

#17 FORUM POST ON TRUE REPENTANCE & THE EARLY RAIN

Dear All,

Many call Jesus “Lord,” yet few understand what it truly means to do the Father’s will. From the beginning, God revealed His will through His commandments, His prophets, and finally through His Son. Jesus warned that not everyone who calls on Him will enter the kingdom, but only those who obey the will of God. In His words we find life, truth, and the path to eternal salvation. This is not about human traditions or opinions, but about surrendering to what God Himself has spoken, and living it out in faith, love, and obedience.

From the very beginning, God has never left mankind in darkness concerning His will. He revealed it in His commandments, He repeated it through His prophets, and He showed it perfectly in His Son. The will of God is not hidden—it is life, it is truth, it is love, and it is holiness. To walk in it is to walk in blessing, and to turn away from it is to walk in death.

In the Old Testament, God spoke to Israel and gave them His law. He declared, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5). This is the first and highest expression of His will. It means that the whole heart, the whole soul, and the whole strength of man belong to Him, not partly but fully. In daily life this means that no idol, no desire, no pursuit of wealth, pleasure, or honor can be placed above God. To do His will is to put Him first when we rise in the morning and when we rest at night, when we speak with others and when we are alone in secret.

Moses also made it plain when he asked, “What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?” (Deuteronomy 10:12-13). Here the will of God is described in detail: fear Him, meaning to honor Him and never treat His words lightly; walk in His ways, meaning to follow the path He sets out; love Him, not in word only but in action; serve Him with all the heart and soul, meaning to live with devotion; and keep His commandments, not grudgingly, but knowing they are given for our good. In everyday life this means honesty in our dealings, faithfulness in our promises, purity in our thoughts, and kindness toward others.

The prophet Micah gave a simple summary that touches the heart: “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). Justice means treating others with fairness and truth, not taking advantage of the weak. Mercy means showing forgiveness and compassion, even when it is not deserved. Walking humbly with God means not lifting ourselves up in pride, but recognizing that He is the giver of life and that all we are belongs to Him. This is His will.

When Jesus came, He revealed the Father's will not only in words but also in how He lived. He said, "I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38). Every word He spoke, every act of compassion, every prayer, every step of obedience—even to the cross—was the Father's will done perfectly. And He revealed what the Father desires for us: "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40). Here is the promise of eternal life, but it comes only to those who see Jesus for who He truly is, believe in Him with faith, and follow His teaching with obedience and Love.

Jesus also gave a strong warning: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 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?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (Matthew 7:21-23). It is possible to call Him Lord, to claim faith, and even to do mighty works, yet still be far from Him if we live in sin. The will of God is not fulfilled in empty words or in outward displays, but in turning from lawlessness and obeying His commands in truth.

He also declared, "Whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). This shows that obedience to God's will is greater even than family ties. In daily life this means that our true fellowship is with those who live in obedience to God, not only with those who are bound to us by blood. Jesus further promised, "If anyone desires to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority" (John 7:17). Those who sincerely wish to do God's will are given light and understanding. In practical terms, when we set our heart to obey, God Himself teaches us, opens our eyes, and gives us discernment so that we are not led astray.

Jesus summarized all the law and the prophets with two great commandments: "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). To do the will of God means first to love Him with all our being and second to love others in the same way we care for ourselves. In daily life this means showing patience, generosity, kindness, and forgiveness to others, just as we desire these things for ourselves.

Yet Jesus raised the standard higher, commanding not only love for neighbors but also for enemies: "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on

the unjust” (Matthew 5:44-45). God’s will is that His children show mercy as He shows mercy, extending kindness even to those who harm them. In daily life this means praying for those who hurt us, refusing to answer hatred with hatred, and showing good where evil was expected. In doing this, we show ourselves to be children of the heavenly Father.

For this reason Jesus taught us to pray, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). In heaven the will of God is done perfectly, and Jesus taught us to seek the same obedience here on earth. To do the will of God is to make our lives a reflection of His kingdom, where love, holiness, and mercy reign.

Therefore the will of God, as revealed in both the Old Testament and the words of Jesus, is clear and unchanging. It is to love Him with all our being, to keep His commandments, to fear Him, to walk in His ways, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him. It is to believe in His Son, to hear His words and put them into practice, to turn from sin, to love our neighbour as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. Those who do His will are His true children, His true family, and they will receive eternal life, for Jesus Himself said, “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:40).

Blessings

Y_____

Dear Y_____,

Here is a scripture that applies to those who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven:

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

When Christ comes to an unbeliever and freely gives them a small measure of the Holy Spirit (Early Rain), they will become a believer after they are presented the Gospel. This is the only way that an unbeliever becomes a believer. It is not by their own works; it is by the work of Christ that He did within them.

