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**Salvation  
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## Salvation, and its Various Aspects.

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### BELIEVERS OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT ARE SAVED BY CHRIST'S BLOOD

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God delivers us from death through Christ's blood shed on the cross of Calvary. It is the blood of Jesus that delivers us from the law of sin and death that held us all captive (i.e., prisoners), because we all sin, and the eternal law of sin and death states, if you sin you die. Jesus said, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). In the English Standard Bible, we read:

- **Revelation 13:8: (ESV)** all who dwell on earth will worship it (the beast), everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

Here the English Standard Bible implies two things:

1. The names of those who will be saved, have been written in the book of life, prior to the foundations of the world.
2. The book of life existed, prior to the foundation of the world.

The King James Bible translates the same verse in the following way:

- **Revelation 13:8 (KJV)** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the beast), whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Here the King James Bible implies that the Lord Jesus Christ was slain from the foundation of the world. These verses can be easily harmonised, when it is considered, God is eternal, the Alpha and Omega, so, unlike us, He already knows the beginning and the ending of our lives.

**And Peter wrote:**

- **1 Peter 1:18-20:** <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown (foreordained in KJV) before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.

Some mistakenly believe Jesus pre-existed with God before the foundations of the world, but here we are clearly told, he was foreknown before the foundation of the world, which means, he was the central focus of God's mind, and of His plans and purposes for mankind's salvation. These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that before time began, Jesus was not only the central focus of God's eternal mind and of His eternal plans and purposes for mankind's salvation and for eternity, but also the Saviour (the Lamb without Blemish), God planned and purposed to be slain from the foundation of the world.

It could rightly be said, the cleansing power of Jesus blood shed on the cross of Calvary does not just cover and cleanse only those who have come to the Lord after his death and resurrection, but flows all the way back to the foundations of the earth, to Adam and Eve, like a spiritual invisible river cleansing all the faithful of the Old Testament from the fall of Adam onward, who by faith looked with joy to the appearing of the promised Messiah the Christ.

**The faithful of the Old Testament were saved:**

- By their faith, and belief that the blood of their sin sacrifices (shadows of Christ) covered their sin.
- By their faith in the promised seed to come, from the woman spoken of in (Gen. 3:15).
- By their faith in the prophet Moses said was to come like him.
- By their faith in God's promise to Abraham that from his seed a deliver would come.
- By their faith in the promised seed of David the Messiah and Saviour.

Whereas the faithful of the New Testament are saved by their faith, in looking back to the bloodstained cross of Calvary, and by looking forward to the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**This shines a glorious floodlight on the truth:** whether a man or woman is of the Old or New Testament we are all saved by the same cleansing power, the same cleansing blood and the same deliver and

Saviour. This is because God in his eternal mind planned and purposed before time began that His Son the Lord Jesus Christ would be the Saviour of all mankind for all eternity.

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## **EIGHT STEPS THAT LEAD TO SALVATION**

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Following are eight steps that that lead to eternal salvation:

1. Recognise we are sinners before God, and repenting before Him.
2. Believe Jesus is the Son of God, who willing laid his life down for us on the bloodstained cross of Calvary.
3. Believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right-hand side in heaven.
4. Believe that Jesus will return to gather all the faithful to himself to be with him forever.
5. Accept Jesus into our life as our Lord, King and Saviour and be water baptised into his name, to outwardly evidence our inward faith, and testify to our families, friends and the world that we are committed to him and him only, in the same way that an earthy couple who are already committed to each other in love, get married to evidence their commitment to each other, and evidence to their family, friends and the world that the one they are marrying is the only one worthy of their love, and that there is no other.
6. Endeavour to live a godly lifestyle that brings honour to God and a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Christian faith. I say endeavour, because not one of us do this perfectly, if we could, Christ died for no reason.
7. Trust we are saved, even when we fail to live the ideal godly lifestyle, we wished we could attain to, and hold fast to the truth that our righteousness is not dependant on our works, and our own self-righteousness, but upon Christ's righteousness which God imputes to all the faithful who are in Christ. If any of us could attain to the perfect godly standard we wished we could and attain to the perfect Holiness of God, and perfect character of Christ, there would be no need for Christ to have suffered such a brutal death and die for us.
8. Understand that no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ, and that some will build on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, while others will build on the same foundation with wood, hay, straw, and that those who build upon the foundation with gold, silver and precious stones will be reward, while those who have built on the same foundation, but have built with wood, hay and straw, will suffer loss, but still be saved. (1 Cor. 3:11-15).

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If a believer commits their life to these eight steps, I have no doubt Christ will accept them when he returns to gather the faithful to himself.

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## **OUTWARD EVIDENCES OF SALVATION**

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When a person is truly saved there will be a conscious change. For some it will be instantaneously at the hearing of the Gospel, while for others it may be over months or even years of hearing the word of God. Whichever of these it maybe, there will be a radical change in a person's deepest self, so much so the Bible calls them a new creature, this is because they will have:

- New motives and desires.
- New love toward the things of God, and a passion to have His love fill their heart and His grace surround them.
- New insights into the meanings of God's word.
- New hatreds toward things offensive to God.
- New joys and hopes.
- New ambitions guiding them along a new road.

