).

You have no right to judge what you do not understand.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

'I understand that the thread topic was parables, and this post of yours contains no parables.

as far as the rest of your post you seem to have the idea that if Christ doesn't save us the way He appeared to Paul then our salvation is not somehow legitimate.

I disagree.

Each person must hear and believe the Gospel to be saved.

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**. Romans 10:9

FaithWillDo said:

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'That's Universalism.

False doctrine.

Christian universalism is a school of [Christian theology](#) focused around the doctrine of universal reconciliation – the view that all human beings will ultimately be [saved](#) and restored to a right [relationship](#) with [God](#). "Christian universalism" and "the belief or hope in the universal reconciliation through Christ" can be understood as synonyms.

J

Dear J _____,

For a person to be able to hear, Christ must give them ears that can hear. For a person to believe, Christ must give them faith. Both are given to a person by Christ when He gives them the Spirit.

Without the Spirit, no person can understand or believe. Where is your faith to believe the scriptures that I posted?

Also, I am not a Universalist. The Universalist denomination mixes man's works with faith just as all other denominations do who follow Satan's false gospel.

However, I do believe that Jesus Christ will save the world because that is the purpose for why Christ came into the world:

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

Most people who called themselves "Christian" deny that Christ can actually save the world. They proclaim through their false gospel that He will fail because mankind's "will" is just too strong for Christ to overcome. In so doing, they are bringing Christ down to the level of mankind. However, Christ is not like mankind and He never fails to accomplish all that He says He will do.

2 Chron 20:6 and he said, Jehovah, God of our fathers, art not thou God in the heavens, and rulest thou not over all the kingdoms of the nations? And in thy hand there is power and might, and none can withstand thee.

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

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

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

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Do you have enough faith to believe these scriptures above? If you don't have enough faith, it is only because Christ has not given it to you. I recommend that you pray for more faith because you can get it from no other place.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

‘First of all, faith comes from God.

Believe is our part that we either do or don't do.

The unbiblical “theory” that a person is saved first, then later on they believe is totally unscriptural.

The way an unsaved person becomes saved, born again is by believing and therefore obeying the Gospel.

It's confessing with the mouth, the Lord Jesus, and believing in our heart God raised Him from the dead.

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

J

Dear J _____,

If a person has been given faith by God, they will believe in Him. How can a person have faith in Christ but then not believe in Him as you contend? Your argument does not make sense.

For a person to begin the salvation process, Christ will come to them and give them the Early Rain. The Early Rain is a small measure of the Holy Spirit. It is not the baptism of the Spirit (Latter Rain). Most people in the churches of this world believe that when they first believed, they were given the baptism of the Holy Spirit but that is not what they received. Everyone begins their journey to salvation when they are given the Early Rain.

The Early Rain is what causes a person to make a confession of faith after they hear the Gospel:

Prov 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man (by the Early Rain), and the answer of the tongue (confession of faith), is from the LORD.

After a person makes their confession of faith, they will enter the church and begin following Christ as a "babe" in Christ.

If a person does not already have the Early Rain of the Spirit when they are presented the

Gospel, they will not accept it. This is the spiritual state of most of the people in this world and is why they reject Christ.

The Apostles received the Early Rain when they walked with Christ. Because they were freely given this gift of the Spirit, Christ told them that they had been blessed:

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

The scripture below is where Christ tells Peter why he was able to "see" who He actually is:

Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Peter was given the Early Rain, and for that reason only, Peter was able to recognize Jesus as the Christ. If Peter had not been given this gift, Peter would have not been a follower of Christ.

When Christ gives a person the Early Rain, they will have a "measure of faith" (**Rom 12:3 & Eph 2:8**). Their faith is what justifies them before God and the Law. However, the person is not converted and saved yet. To be saved, a person must have both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, followed by the judgment of Christ (Day of the Lord).

Before Paul's death, many of the people who were given the Early Rain remained faithful while they waited for the Lord to return to pour out the Latter Rain. But after Paul's death, the spirit of anti-Christ entered the world and devoured the babes in the churches. As a result of the babes' acceptance of Satan's "another gospel" (**2Cor 11:4**) which mixes man's works with faith, all the babes became unfaithful and apostate. This has continued to happen to all the babes throughout this age. No babe has been spared.

A babe becomes apostate because they remain spiritually blind after being given the Early Rain. Paul's blindness while in Damascus "typed" this truth. In this blind condition, a babe is unable to understand the New Covenant teachings of Christ. Because they can't understand, Satan will easily deceive them.