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.

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

After a person is given the Early Rain, they will become a babe who still remains spiritually blind, carnally minded and unconverted.

For the babes who are also elect, Christ will come to them a second time and baptize them with His Spirit (Latter Rain). This baptism will be followed by the Day of the Lord (Thousand year Reign) which will remove the "chaff" from within the person.

Luke 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

The chaff represents all the spiritual things within the person which has caused them to be carnally minded and sinful; a child of the Devil. After the chaff is removed, the wheat (child of God) will be gathered into the barn (Kingdom of Heaven).

The spiritual process that I explained above is called conversion. It will change a babe who remains a child of the Devil into a little child who is in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Consider what Paul says below:

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar in Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Babes are the children of the bondwoman who remain captive to sin. They walk by their own works. They are under the Law (Mount Sinai) and are born first.

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

1Cor 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The children of promise are the converted Elect who are children of the freewoman. They are not under the Law and are born second.

After an Elect babe has been converted, they will be spiritually changed. In this new spiritual condition, they will begin walking by faith as Christ matures them into a man of full age. After they have fully matured, the person will only walk by the Spirit and will be like Christ. It is only then that the person will do the perfect will of the Father because Christ does it for them from within.

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

Conversion (Early Rain/Latter Rain/Judgment) happens by the spiritual work of Christ. The person contributes nothing to the process because they have nothing that they can contribute. Christ is the Savior and He alone does all the work of a person's salvation - and He decides when He will do this work. We are all at the mercy of Christ to save us.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Dear Joe, thank you for your reply. Jesus is clear that unless we become as little children we will not enter the kingdom (Matthew 18:3). But He also said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father" (Matthew 7:21). Becoming as a child means humbling ourselves and obeying Him, not remaining blind or carnal.

The Lord taught that we must repent and believe (Mark 1:15), keep His commandments if we want life (Matthew 19:17), hear His word and keep it (Luke 11:28), and build on the Rock by doing what He says (Matthew 7:24-27). He asked plainly, "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). These words show that we are not passive in salvation, and it is not true that "we contribute nothing." God gives us His Spirit and strength, but we must still repent, obey, and walk in His way. This is why Jesus told us to strive to enter the narrow gate (Luke 13:24).

Salvation is God's gift, but entering the kingdom requires our response, for "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17). In the end, Jesus summed it up in the simplest way: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

Y_____

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You said:

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Jesus is the only one who can heal the blind and give a person the "mind of Christ" (a non-carnal mind) so that they can understand His truth and obey His laws. Mankind, in their created state, is spiritually marred and subject to vanity. In this condition, no one has the ability to obey Christ or to even understand Him. If anyone could, the Old Covenant of Law would have saved people. But because it couldn't save anyone, Christ gave us a New Covenant where He would do all the work of saving us. To save us, Christ will change us spiritually to be like Him. This process is called conversion. If Christ does not convert a person, they will never be obedient to God's laws.

The rejected believers who are mentioned in Mat 7:21 are babes who Christ did not convert. Their rejection is from no fault of their own. They represent the "many" who were called to be saints (Early Rain only) but who were not chosen to actually become saints (converted). They simply were not blessed by God.

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

So why does Christ reject these believers? He does so because they are unfaithful and still prefer the Old Wine:

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

Because unconverted babes prefer the Old Wine, they will mix it with the New Wine. This mixing of the Old and New Covenants causes them to be unfaithful and to remain under the Law. In other words, they are trying to serve two masters (Satan and Christ).

When a babe mixes the two wines, they have been bitten by Satan and have become apostate.

Prov 23:26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. 27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increases the transgressors among men. 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 (Old Covenant mixed with the New Covenant). 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red (Old Wine/Old Covenant), when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moves itself (man's works) aright. 32 At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder.

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Yes, God's Word makes those statements but it also states that the children of the Devil (all mankind) have no ability to do them. Only the children of God have these abilities because they have Christ within them doing these things for them.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory (salvation):

Until a person is converted, they cannot repent, believe, keep His commandments or build on the Rock.

Believing as you do, you are mixing your own works with faith. True faith in Christ is trusting Him to do all that is necessary to save us.

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

There is no "me" or "I" in the verse above. Christ is the one who causes us to repent. Christ is the one who causes us to believe and have faith. Christ is the one who causes us to do good works. Christ is the one who causes us to keep His commandments. Christ is the one causes us to mature into a man of God of full age. Our entire salvation comes solely (100%) from Christ and the work that He does within us - and it was decided before the foundation of the world who He will do this work within. Mankind has no ability to choose Christ. Christ must choose us.

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You are assuming that a person has the ability to have faith, to do good works and to keep His commandments before they are converted. Scripture says that the natural man does NOT have these abilities.