Having become a new creature in Christ, the believer will find that they mentally and spiritually live in a new world. This is because there will be a deep-seated change in their relationship toward God, His love, His grace, His will, and a change in their worldview, for they will find they have a passion for the things of God and a desire to fellowship with other Christians, and gain greater knowledge of God's word. This is because Christ will have become the centre of their life, instead of self, which was the dominate power before.

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### **CAN WE KNOW WE ARE SAVED?**

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Throughout the New Testament there are Scriptures that imply, those in Christ are saved, but what does the expression, "those in Christ," embrace, many may ask? In answer to this question, I would suggest that it applies to those who:

1. Believe God is the creator and source of all life, and the heavenly Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that Jesus is His beloved Son, and not God the heavenly Father Himself (as many believe).
2. Believe the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the message of the bloodstained cross of calvary.
3. Has faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and trust in him for their salvation and righteousness that leads to eternal life, and not their own self-righteousness.
4. Have dwelling in their heart, a passionate devotion and love toward God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Love Christian fellowship, reading and studying the Bible, sharing their testimony and God's word when opportunities arise.
6. Are fully aware they are a sinner before God, have repented, and been fully immersed in the waters of baptism.
7. Wished they could attain to the perfections of Christs unselfish love, and the compassion he showed to all people, and to the perfect law of God.
8. Have a personal love relationship with their heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Aim to live a life that honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (though not one of us attain to this perfectly, if we could Christ died for no reason).
10. Grieve over the reality, they fall far short of Christs perfect love, compassion, and sinless lifestyle, and grieve over all that is ungodly in the world.

11. Desire to be free of the corruptions of the flesh, and long to stand in their resurrected immortal bodies completely free of sin, before the Saviour who they in faith love.
12. Look forward with excitement and joy to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and being gathered with all the faithful to be with him, not only for their own salvation, but because their heart breaks, when they see thousands of innocent families suffering at the hands of cruel governments and thousands of children going hungry, for these things will not exist in Christ's millennial Kingdom.

Based upon many Scriptures, I am convinced whoever believes in these twelve statements, and acts accordingly can be confident they are in Christ, for those in the world give no thought to Christ, or to the things mentioned above. I am also certain every believer in Christ, can be confident the Saviour they love will accept them when they are raised on the day of the resurrection. I recognise not all believe this, for I have fellowshiped with wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ who embrace most of these twelve statements and live accordingly, but still cannot confess they are saved, and still have doubt whether the Lord they love, and who loves them, will accept them at the resurrection. I believe this is a great error, for this lack to faith implies:

- They do not believe in the finished work of Christ's death on the cross of Calvary.
- They believe they are 99% saved, but must do something more to be fully saved, which infers salvation by works, or at least some level of works to fill the gap, that Jesus' death on the cross, lacked to fulfil.

In contrast to the following words of David:

- Psalm 23:4-6: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Those who have no confidence in their salvation, will not experience this same comfort David did when facing death and breathing their last breath, for they cannot know if the Lord will accept or reject them. The apostle Paul calls all who confess to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to examine themselves to see if they are in the faith? Some might ask the question, "what are we to examine?" To this question, I would suggest, 'examine yourself against the twelve questions mentioned in the previous section, all who can answer "yes," can confidently say they are saved. Based on the following verses the question for many of us who deeply love Christ, it is not a question of whether we will be saved or not, but whether we will be rewarded or suffer loss, for the apostle Paul wrote:

- If anyone builds on the foundation (being the Lord Jesus Christ) with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—<sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Cor. 3:12-15).

For me personally, it would be enormously humbling to receive a reward, for I see so many more that pay a far higher price to follow Christ than I do. It will be enough for me to be accepted, for I like Paul, cannot imagine anything better than seeing my Saviour and King the Lord Jesus Christ and being gathered up to be with Him, like a teenager experiencing their first love, it will be enough, to be with Him.

- **Romans 3:19-24:** Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**Justified:** in this context means to render, show or regard one as just or innocent it carries the idea of being free and made righteous.

**Redemption:** means to make atonement for a debt, by paying a price that makes compensation for the debt and satisfies the person the debt is owed to.