This is what the scripture below is teaching:

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts (converted believers**). 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line**

upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language (spiritual language) will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them (babes who draw milk) 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).

And this scripture, too:

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.

The parable of the Wheat and the Tares, the parable of the Ten Virgins, the parable of the Leavened Bread, the parable of the Fowls of the Air and several others, all teach that babes in Christ will experience a time of being apostate. This is when a babe will experience a "strong delusion" (indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ) so that they will believe a "lie" (the lie that Satan is Christ/angel of light).

2Thes 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Cor 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

The time that every babe spends in an apostate condition is also called a time of great tribulation and the time of Elijah's 3 1/2 years of drought.

Because the Elect are blessed and have been chosen for an early salvation, Christ will not let them remain in their apostate condition until they die. Their days as a man of sin will be shortened (**Mat 24:22**). Their days are shortened when Christ comes to them a second time and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit (the baptism) upon them. With the Latter Rain, a babe will be restored to faith and will be "born again" as a child of God (no longer a babe).

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children (no longer babes), ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

It is at this time that the person will call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

Acts 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and notable Day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The newly born child of God will then be able to see the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves (**Mat 24:15**). This is also when the man of sin is revealed to them (**2Thes 2:8**).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

If a person has been given faith by God, they will believe in Him.

Not true.

I don't know you told you that, but that is not biblical.

We receive faith from God when we hear the Gospel.

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:16-17

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If we believe we will be saved.

If we do not believe we won't.

Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Luke 8:12

- lest they should **believe** and be **saved**.

Everyone in this group heard the Gospel and therefore they received faith because they heard.

- Those by the wayside are the ones **who hear**;

The problem was they didn't believe.

J _____

Dear J _____,

I will explain it again in a more summarized way:

A person who has not been given the Holy Spirit will never believe in Christ or have faith in Him after they have been presented the Gospel. Faith comes by hearing the Gospel but only to those who have been blessed to be given the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit, the Gospel is nothing more than "foolishness" to them:

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.

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

Since all believers start off following Christ as "babes" (Early Rain only) who remain carnally minded and spiritually blind, the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant will be mostly veiled from their understanding. A babe can understand the physical work that Christ performed under the Old Covenant (Christ and Him crucified, 1Cor 2:2) but the spiritual work that Christ is presently doing under the New Covenant will be mostly veiled from their understanding. As a result of them remaining carnally minded and spiritually blind, a babe will fall away and become unfaithful to Christ. This happens because the babe will spiritually fornicate with

Satan and begin following his crooked way of "works" instead of Christ's straight way of "faith".

Because the Early Rain will not convert a person from being a child of the Devil into a new child of God, Christ will "come again" to the Elect babes. When Christ comes to them a second time, He will pour out the Latter Rain (the baptism of the Holy Spirit) upon them. The Latter Rain will come in strength and power and will heal their spiritual blindness. Once healed, Christ will spiritually appear to them and feed them His bread and wine of the New Covenant. This is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and the spiritual fulfillment of the Lord's Supper.

Paul's blindness and inability to eat or drink for three days in Damascus was when Paul typed the true spiritual condition of a babe in Christ (Early Rain only). After the three days were finished, Paul received the baptism of the Holy Spirit which caused the scales to fall from Paul's eyes. This represented the healing of Paul's spiritual blindness. Only then was Paul able to "eat meat" and be strengthened so that He could walk by faith and by the Spirit. This is what Christ will do to save a person. The person contributes nothing to the process.

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.

Here is the parable you quoted:

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

In verse 12, "those on the wayside" are unbelievers who have not been given the Early Rain. They are not on the pathway that leads to salvation. When they hear the Gospel, they cannot believe and be saved. They remain under Satan's deceptions.

In verse 13, those "on the rock" are babes who have been given the Early Rain. They are on the pathway that leads to salvation. They believe and have faith in Christ "for a while" but quickly "fall away" because of the deceptions of Satan that comes to them by the spirit of anti-Christ.

In verse 14, it is also talking about babes who were given the Early Rain. They cannot bring forth fruit of the Spirit because of the "cares and riches of this life". In other words, they remain carnally minded and care only for the things of the flesh and not for the things of the Spirit. They remain unconverted and cannot produce fruit of the Spirit.

In verse 15, the seed that falls on the "good ground" are the Elect who have been given both the Early and Latter Rains. They are converted and have been "born again" as a child of God. As the child of God matures into a "man of full age", they will bring forth fruit of the Spirit "with patience".

Joe

J_____ never responded.