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

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

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

The Old Covenant was given to be our schoolmaster to teach us the truths that are taught in the verses above. After Christ has taught us these truths, He will cause us to turn to Him and repent of our belief in our own works. This is true repentance and it comes from God.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (our faith) 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.

2Tim 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; IF GOD PERADVENTURE WILL GIVE THEM repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Hello Joe, thank you for the reply. I will be honest with you , I do not share most of your views on scripture, for instance I do not believe predestination, this is only one item. I am always willing to discuss scripture but to avoid confusion and very long and complicated replies, one item at a time. Know also that I almost never if ever quote Paul the reason is evident, his teachings are hard to understand (2Peter 3:16) and confusing for so many. I will be available to discuss any scripture other than paul's epistle, too many arguments leading nowhere would result, sorry.

Y_____

Dear Y_____,

I will try to stick to just one subject though it is difficult to do since the truth of scripture is interconnected (here a little and there a little, Isa 28:9-12).

Since you mentioned Paul and his letters, I will address why people have difficulty with his letters first and then apply that reason to the subject of conversion.

Paul utilizes Christ's spiritual language in his letters. If a person has not had their spiritual blindness healed, they will find Paul's letters difficult to understand. Poor and incorrect

translations add to the difficulty, too.

Here is what Paul says:

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 (words**) with spiritual (**words**).**

Paul teaches in a mystery by using spirit words (**John 6:63**) which carry meanings that are different than what man's wisdom teaches. To understand the true meanings of Christ's spirit words, a person must be guided by the Spirit of Truth and compare spirit words with how they are used elsewhere in scripture.

Below is an easy example on the spirit word "sword" as it relates to conversion. If a person doesn't understand the spiritual process of conversion, they are going to misunderstand many of Christ's teachings.

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 (as man's wisdom teaches), 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?

In Matt 26:52, Christ is using the spirit word Sword to teach His spiritual message. To understand what this spiritual symbol represents, we must look at how it is used elsewhere in scripture. As Paul said to do, we must compare spiritual words with spiritual words.

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 spirit word Sword represents the Word of God who is Christ.

Christ's hidden spiritual message He is teaching in Matt 26:52 is that all who take up the Sword (those who have been given the Early Rain of the Spirit and have been "called to be a saint"), will later perish by the Sword (death of the child of the devil) when they are converted. This death is a necessary part of the conversion process which happens when the Word of God (Christ, the Sword) comes to a person a second time and gives them the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain), followed by the Baptism of Fire (judgment):

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire.

This same conversion event presented above 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. But because the Apostles were "born again" (Latter Rain) as a child of God prior to being slain by the Sword, their lives continued on as a new creation of God. It is in this way that Christ will save all mankind.

In light of what I presented above, do you understand what this verse below is teaching?

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

Like Mat 26:52, the verse above is teaching about the baptism of Fire which occurs during the conversion event. And like all of Christ's New Covenant teachings, its message is hidden in His spiritual language. The "many" who are "slain of the Lord" is a prophecy that is teaching that all

mankind will be converted & saved. This death will only occur after each individual has been given their new birth as a child of God by the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain).

Do you now understand the process of conversion and why it is necessary for our salvation?

Here is one more concept to consider that may help:

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

The children of the Devil cannot believe in Christ. They are just too spiritually blind and carnally minded. Because the child of the Devil sins and cannot believe in Christ, he is "condemned already". His fate is sealed and nothing can change his destiny that awaits him in the Lake of Fire. But because Christ loves mankind, He is not willing for anyone to perish (**2Pet 3:9**). For this reason, Christ will give every person who has ever lived a new birth as a child of God prior to the death of the child of the Devil.

In this age, Christ is saving those blessed individuals (first fruits of the harvest) who were chosen for an early salvation in this present age. In the final age, Christ will bring in the final and great harvest of mankind at "year's end":

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of the wheat harvest (the Elect), and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end (the balance of mankind).

By the end of the final age, all mankind will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire but the Kingdom of Heaven will be that much fuller.

These verses apply:

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 (Adam) the many have been constituted sinners, so also by the obedience of the one (Christ) the many will be constituted righteous.

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

Joe

Another member responded to Y_____ about my posts. They said:

Dear Y_____,

Good reply.

FaithWillDo made statements that would require a very long reply...
so much there.

He said we contribute nothing to our salvation.

I hope @soberxp reads his post no. 241.

I've tried to explain to soberxp what some mean by the expression FAITH ALONE.

They mean what the other member stated: That we are saved by faith alone and that we can
contribute NOTHING to our salvation.

This is taught NOWHERE in the NT.

Faith Alone is an expression that is never used in the New Testament except for one time and it's
used in the negative !

James 2:24

24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

A man is NOT saved by faith alone.