### **Six majestic statements that should be magnified and highlighted.**

1. The purpose of the law is to make us all aware of sin.
2. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (no exceptions).
3. No human being will be justified in God's sight, by their own works.
4. The righteousness of God has nothing to do with the law.
5. The only righteousness acceptable to God is the righteousness of God which is imputed to every faithful believer in Christ.
6. Justification is by God's grace and is credited to us as a pure gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

**The majesty, glory, and beauty of salvation:** the verses above show that every man and woman on planet earth has some form of sinful aberration or dysfunction within their human nature that limits them from attaining to the perfect standard of the Most Holy God making us all dependant on God for some other form of righteousness that is acceptable to Him, because we cannot attain to it by our own efforts, nor are we able to do anything that will make us holy enough before God to be justified. The righteousness we require for salvation, God Himself imputes (i.e., credits) to us as a free-gift, because of our faith in His Beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the law was so that the entire world would be held accountable to God, its purpose is to make us aware of sin so that no human could consider themselves right before God. Paul is saying (Rom. 3:19-24), God's righteousness comes without the law, salvation has nothing to do with laws, rules, regulations, customs, and traditions, the only righteousness God accepts is the righteous that comes by faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. All who believe in Christ are made right with God, because of His grace and the righteousness He imputes to those who have faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. This righteousness is granted from God as a pure gift, given out of His abundant grace, which is the reason Christians testify, "I am saved by grace," because they know, they are undeserving of such holy righteousness.

Those in Christ cannot do anything to earn salvation, for it is their faith that is counted to them as righteousness apart from the law. The faithful are not ninety-nine per-cent saved, and must do some good works to account for the other one per-cent. Salvation in Christ is absolute, because it is dependent on God's grace and mercy given freely as a pure gift, because of a believer's faith in His Beloved Son. It is a Christians faith that God counts as righteousness and not their own self-efforts since fallen human nature is infected with sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that make it impossible to earn their own righteousness. The cost to our heavenly Father to save us was the offering up of His own Son and the cost to Christ was overwhelming horror, torment, cruel brutality, and a bloody and painful death.

If anyone is still in doubt about the completeness of Salvation, ask yourself the following question, "What possibly could I do to add to the sacrificed life of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary to increase my salvation?" This could be likened to a computer service man thinking if he does a few hours overtime he can financially help Bill Gates? (A multi-billionaire). Salvation and righteousness that led to eternal life are imputed as a pure and free-gift to those who have trust in Christ and faithfully follow him. Rewards on the other hand are a totally different subject, concerning these, some will be rewarded, while others will suffer loss. (1 Cor. 3:12-15).

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## **DID JESUS DIE FOR HIS OWN SALVATION**

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**All in Christ should understand, the following seven things:**

1. Jesus is the Lamb without blemish, which means he never sinned, which also means it would have been lawful for him not to lay his life down for us for death had no legal right to hold him.
2. Jesus would have been doing nothing wrong or against the law had he left us to die in our sins, for it is what the law demands.
3. God would have been perfectly just, had He refused to forgive us our sins and left us to perish, for in this way He would be acting according to the law.
4. God provided us with a way of escape from the power of the grave, not because He had to, but because He loves us, and even though Jesus, salvation was assured, he sacrificed himself for us.
5. Even if Jesus had died a natural death, he would have received eternal life, yet he willing laid his life down for his friends, because he loves them. This love that Christ manifested toward us reflects the love his heavenly Father has for all who love His Son.
6. We have a most loving, merciful, and gracious God, and His most beloved son, the Lord Jesus Christ reflected this love when he willingly chose to endure a brutal and cruel death, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).
7. God could not die for us Himself, for such a thing is impossible, for He is eternal, which is why He gave the most precious thing He had, His sinless and beloved Son. It is this love of the Father and the Son that saves the faithful and motivates them to live a godly lifestyle.

**In contrast to this some teach:** because Christ was born of a woman he inherited sin, as we all do, and therefore had to die for His own sin. This idea has no power to inspire a believer, because it means, He did not die just for us, but also had to die for Himself. This is a primary reason



those who hold to such a belief do not have the same passion and joy for Christ as those who hold to the teaching, Christ the sinless Lamb of God laid his life down for us, and not for himself. If Jesus was a sinner, how could the title, "the Lamb of God without blemish," apply to him? It is because he was without sin, death had no legal right to hold Him, and why God was justified in raising him.

**Consider the following:** the Lord Jesus Christ, though made in all points like his brethren, and therefore bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, was nevertheless not a sinner in any sense, but the sinless Son of God, not under sentence of death, nor included in the condemnation that came upon all men by virtue of their personal sins and transgressions. Being sinless (the Lamb of God without blemish), his death upon the cross was not essential for his own salvation, and had he chosen and desired he could have enjoyed eternal life alone. His submission to death on the cross was an extreme act of love and self-sacrifice, and truly reflects the mercy, grace, and love of God in forgiving our sins and granting us life eternal, because our faith in Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ was not a representative of Adam's disobedient race but, "the word made flesh," a representative of his Father in heaven whose attributes of love, grace, and mercy he manifested during his earthly life. His final submission to death on the cross, being an act of grace and love on his part, designed by God to manifest to the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, that faith and grace alone has made their redemption possible, and sets them free from the consequences of sin, which is eternal death.

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## BEING SAVED

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Following are the only four Scriptures that use the words, "being saved," in the context of salvation.

1. **Acts 2:41-47:** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved (such as should be saved in the KJV).

The words, "being saved," here are in the context of those who are not yet fellowshiping and breaking bread with those who have been saved, but are being added to them. It refers to those who are hearing the word, and in the process of being saved and added to the church. An example of this would be, when a Christian shares the Gospel with a sinner, and the sinner is openly receiving the word, then it could be rightly said of the sinner, that they are in the process of being saved, for they are hearing the word, receiving the word, but have not yet made a commitment or been water baptised.

2. **1 Corinthians 1:12-19:** What I (Paul) mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ

be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved (unto us which are saved in KJV) it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

The context here is upon those who are perishing, and consider the word of God foolishness, which means the words, "being saved," can apply to those who are hearing the word and openly receiving it, but are still to make a commitment and be baptised, and to those who are saved, for both groups recognize that the message of the cross is the power of God, that leads to salvation.

3. **1 Corinthians 15:1-2:** Now I (Paul) would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved (which also ye are saved in the KJV), if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

The context here is upon those who are not holding fast to what Paul had preached to them. The words, being saved, in this context apply to those who have heard the Gospel Paul preached and received it, but are now doubting what Paul had proclaimed to them, because of this doubt, it would be wrong to say, "they are saved," but it could be rightly said, "they are being saved," meaning they are in the process of being saved. Notice, Paul says, if they hold fast to the Gospel he proclaimed to them, meaning, if they have no doubt, they are saved.

4. **2 Corinthians 2:15-17:** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved (that are saved in KJV) and among those who are perishing, <sup>16</sup> to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? <sup>17</sup> For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

The context here is upon those who are perishing, and those who are saved. Paul is saying, he and the apostles are a blessing amongst, both groups. This of course is because they have the words of salvation that can deliver those who are perishing from death to life, and amongst those who are saved, they can clearly expand the word of God, and lead them into greater knowledge of God's love and grace.

**NOTICE:** the King James Bible in all four verses translates salvation as being absolute for those who are fully committed to Christ, and have no doubt concerning the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary.

**Being saved:** these words do not apply to those who have humbled themselves, repented and placed their trust and their lives in the Lord Jesus Christ for their eternal salvation, but rather to those who are hearing the Gospel and have a heart that is open to hear it, these are the people the words, 'being saved' apply to. The King James Bible leaves no doubt that eternal salvation in Christ is certain, guaranteed, and absolute, whereas certain verses of some modern Bibles appear to imply that those in Christ are 'being saved.' This is a great error, for the Gospel of Christ does not proclaim that those who come to Lord in humble repentance and faithfully follow him are only 95% saved, and will not be 100% saved until they, by their own self-effort achieve the other 5%. This is not the 'Good News' of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation in the Lord is certain, guaranteed, and absolute, because it is not based on self-effort but on grace. It is interesting to notice that the King James Bible is always empathically absolute when it refers to salvation in Christ.

### **The following are some clear examples:**

- In the book of Corinthians, the English Standard Bible says, "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are 'Being Saved' it is the power of God. The King James Bible says of the same verse, "Unto 'Us which are Saved' it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18).
- In a following chapter the English Standard Bible again says, "by which you are 'being saved,' if you hold fast to the word, I preached to you" whereas the King James Bible says, "By which also ye are saved." (1 Cor. 15:2).
- The English Standard Bible in the book of Acts says, "The Lord added to their number day by day those who were 'being saved.'" The King James Bible says "The Lord added to the church daily as 'should be saved' (Acts 2:47), since those 'being saved' are being added to the church the words, 'being saved' in this context refers to those who are openly hearing and receiving the Gospel, but have not yet committed to it.

**SUMMARY:** the words, 'being saved' refers to the unsaved in the process of being saved and not to those who are already saved. Salvation in the King James Bible is always absolute, definite, assured and leaves no room for doubt in believing and trusting in the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. The translation of the King James Bible in regards to eternal salvation and those 'being saved' is in perfect harmony with the Gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **If we ask ourselves the following two questions:**

1. Firstly, "What can I possibly do to pay-back the Almighty and Holy God who so loved me, that he gave his only Son, that if I believe in him, I will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).
2. Secondly, "What can I do by self-effort to pay-back Christ who after suffering a cruel, brutal, and horrific death, laid his life down so that I could be raised to eternal life.

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After pondering these two questions, it not only becomes very clear, but also very humbling that there is nothing we can do that is able to put us in a position by which we can stand before God or before Christ and say, "I have paid the debt."

Salvation in Christ is certain, the only way anyone is going to be rejected by Christ is for them to consciously and deliberately reject him, for neither God or the Lord Jesus Christ will force themselves upon anyone, all other things (i.e., that cause us to fall short of God's Holiness, and the perfections of Christ's character) fall under the category of gaining some degree of reward or suffering some measure of loss, but regardless of the loss, those who are in Christ will nevertheless be saved to eternal life, as stated in the following verses:

- **1 Corinthians 3:10-15:** According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

**Three groups of people:** in regards to eternal salvation the Bible presents the following three groups of people:

1. We, referring to those already saved, and fully secure in Christ.
2. Those who are being saved, referring to those who are open and receiving the word, but not yet fully committed.
3. Those who are perishing, referring to those who want nothing to do with God.