G_____

Dear G_____,

I just want to make two points a little clearer from my previous posts:

1). When I say "faith alone", I mean that a person contributes nothing toward their salvation and
that especially includes their faith in Christ.

A person's faith in Christ is a gift from God that comes to them only after Christ places the Holy
Spirit within them. The Spirit is given FIRST, then faith in Christ is produced when they hear the
Word. No other result will happen.

Below is what Paul said to the babes (those called to be saints) in the Roman church. After Christ
gave them the Early Rain, the small measure of the Holy Spirit gave each of them a "measure of
faith".

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace

from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you (babes in the church), not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

After the Romans received their faith by hearing the Word, they made a confession of faith and submitted to Christ's authority. No other result was possible (they could no longer call Jesus accursed).

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

2). After a person has faith, they will outwardly show it by the good works that they perform. However, those good works are not works that they can claim as their own. Those works are the works of Christ that He does through them. Christ is the one who causes them to "will and to do".

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

When James said that a person will show their faith by their good works, he was saying that their good works are the outward evidence of their faith. If a believer doesn't have any good works, then their faith is dead (they have become unfaithful). With a dead faith, Christ is not producing good works through them.

So how does a babe have dead faith?

After Paul's death, the spirit of anti-Christ came into the babes in the church. Since all babes only have a measure of faith and because they remain spiritually blind & carnally minded, they are easy prey for Satan's deceptions. Satan's deceives them by masquerading as Christ and by teaching them his "another gospel" which mixes works with faith.

2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus (**Satan**), whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit (**spirit of anti-Christ**), which ye have not received, or another gospel (**mixes works with faith**), which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

After a babe becomes apostate, they will no longer walk by faith or have works of faith. They have fallen from grace and their faith is dead.

However, after a babe is converted, they will no longer be unfaithful. As a result, they will 100% of the time produce good works. They can do nothing else since Christ is causing them to "will and to do". They are now saved.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

We don't even contribute our faith in Christ?

Doesn't Eph 2:8 state that we are saved by our faith?

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Also, let me clarify that, yes, we contribute NOTHING to our initial salvation except for our faith...

however, AFTER salvation, we are required to obey the commandments of God,,,the commandments Jesus left us with.

Jesus said that IF we love Him we will obey His commandments....

If we DO NOT obey His commandments it means we do not love Him...

and if we do not love Him...we are not loving God....and this is one of the 2 great commandments Jesus left with us....

LOVE GOD.

Matthew 22:37-39

37 Jesus replied: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[a]

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

G _____

Dear G _____,

Thanks for the detailed response. I will respond in a general way to your comments since they are primarily based upon your false belief that a person must add their own works to be saved. Scripture teaches that Christ does all the works, including giving a person their faith in Him. He is the Savior and He does the saving.

First of all, you must remember that mankind was created spiritually marred and subject to

vanity. In this condition, mankind developed a carnal mind which causes mankind to sin. When a person sins, they become a child of the Devil who is condemned already.

Also, the carnal mind of man has a hatred for God and cannot understand God's ways, nor does it give a person the desire to follow Christ. If Christ didn't give a person the Early Rain, they would remain an unbeliever until they die.

Below is why Peter and the other apostles were able to recognize who Jesus was and why they had faith.

These verses apply:

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

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

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

If Peter's ability to understand who Jesus was came from his own natural abilities, Christ would have told him so at that time. But Christ did not do so because mankind has no ability to "see" and accept who Jesus is apart from having at least a small measure of the Holy Spirit within them. For that reason, Christ tells Peter that the truth that was revealed to Him came from His Father in heaven and did not come from his own natural abilities (flesh and blood).

If the Father had not blessed Peter with eyes that can see, Peter would have never understood or accepted that Jesus was the Christ.

The truth that I explained above is a foundational concept that the carnal mind of man will not accept. The carnal mind tells the person that they have at least some good in them and that they have the ability to make the choice as to whether or not to have faith in Christ. However, this supposed free will ability is a lie from Satan. When a babe accepts this lie, they become a man of sin who sits in God's Temple claiming to be God who alone has a free will ability.

Since God causes all things to happen in this creation, even the evil that is in the world originates with God. When a person sins, it is because it was God's "will" for it to happen. Since this is what Paul taught to the babes in his churches, Paul was asked about the fairness of why God still

holds a person accountable for their sins since God was the cause of it happening.

Here is the scripture:

Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Nothing in this creation happens by chance or by mankind's supposed free will ability. All things come from God - and that includes the evil in this world.