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## **BILLIONAIRES, FAITH TESTED AS GOLD AND ETERNAL LIFE**

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- **1 Peter 1:6–7:** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Here we are told, tested faith is more precious than gold, this is because if it endures the test, it leads to eternal life and everlasting glory and happiness. If our world's top scientist and medical practitioners could invent a pill that would give people eternal life, the billionaires of this world would write out a cheque no-matter what the cost to buy them, for themselves, their family, and their friends, and almost all the world would sell everything they had to purchase one. This is the high value Peter and the apostles placed on the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. To Peter and the faithful brothers and sisters who supported him, there was nothing in this world more valuable for any man or woman to possess, than the gift of eternal life.

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How sad it is that today, in some modern churches this high value of eternal life has been lost, and replaced by a gospel that focuses on a blessed, prosperous, and successful life now in this mortal and present world, and messages that appeal to self, ego and pride. This is especially sad when one considers what it cost God the Father to redeem us, and the high price his Son paid to purchase the gift of eternal life for all who repent and humbly accept by faith the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary, and the Good News of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **DIFFERENT LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE AND SALVATION**

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- **Colossians 1:9-12:** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy (KJV says, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously) <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Paul's statement they have, "Not ceased from praying" (v9) does not mean they are praying 24/7 for the Colossian brothers and sisters, but that when they do pray (which would be often) they always include the Colossians in their prayers.

**The knowledge and understanding of Christ's will:** Paul prays, "That all may be filled with the knowledge of Christ's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (v10), is not referring to the will of the Lord in regards to a Christians choice concerning:

- Which university courses they should take.
- Whether to choose a worldly career or the ministry.
- The choice of a marriage partner, and such like things.

Though we should pray about these things, it is not these things, Paul has in focus, when he prays, "that all may be filled with the knowledge of his will," rather the will of Christ Paul has in focus is his will concerning our behaviour and knowledge of God's word. Paul is praying that the Colossian brothers and sisters, and by extension all Christians would know and understand how the Lord desires us to live, act and behave which of course is to, 'Love our neighbour as ourselves' and live a lifestyle that honours God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith, and grow in the fruits of the Spirit and the knowledge of God's word.

**Increasing in the knowledge of God:** it should be highlighted, even though Paul and those with him were:

- Thrilled with the faith the Colossians had in Christ, and with the love they had for their brothers and sisters in the Lord. (v4).
- Thrilled the Colossians understood the hope laid up for them in heaven and the truth regarding God's grace. (v5-6), and were filled with love in the Spirit. (v7).

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Paul prays that they would, "increase in the knowledge of God" (10), this teaches us the following two important truths:

1. Though we are saved and have a strong faith, we should never stop growing in the knowledge of God and learning of His ways, nor should we ever think we have arrived in knowing the full glory of His will, His character, His love, His grace and His word, but continue to seek and discover greater insights and wisdom in the knowledge of God, not to get more saved (something that is impossible to do), but to spiritually know God and the Lord Jesus Christ in deeper ways and continually grow in knowledge and in the fruits of the Spirit.
2. Paul prayed, that those who are saved would increase in knowledge, wisdom and understanding of God. This prayer of Paul, highlights the truth, that even though a faithful brother or sister is saved to eternal life and have a strong faith in the Lord and in his return, and fully understand that they are saved by God's grace and their faith in Christ, all in Christ are at varying levels of spiritual wisdom, and intellectual knowledge of God's word. Understanding this, those who have great wisdom and knowledge should be willing to show grace toward those who love Christ, and faithfully follow him, but lack in spiritual wisdom, and in certain areas of Scriptural knowledge.

When we expand our minds outside our local church or the religious institution or denomination we may belong to, and cast our eyes on the global body of Christ, we quickly discern that the church worldwide is filled with brothers and sisters:

- Who are from different nations, backgrounds, cultures, and languages.

- Who are still overcoming certain teachings or mindsets they developed from false religions or the pagan faiths they were raised in.
- Who are struggling to overcome strong addictions and habits.
- Who are coping with all kinds of past baggage and deep emotional hurts, divorce, and family breakdowns etc.,
- Who are in countries suffering extreme poverty, the horrors of war and others in countries that persecute Christians.

It is for these reasons grace needs to be extended, like a merciful blanket, not only over a brother or sisters' behaviour, but also over the differing areas of knowledge that we may have, that are outside of the teachings of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that leads to salvation, and the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary. When we understand that the deep and central desire of every faithful brother and sister in Christ, is to honour God and the name of Jesus (none of us attain to this perfectly), and see the lost delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the glorious Kingdom of God, and realise that in these things we are all seeking the same goal.