Consider these scriptures:

Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

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

Isa 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

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

Prov 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Job 2:10 But he said to her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. We have also received good from God, and should we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

The pathway to salvation that is presented in many of Christ's teachings includes a time of great tribulation where every babe will fall from grace and become apostate. The babe has no free will ability to avoid it happening to them because it was God's "will" for it to happen. As Mat 4:4 says, mankind is not saved (lives) by bread alone. The pathway to salvation includes a time of eating leavened bread which is the reason why a babe will become unfaithful and mixes in works with faith. When a babe does this mixing, they will no longer be under the New Covenant of

Grace through Faith and will no longer be justified.

I want to address one other point that you made which concerns salvation. Mankind's salvation occurs when a person is spiritually made to be like Christ who does not sin and who only walks by the Spirit. In other words, mankind's salvation is being converted from a child of the Devil into being a child of God.

To accomplish a person's salvation, Christ will come to the person without their asking and without their permission (just like Christ did with Paul on the Damascus Road). When Christ comes, He will freely give the person a small measure of the Holy Spirit. The Early Rain will produce faith within the person after they hear the Gospel. It is this faith that justifies them before the Law and before God. However, at this point, the person remains unconverted and is therefore not saved yet. To be saved, Christ must appear to the person a second time (the second coming of Christ) and convert them. It is the person's faith that makes Christ's pathway straight for Him to come and do this work.

Since the time Paul's death, the pathway to salvation started including a time of being apostate. When a babe becomes apostate, they will follow Satan's false gospel which mixes works with faith. When a babe does this mixing, they have spiritually fornicated with Satan which makes them "unfaithful" (no longer a chaste virgin). In this condition, the pathway for Christ to appear to them a second time has been made "crooked" so He will not appear and convert them.

Because Satan teaches the crooked way of works, Satan is called the crooked serpent.

For the babes who are elect, Christ will come to them a second time and give them the baptism of the Holy Spirit. With the Latter Rain, the person's spiritual blindness will be healed and they will come out from Satan's deceptions. This is when the person will see the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within themselves.

After the person's faith has been restored by the Latter Rain, Christ's pathway will again be made straight. Christ will then immediately appear to them and the Day of the Lord will commence. During this judgment, Christ will remove and destroy the spirit of anti-Christ and the person's carnal and religious spiritual nature of their marred spirit (called the Great Harlot).

Here is a scripture that shows this judgment:

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field (contained in one person); the one shall be taken (the spirit of anti-

Christ/man of sin), and the other left (Holy Spirit/child of God). 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill (contained in one person); the one shall be taken (the Great Harlot), and the other left (divine spiritual nature/virtuous woman).

After this judgment is complete, the individual will be converted and saved.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

You wrote "All things come from God - and that includes the evil in this world." that is blasphemy Joseph..

G

Dear G_____,

I follow the teachings of God's Word and not those of man or the apostate church.

Why won't you believe the verses that I quoted? They are not hard to understand.

So why did God create evil?

Isa 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

God uses evil for His good and righteous purpose of producing new offspring who are like Him and who will have a knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

To accomplish God's purpose for mankind to experience evil, He placed the tree of the knowledge of good & evil in the Garden of Eden. He then caused Adam and Eve to eat from it. Adam and Eve's sin did not happen because they made a bad choice. It happened because it was God's "will" for it to happen. As I said, nothing happens in this world that God does not cause to happen. God is in full control and will do as He pleases because He is God.

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?

Another point: God never just "allows" bad things to happen as is commonly taught by the apostate church. And since the apostate church falsely believes that God gave mankind a free will ability, they also teach that God was taking a chance when He gave Adam and Eve that ability.

The apostate church then applies this same line of reasoning as to whether or not a person will accept or reject Christ. They claim (as you do) that a person must choose Christ and develop their own faith in Him by exercising their gift of free will that they claim God gave them. And though they usually won't admit it, they are, in fact, teaching that the people who make the right choice are somehow smarter, wiser or less evil than the people who reject Christ. This belief makes for a very self-righteous Christian who Christ will reject.

Because God believes it is necessary for mankind to experience evil, God created it and even put Satan in this world to tempt mankind so that evil would flourish. If God did not create evil, there would not be any evil for mankind to experience.

Ecc 1:13 13 I applied my heart to inquiring and exploring by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: It is an experience of evil Elohim has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.

If mankind does not experience evil, mankind would not be able to gain a knowledge of it. And if mankind lacks this knowledge, how can mankind truly understand and appreciate the goodness of God? They couldn't.

Furthermore, God then holds mankind accountable for the evil that He causes them to do. Why? So that mankind can learn right from wrong. Therefore, God finds fault with mankind for their sins even though it was His "will" that caused them to sin in the first place.

Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

Here is an example:

Ezek 14:9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

Because God works within mankind in this way, mankind will frequently view God's ways as being unfair and unrighteous as you do.

Here is Paul's reply to this belief:

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Before I reply to the above...

I replied to ALL of your verses.

Why are you sending me new ones?

Please reply to the verses I provided for you - showing how a person must BELIEVE FIRST in order to be saved.

God does NOT give us faith first so that we could believe.

We believe and then we have the faith necessary for salvation.

Apparently you don't agree with the verses I posted which are teachings from Paul and Matthew.

Perhaps you could go through the verses and post your understanding of what Paul and Jesus are teaching (in mMatthew),

Apparently you also do not believe Jesus when He states that only those that do the will of the Father will see heaven.

Obedying the Father means doing good works.

Apparently you don't believe the Father requires obedience.

Matthew 7:21

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

Will wait for your reply.

G_____

Dear G_____,

I did reply to those scriptures in a general way.

You said:

Please reply to the verses I provided for you - showing how a person must BELIEVE FIRST in

order to be saved.

Yes, a person will believe FIRST before they are saved. I have never said otherwise. The problem you are having is that you don't understand when salvation occurs.

Here is a quick summary of what I have presented in some of my posts (with a little more).

Salvation is not getting to go to a place called heaven. Salvation is being converted from a child of the Devil into a child of God. I can't stress this point enough.

After Christ has given a person BOTH the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, they will be "born again" and will become a child of God. Judgment will then follow to remove and destroy all the spiritual things within the person that has caused them to be carnally minded and sinful (a child of the Devil/man of sin). After this judgment is complete, the person is converted and SAVED. It is at this point that a "babe" becomes a "little child" who has entered the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Heaven is not a place in the sense that you believe because the Kingdom of Heaven is "within" a person.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

After the person is saved and has entered the Kingdom of Heaven, Christ will continue to feed the "little child" His truth (bread & New Wine) to mature them into a man of full age. Along the way, when the child strays, Christ will chastise them so that they will learn His righteous ways.

This verse 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 are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

The "earth" is the New Earth which represents the person's new spirit that is governed by the Holy Spirit, whereby giving their spirit a divine spiritual nature. It is from the New Earth that the person will learn righteousness.

Now for your point on believing FIRST before a person is saved. That concept is certainly true and is what the scriptures teach.

Here is how it works:

Christ will come to an unbeliever without their asking Him to come and without their permission. When He comes to them, Christ will give them a small measure of the Holy Spirit (Early Rain). This small measure of the Holy Spirit will give them faith when they hear the Word. Their faith will then result in a public confession of faith. This confession is the evidence that they have received the Early Rain. They are then to be baptized in water which represents the same thing. However, the person is not saved at this point because they are not converted yet. They are justified by their faith though and are no longer under the Law of Sin and Death.

What I explained above is the spiritual condition that all the OT faithful had when they died. They were not saved yet (made perfect/converted) but their names will be found in the Lamb's book of Life because of their faith that the Early Rain gave them.

Heb 11:39 And these all (OT faithful), having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect (converted).

All believers in this age start off with the spiritual process that I described above. After a person becomes a "babe", they will remain spiritually blind and carnally minded (just as the OT faithful were). In that condition, Satan will deceive them and they will all fall away and become unfaithful. Since they are now unfaithful, they are no longer justified and the Law of Sin and Death still accuses them.

This verse now applies:

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

For the apostate babes who are not chosen, Christ will not return to them and pour out the Latter Rain to restore their faith. They will die in their sins and will receive their portion with the unbelievers in the Lake of Fire.

For the apostate babes who are chosen, Christ will return to them and pour out the Latter Rain. This will restore their faith and heal their spiritual blindness. Christ will then appear and convert them into a child of God, destroying the child of the Devil in the process. The person is now converted and "saved".

This verse applies:

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

The verse above describes our salvation and Christ accomplishes it by His spiritual work of conversion.

The saved person's belief & faith in Christ came FIRST and it was given to them by Christ via the Early and Latter Rains.

As Paul frequently states, salvation is a free gift from God but we all must wait for our turn to be given this gift. In this age, Christ is only saving the people who were blessed from the foundation of the world to be saved first (as First Fruits). They are called the Elect and they will be the heirs of Abraham. They will receive the rewards of having "life" during the ages and the honor of reigning with Christ in the final age.

The purpose of the final age is to judge the "goats". This is symbolized by the goats being cast into the Lake of Fire (a symbol for judgment, not literal fire). The penalty for their sin is death. But before anyone perishes from this judgment, Christ will have MERCY upon them and will bless them by giving them the Early and Latter Rains. With the Spirit indwelling them, each person will have FAITH which will make Christ's pathway straight for Him to come to them and convert them. The newly born child of God will then be gathered to heaven, leaving the child of the Devil (who they used to be) in the Lake of Fire to perish. This death will satisfy JUSTICE.

These verses apply:

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; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun **(Christ) to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain **(both the Early and Latter Rains)** on the just and on the unjust.**

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.