Understanding this, rather than separate from those who differ in knowledge, that does not affect our salvation in Christ, or conflict with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, a better attitude would be to adopt Paul's attitude, and pray that we would all continually increase in the knowledge of God, and be humble enough to help and encourage each other do this, in a spirit of love and grace, in contrast to attacking, defending, arguing, dividing, and separating.

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## THE WORD, "HAS" AND THE SECURITY OF SALVATION

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Various Scriptures, when referring to salvation, use the words, "hath and has," inferring that those in Christ, are saved, now in this present time. The word, "hath" is translated from the Greek word (ἔχει, its root is ἔχω).

- **ἔχει:** means to own, possess, have in possession, and to hold in the hand in present tense.
- **ἔχω:** is used for present tense, and in some case also for future tense, while ἔχει" is very specific, in that it is always used in the present tense. It is not a word used for payment for work, that is done at the end of the day, but rather carries the idea of a gift already given and being held by the receiver, who is always in possession of the gift. The King James Bible translators use the English word "hath," while modern English Bible translators use the word "has," in place of the Greek word (ἔχει). Understanding this, the following Scriptures should give all those in Christ great comfort:
  - **John 3:36:** (ESV) Whoever believes in the Son HAS eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. ESV
  - **John 3:36:** (KJV) He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

When non-believers or doubting Christians or spiritual attacks try to convince those in Christ, they are not saved, we should remember the word, HATH, and what it means, and magnify it in our minds. Following are a few more comforting verses, that support all that has been said.

- **John 5:24:** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has (hath in KJV) eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.
- **John 6:47:** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has (hath in KJV) eternal life.
- **John 6:54:** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has (hath in KJV) eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Whenever those in Christ, begin to have doubts, (that do not belong), they should immediately think upon the word "hath/has" and continually repeat them to themselves, until such unfounded doubt, has been replaced by faith and trust in Christ.

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## GOOD WORKS, FAITH, AND SALVATION

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No one is saved by good works or living a good life, but good works and living a good life outwardly evidence the faith and the love of Christ dwelling in the heart. No faithful brother and sister in Christ endeavours to keep the law to earn righteousness that leads to eternal life, for all (including the apostle Paul) are fully aware of the sinful aberrations and dysfunctions that dwell within.

- **Romans 17:17:** So now it is no longer I (Paul) who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

It is this sin that dwells within our flesh, that prevents us from standing pure and holy before God. Some believe we are not sinners until we outwardly act on our inward sinful thoughts, but this is not what Jesus taught, for he said to the religious leaders of his era, (the chief priest, Pharisees, and scribes):

- You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:27–28).

All who walk with Christ, are conscious of the ugliness of sin dwelling in their flesh, and fully aware, that even in their best moments, they remain sinners before God. This is why they rest in the knowledge and the truth, that it is only by their faith in Christ and God's grace that they are counted righteous. Their motivation, endeavour and aim to keep the law is not driven by a fruitless attempt to earn righteousness, but because the love of their heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ dwells in their heart, and it is from this love that they desire to honour Him and be a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## NOT EVERY DOCTRINE IS IMPORTANT FOR SALVATION

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Some in the Christian faith have a fantastic knowledge of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation (this of course is a great blessing), but amongst this group there are a few, that expect all repentant sinners must attain to this knowledge (or at least a great measure of it), before they can be saved. This is an error, because not every doctrine or teaching in the Bible is necessary to know for a person to be saved, a repentant sinner, does not need to be a walking Bible encyclopaedia before Jesus will accept them into his Kingdom.

### **The focus of a large amount of Scripture is upon:**

- Israel's Old Testament history.
- How Christians should live in the world, and behave in the church.
- On wisdom, and various kings and prophets' feelings, emotions, and thoughts.
- On proving Jesus is who he says he is. Many who come to the Lord, do not need a vast amount of teaching to prove Jesus is the Son of God and Saviour of the world, most respond on hearing the Gospel of salvation only.
- On Jesus return, an enormous amount of detail is given to this, yet all a repentant sinner needs to believe, it that Jesus will return in glory to gather the faithful to himself.

### **No one would deny:**

- To Know Israel's Old Testament history is a great blessing.
- All should all be taught how to live in the world, and behave in the church.
- Understanding God's wisdom, and the emotions, feelings and thoughts of various kings and prophets' give us helpful insights.
- Knowing the detail of Christ return is enormously exciting, and strengthens one's faith.

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But all these (including much more that is not important for salvation) can be taught, after a repentant sinner, has been saved and accepted into Christ's Kingdom. God in his eternal wisdom, and understanding mankind's many frailties, has made salvation very simple, by placing all His promises to Abraham, and of eternal life in his Son. The 'Good News' of the Gospel states, when a repentant sinner is baptised into Christ, they become his brother and sister, and an adopted child of God, and members of Abrahams family, and as in any natural family, they become heirs of all God's promises to Abraham and heir to eternal life.

**I come in the volume of the book:** Jesus said to religious Jews who believed in God, daily read the Old Testament Scriptures and held fast to keeping every religious rite, law and tradition:

- **John 5:38-40:** you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

These words of Jesus, show that the primary purpose of Scripture is to reveal the Lord Jesus Christ and bring us to him.