After the last person of mankind is saved, the scripture below will be testified (legally proven) 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.

What I explained above is the true Gospel of Christ.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

You obviously do not understand that if Jesus is doing all the work for us...

then it is Jesus who is responsible if we disobey God,,,fall away,,,and become lost.

Apparently you believe it is GOD that causes man to sin.

G

Dear G_____,

Yes, it is God who made mankind spiritually marred and subject to vanity so that mankind would become sinful creatures. He even created Satan and the fallen angels to be mankind's tempters so that mankind would sin all the more.

When a person's sins, it is because it was God's "will" for it to happen. God puts all the pieces in place so that the only outcome is for the person to make the decision to sin (even a specific sin and at a specific time). God leaves nothing up to chance or to mankind's "will". The apostate church's false belief in mankind's free will ability is not true. God directs all our steps, including when we sin.

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.

Here is what Paul said to those who questioned him about this truth:

Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

You must understand that the purpose for this creation is to create new offspring for God who will be fully made in His image and who have a knowledge of good and evil. This is the work

that the Father gave Christ to accomplish.

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

Everything that God is doing is for this great and glorious purpose of producing His new children. In the end, God will have many new children (all mankind) who will be like Him in character and who also have a knowledge of good and evil. After the last person is saved, Christ will deliver up the Kingdom of Heaven to His Father and God will then be "all in all" (1Cor 15:22-28).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Faith,,,

Everything you post is AN OPINION of yours.

I really will not respond to your opinions.

YOU stated that we are SAVED FIRST...

YOU said that first God give us the Holy Spirit...

Persons with the Holy Spirit dwelling are SAVED persons.

THEN

YOU stated that after God gives the Holy Spirit to a person, that person can believe and become born again.

THIS is all I'm interested in --- your word salads do not interest me or anyone else on this thread.

What YOU need to do right now is post SCRIPTURE supporting your theory that someone has to be

BORN AGAIN FIRST

before

They could be BORN AGAIN.

You see, what you have posted is not backed by scripture.

I gave you scripture showing you WHY your opinion is not valid.

I will only reply to scripture proving that a person must be born again first before they can be

born again.

Thanks.

G

Dear G _____,

You said:

Persons with the Holy Spirit dwelling are SAVED persons.

The Early Rain is a small measure of the Holy Spirit and will not convert the person - but it does give them their faith whereby they will make a confession of faith when they hear the Word. As long as the babe remains faithful, they will remain justified and no longer under the Law. However, salvation only comes to the person when Christ returns with the Latter Rain (the baptism), followed by judgment.

The time a babe spends waiting on their salvation was typed by Elijah's three and 1/2 years of drought. It is during this time of drought that a babe will become apostate.

James said this to the babes he was writing to in his letter:

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; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (to bring the Latter Rain).

James 5:17 Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave Rain (the Latter Rain), and the earth produced its fruit (Wheat/the converted Elect).

After Paul's death, the spirit of anti-Christ came and devoured the babes in the churches.

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things (like the doctrines of Free Will & Hell), to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears (because it was going to happen during their lifetimes).

When the apostasy arrived, it made all the babes in all the churches unfaithful and no longer justified. The babes then became "worse than the first"; a man of sin. This is the fate that awaits

every babe shortly after they are given the Early Rain and it has been this way since the end of the 1st century. This is what has produced the nearly 2,000 different denominations of the apostate church in this world. These apostate churches have no unity and are under the deceptions of Satan. They all follow "another gospel" which mixes works with faith.

If a babe is one of the Elect, Christ will shorten their days as a man of sin and will return to them before they die. When He returns, He will make them "ready" by giving them the Latter Rain. This will heal their spiritual blindness and restore their faith. This is the moment a person is "born again". Christ will then appear (His second coming) and begin the Day of the Lord which will destroy the child of the Devil/man of sin (who they used to be). The person will then be converted and saved.

Paul's conversion experience (presented in Acts chapter 9) is the pattern that all the Elect will follow to their moment of conversion/salvation.

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

Paul received the Early Rain on the Damascus Road. That is when Paul first called Jesus "Lord" and submitted to His authority. Paul's blindness and inability to eat or drink for three days represented his unconverted spiritual state while he was a babe. The number "three" represents a spiritual process. In Paul's case, it represented when Paul was made "worse than the first" (**Mat 12:43-45**) by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. And for that reason, Paul stayed at the home of a man named "Judas".

After Paul's time of great tribulation (his three days) was complete, Christ caused Paul to pray for understanding. Christ answered his prayer by returning to Paul (typed by Ananias) to pour out the Latter Rain. The scales then fell from Paul's eyes so that Paul could "eat meat". Paul was then born again. Judgment would have then followed (not shown) to complete Paul's conversion and salvation.