### **David in prayer and in faith echoing Christ prayed:**

- **Psalm 40:4:** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

Then speaking of himself, but echoing Christ says:



- **Psalm 40:7:** Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

He then concludes his prayer with:

- **Psalm 40:17:** As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

This prayer of David's clearly shows that the security David had for his salvation to eternal life was not in doctrine, but in his daily and faithful relationship to God the Father and in his faith in the coming promised seed of Abraham, Israel's Messiah the Christ.

Thousands of years later the author of Hebrews in his letter cites these words of David:

- **Hebrews 10:7:** Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'

The author cites this verse to prove to the unbelieving Jews the following two things:

1. Salvation to eternal life is not in intellectual knowledge of the Scripture, but in a devoted living and faithful relationship with the Father and with His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The purpose of all Scripture is to deliver a sinner from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of light, by bringing them into this fellowship with Christ and with his heavenly Father.

When we all stand before the Lord's judgment seat Christ will not sit us down to do a written doctrinal exam, but he will examine our lives:

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- To see if our religious actions stemmed from a devoted and loving heart toward Jesus and his Father, or from selfish ambition, ego, and pride.
- To measure us against the Royal Law, "Love your neighbour as yourself" (James 2:8) (meaning, did we treat others with love, kindness, compassion, grace, mercy, and forgiveness especially our brothers and sisters in Christ), or use them for our own advantage and gain.

**NOTE:** this does not mean that studying the Scriptures is of no value, quite the contrary, since the more we understand the Bible the stronger our faith and our hope grows, and the more we learn of the nature, character will and the love and grace of the heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**To give a simple example:** a young man may meet a girl that he is attracted to, so he takes her out on a few dates and finds she has a pleasant personality and caring nature, now, he knows this girl, no-one can say anything against her that he would believe, because he knows her nature and her character, but if he never takes her for another date, it won't be long before that relationship will dissipate and other things will take its place.

Likewise, it is with Scriptures, they are our date with Christ and through them we gain eternal and heavenly insights into treasures of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, that change our lives and touch our hearts in a manner that nothing in this world can.

### Three keys to finding:

- Eternal life.
- The grace of God.
- The love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whoever reads the New Testament with a humble heart, and the right attitude can be confident God will reveal the Good News of the Gospel that leads to eternal salvation, without the help of any religious teacher. Certainly, Bible teachers can help us find many valuable truths, pearls and treasures contained in the Bible, but every seeker of God should be confident, that as they read the New Testament with a humble and right heart attitude, God will not keep himself or the path to salvation hidden from them.

**A Pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith:** the following words of Paul:

- **1 Timothy 1:5:** The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Show that what God values love, integrity, and sincere faith above all things, in contrasted to dogma, legalism, hypocrisy and pretence.

**A personal relationship with Christ and salvation:** every member of the body of Christ should always keep in mind, that all members must have a direct personal connection with the Head, no one belonging to the Head of the body, should ever allow a human priest or minister to come between them and the head. Human ministers can:

- Teach, help, and guide us.
- Inspire, encourage, and warn us of dangers.

But each member of the body, must have their own personal connection of love, with the Head of the body, no believer, should ever let anyone cheat them out of their own personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## THE PRESENT AND FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD AND SALVATION

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The faith of most Christians, is primarily focused on the present spiritual Kingdom of God existing now by faith in the hearts of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Their chief focus is on saving the lost, and therefore their main-focus is the Gospel of salvation in Christ, because it has the power to translate a sinner from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God, and deliver them from death to eternal life.

Unfortunately, many who set their focus solely on this present time, and saving the lost, give little attention to the literal Kingdom of God to come, when Christ returns to establish God's Kingdom on earth. One of the reasons for this may be the fact, the literal Kingdom of God to be manifested on earth when Christ returns, is not the path to salvation, but the inheritance of those who are already saved in Christ

But, to give little attention to teaching followers of Christ, the things concerning the literal Kingdom of God, is to rob them of the full splendor and beauty of the Christian message, for it embraces both the present spiritual Kingdom, and the future literal Kingdom of God to come, one is the path to salvation, the other is the inheritance of those who are saved.

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## THE INCURABLE WOUND OF SIN AND ROBE OF GRACE

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The apostle Paul wrote:

- **Romans 7:14-18:** For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Here Paul clearly shows that he and all humanity has sin dwelling within them. This sinful wound is incurable, no doctor, surgeon, drug, or medicine can remove it. Added to this, the law convicts and condemns us and therefore can never justify us since the purpose of the law is to point out right and wrong, and every time a sinful thought entertains our mind, or we have thoughts of anger, jealousy, malice, and greed etc., the law opens our wound, and sets its judgment to condemnation upon us. Some believe that no one is counted as a sinner until they outwardly commit a sin, but this idea contradicts the following words of Jesus:

- **Matthew 5:28:** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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Here in this verse, Jesus clearly shows, that before God, even our sinful thoughts are counted as sin, because of this, the law is powerless to heal the wound, for the law is forever searching out our inward and outward sins. God fully aware, that not one of us could attain to righteousness that leads to eternal life, for we are all inflicted with this incurable wound, provided another way for us to attain to righteousness, that is totally independent of the law. God gave His Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ as a most holy offering (the Lamb with Blemish), so all mankind with their incurable wound, could be united with God. Only through faith in Christ can this incurable wound be covered, there is no other way. God's Son is the most precious of all God's gifts given to mankind. God's righteousness is offered to all who believe and is placed upon them as a robe of undeserved grace, since there is nothing in us that makes us worthy of such a gift, for the price paid for it, was the life of God's Beloved Son, the most holy offering, the Lamb without blemish. Immediately a repentant sinner embraces Christ, and enter his Kingdom, the incurable wound is covered by the royal robe of God's free and pure gift of righteousness being imputed to them, and God Himself places the royal crown of forgiveness on the repentant sinner and embraces them with open arms into His most glorious and eternal Kingdom. (Romans 3:25-30).

- **Romans 3:25-27:** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

- **Galatians 3:1-3:** O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup> Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- **Galatians 3:10-11:** For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” <sup>11</sup> Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”
- **Galatians 3:23-24:** Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

Throughout this chapter Paul is magnifying the truth that, ‘righteousness’ that leads to eternal life, is a pure and free-gift, and all it needs for anyone to receive it is faith in God's most beloved Son. The reason Paul is spending so much time highlighting this truth, was because the Jews had been so indoctrinated in the ceremonial laws of Moses and circumcision, and steeped in Jewish customs and traditions, that they were teaching others, they must adhere to them, to be counted righteous. Even Jews that Paul had converted to Christianity were being enticed by Jewish leaders back under the law of Moses. This chapter shines a floodlight on the majestic glory of the ‘Good News’ of the Gospel, which proclaims, God has set us free from striving to earn righteousness that leads to eternal life by works (something none of can achieve), and instead counts our ‘faith’ as our righteousness, this is why the Scriptures declare we have received grace upon grace:

- **John 1:15-16:** (John bore witness about him (the only Son from the Father), and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

It would be hard to find a better expression to highlight the grace that God daily lavishes upon us, than the words, “grace upon grace.” It is enormously difficult for some Christians to comprehend that salvation is a free-gift, for they reason, how can this be fair, since some Christians make great sacrifices, while others do not? This difficulty can be easily overcome, when it is understood, the Bible teaches, salvation and rewards, these are two separate events. Salvation is a free-gift, whereas rewards are a totally different topic. I suspect we would all agree, it is right and just that those who have been martyred for Christ, and Christians who have made great sacrifices to faithfully serve him should receive a greater reward, than those who simply drift along.

**NOTE:** It should be mentioned here, we cannot know who will be greatly rewarded and who will not, for we do not know the motive of a person’s heart. One Christian may have a great ministry, while another cleans the church every Sunday. Outwardly, it would be natural to think the one with the great ministry would receive the greater reward, but we cannot know if they doing it for the glory of the Lord, or for their own glory (i.e., the adulation, fame, and worldly wealth they receive). All faithful Christians I have known, give no thought to rewards, for their focus, joy, and excitement, like mine, is upon being raised to be with the Lord we love,

and who loves us, for most, this is enough, everything else is an added-bonus. Though all in Christ are saved to eternal life by faith, God who sees the heart, and is the just judge, will reward our faith in the eternal Kingdom accordingly.

- **1 Corinthians 3:11–15:** For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Though those in Christ have God’s Spirit dwelling within their heart desiring to honour God and the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are all still infected with sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that dwell in our flesh.

- **Romans 7:17–18:** So now it is no longer I (Paul) who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Though we desire to be perfect before God there are certain sinful dysfunctions and aberrations imbedded in our fallen nature that prevent us from achieving the standard we desire, and that the law requires. If we could attain to God’s Holiness, and the perfections of Christ’s character, and the demands of the law, Jesus died for no reason.

**NOTE:** some believe we are not counted as sinners, until we outwardly sin, but this idea is against the following words of Jesus:

- **Matthew 5:27–28:** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

How blest we are that God pours out upon us, grace upon grace.

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## SCRIPTURES SHOWING SALVATION IS SECURE

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Scriptures that show, those in Christ are saved.

- **John 3:16-18:** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- **John 3:36:** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.
- **John 10:29:** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.
- **Romans 3:23-25:** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
- **Romans 5:17:** For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

- **Romans 5:20:** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.
- **Romans 11:6:** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.
- **1 Corinthians 15:55:** “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
- **Galatians 3:26:** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- **Ephesians 4:30:** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- **2 Timothy 1:12:** which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.
- **Titus 2:11:** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
- **Hebrews 7:25:** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- **Hebrews 10:10:** And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
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- **1 Peter 1:3-5:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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