These verses apply:

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

Isa 40:29 He gives power to the weak (Early Rain), and to those who have no might He

increases strength. 30 Even the youths (babes) shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall (fall from grace), 31 But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength (Latter Rain); they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (converted and will never fall away again).

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those (Elect babes) who are waiting for him.

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.

Isa 59:9 Therefore is judgment far from us (babes who have the Early Rain), neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness (spiritually blind and apostate).

Psa 68:9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful Rain (Latter Rain), whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance (heir of Abraham), when it was weary (in an apostate condition).

The parables of the Ten Virgins, the Prodigal Son, the Wheat and the Tares, the Leavened Bread, the Fowls of the Air and the Good Samaritan all teach certain aspects of the pathway to salvation that Paul's conversion presented. Also, the actual events (types) of the woman taken in adultery (John 8:3-10), the healing of the infirmed man at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-15) and the healing of the blind man (Mark 8:15-25) teach certain aspects of the pathway, too.

What these scriptures and parables teach is not just my opinion. However, a person must have the Spirit of Truth (Latter Rain) and have their spiritual blindness healed in order to be able to understand what they teach.

Mat 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.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

You should write a book.

You sure do like to talk.

How about replying to my scripture instead?

Guess you can't do it.

Difficult to argue with scripture.

Post scripture that PROVES that we must have the Holy Spirit indwelling in us BEFORE we can become born again.

Or do not bother responding.

G_____

Dear G_____,

I had to go back a long ways to find the verses you are mentioning.

Here they are:

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Faith is a gift from God that does not come naturally from within ourselves. Faith is given with the Early Rain and comes in "measure".

In the verse below, Paul is writing to babes who have been called to be saints and who have only been given the Early Rain.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

A babe's faith will be increased beyond the measure that they received from the Early Rain when they receive the Latter Rain.

In the verse below, Paul is writing to babes who are "called to be saints". When Paul says to them "when your faith is increased", he is referring to when they will receive the Latter Rain. It will be at that time that they will actually be a saint.

2Cor 10:15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labors, but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

Matthew 22:37-39

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

This occurs as a result of being converted into a child of God.

Babes who have the Early Rain cannot love God with all their heart, soul and mind because only a child of God can do this. Unconverted babes remain children of the Devil and can only see Christ carnally. Because of such, they will mistake Satan for Christ. Their love is misplaced.

Romans 8:9-10

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

This is true for converted believers who have both the Early and Latter Rains. It is also true for babes who have just the Early Rain AND who remain faithful.

At the time Paul wrote his letters, most of the babes were remaining faithful. So what Paul said in the verses above applied to them. But after Paul's death and the coming of the spirit of anti-Christ, those verses no longer apply to babes because all babes will fall away and become unfaithful.

Below is where Paul teaches about babes who 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 (babes) who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift (Early Rain), and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God (milk), 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.

Repentance from works and approaching Christ solely by faith is what keeps a babe under the grace of the New Covenant. When a babe mixes works with faith, they will fall from grace and will spiritually die.

This is what is being referred to here:

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

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

Matthew chapter 24 is teaching on the pathway that all the Elect will travel to their salvation. Rev chapter 11 is another chapter that likewise teaches the pathway to salvation that all the Elect will travel. In both chapters, the Elect will be spiritually killed by the apostasy. Since the death of Paul, no babe has avoid being spiritually killed.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

After a person receives the Early Rain, they become the temple of God. But after the Abomination of Desolation occurs within God's temple (the babe), the believer will fall from grace and will spiritually die.

After Christ returns to a fallen away babe and pours out the Latter Rain, the babe's spiritual blindness will be healed and they will then be able to "see" the Abomination of Desolation that previously occurred within them. Judgment will then follow to destroy the man of sin within them.

Mat 24:15 When (not if) ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: (because judgment is about to fall)

This is the same event as what this scripture below describes:

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

Romans 10:17

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Faith comes by hearing and a person's ability to hear comes by the Word of God (who is Christ) within them. This happens when a person receives the Early and Latter Rains.

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

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

Faith in Christ is a gift that comes from having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. If a person does not have the Spirit, they will not be able to hear and have faith.

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.

Romans 1:7

1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul was writing to the babes in Rome. They were called to be saints by the Early Rain. Since they had not received the Latter Rain and were not yet converted, they were not saints yet.

This is also true of Paul's letter to the Corinthian church:

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

Here is where Paul writes to both groups (converted believers & unconverted babes):

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints (the converted) which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful (babes) in Christ Jesus:

And here:

Col 1:2 To the saints (converted) and faithful brethren (babes) in Christ which are at

Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I think that is all of your verses.

Joe

G_____ did not respond.