



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Grace!

Grace!, on: 2006/6/28 17:29

Just something I wanted to share with all members of SI.

Something that I thought might be encouraging to those who struggle with the false doctrine of falling from grace.

When Jesus payed the ransom for our sins on the cross he was paying in advance. Right? He payed that debt before we were born or even thought of by our parents. He was also paying the debt for the saints that had already died and went to Paradise. Right? And he even payed the price for the thief who died with him.

Jesus payed for all our sins PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE. Yes!!! even the ones that we will commit in the future and if he has already paid the debt than why would he have to pay it again.

That my friend is GRACE!!! What marvelous grace, amazing grace. Don't fear, he is able to keep you.

J-bird :-D

Re: Grace!, on: 2006/6/28 17:39

Titus 2:11-14 - "For the grace of God **that bringeth salvation** hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, **in this present world**; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, **that** he might redeem us from **all** iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Jude 1:3-5 - "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints**. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only **Lord** God, and our **Lord** Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having **saved** the people out of the land of Egypt, **afterward destroyed** them that believed not."

Heb 3:12 "Take heed, **brethren**, lest there be in **any of you** an evil heart of unbelief, in **departing** from the living God."

James 5:19-20 "**Brethren**, if *any of you* do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which **converteth the sinner** from the error of his way shall save a soul from **death**, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

Ro 11:22 - "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which **fell**, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue** in his goodness: *otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*"

Quote:
-----Don't fear,

Php 2:12 - "work out your own salvation **with fear** and trembling."

Re:, on: 2006/6/28 17:48

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J-bird

Re:, on: 2006/6/28 17:58

Hebrews 10:26-27 - "For if **we** sin wilfully **after** that we have **received** the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more** sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of *judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.*"

Quote:

-----the false doctrine of falling from grace.

Galatians 5:4 - "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are **fallen from grace.**"

Re:, on: 2006/6/28 18:06

These are good verses, but still they do not tell me that if I sin I will be cut off from God and my soul will burn in hell. You have twisted these verses by highlighting areas that you can use to try and press your point. Anyone can copy bible verses and highlight areas that seem to go along with what they teach but this is not biblical teaching.

His grace is sufficient

J-bird

:-D

Re:, on: 2006/6/28 18:35

What does FALLEN FROM GRACE mean? Does it mean you lose your salvation? or does it mean what the verse says? You've turned from the grace of God and decided to follow the LAW. Is it LEGALISM or THE LOSS OF SALVATION? :(J-bird

Re:Those who fall from grace - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/28 18:43

I don't think this was meant to be a OSAS dispute, but I can't resist inserting a few comments:

The context of the Hebrews verses quoted is about the Israelites in the desert - how they never entered the Promised Land because of unbelief. The writer uses them as a warning to the reader. These Israelites never did accept the Lord by faith. They never entered into his rest, even though they had walked in his blessings. They had Christ's Spirit in their midst. They had knowledge, miracles, the fire and the cloud, blessings etc.

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Even in Jesus day many walked with him, but fell away when they learned the cost. So it is with all today who taste of God's goodness, enjoy the blessings of the fellowship, and learn of his grace but ultimately choose instead to trust in law (themselves) to be justified. They fall from grace because they remain in their unbelief even after they had the chance to have grace.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, God does not have a plan B for all who refuse plan A (after they receive the knowledge about it). There is not another sacrifice available. (Sorry!)

There will always be many, many who are sure they are saved, but they aren't, and you can't necessarily tell for a long time. They've learned to talk the talk and walk the walk. Some day it will be apparent:

“... They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.” 1 Jn. 2:19

Just HOW is God's grace sufficient?

How does God's grace get us through day by day?

How does God's grace keep us from falling into the sin of trusting in self and other temptations?

How does God's grace give us hope?

Diane

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/28 19:35

J-bird wrote:

Quote:

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How about this one?

John 15:4 Continue in me, and let me continue in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself--that is, if it does not continue in the vine--so neither can you if you do not continue in me.

Re: replicas - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/28 19:58

Quote:

----- one does not continue in me,

Logic, I think this verse supports the many references to perseverance. It also supports Jesus' parable about the seed and the sower. A lot of seed looks like it's off to a good start, but ... well, you know how it goes. Only he who perseveres to the end will be saved.

Richard Owen Roberts says it well: What happens at the beginning counts for nothing. It's what happens at the end. There are a lot who seem to be in the kingdom because they are great camilions. Some day they will say, Lord, Lord.... but..

...

It's time we stop handing out cheap eternal assurance policies! It's time we stop making replicas of Christ-followers!

A dog returns to its vomit, and a sow to the mud. And why not? Without true regeneration these are still the same creatures.

Let God's grace do its job! Then you will have the authentic!

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/6/28 20:36

It's hard to get into a discussion like this without sounding calvanistic but those who are true will perservere until the end because they are Gods elect. They can't lose their salvation because God CHOSE them. The perserverence of the saint s is a doctrine that is greatly misinterpreted.

Why would God chose you than have second thoughts? Makes God seem wishy washy.

J-bird

Re: - posted by ertyroe, on: 2006/6/28 20:40

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"He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will ackno ledge his name before my Father and His angels," Revelation 3:5

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Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/28 22:45

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It' not that He is their Father, but, the relationship they have with Him.

I may always have a father but if I disown him, how will I recieve his inheritance?
I will not, I will refuse it.

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So Jesus is not good enough? We also have to work our way to heaven? Hmmmmmm :-)

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Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/28 23:08

J-bird wrote:

Quote:

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correct, in relationship.

Re:, on: 2006/6/28 23:28

So if my relationship with my father goes far enough south than at some magical point he is suddenly transformed into a sonless father. How far will I have to go before it finally happens? Is it different for some people but not others? Can I jump across the line and jump back real quick like and still keep it? Or am I disqualified once I hit the ground on the other side?

I do agree that there are people who have never been truly regenerated that are trying to work their way to heaven.

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/6/28 23:40

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith---and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God---not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8

Did the thief on the cross have time to do good works before he went to paradise?

Murray

P.S. I believe you must work out your salvation with fear and trembling. This is not the same as works.

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I agree. The thief didn't even get dunked or sprinkled. ;-)

J-bird

Re: - posted by RandyJ (), on: 2006/6/29 0:52

Quote:

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Wow, I thought that I opened up a can of worms when I started the thread on moral perfection!

I cannot help but notice that no one answered J-Bird according to his own logic. J-Bird has accepted the common theory that the atonement consisted of a payment of a debt. This teaching is completely absent from the scriptures. But scripture is not used to arrive at this doctrine and so permit me to weigh the natural deductions of the teaching that the atone

ment consisted in the payment of our debt.

1) The atonement was made for all people. This is plain and let me note here that we are to look to the scriptures for the facts requisite to a proper understanding of this point. Some will postulate their peculiar teaching that the atonement consisted in the payment of a debt and at the same time will see that not all will be saved and then conclude that Christ only paid the debt for some people. We must not involve ourselves in this folly. The scriptures are plain the atonement was made for all people.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Heb 2:9

We can also see that the atonement must have been made for all people from the fact that God offers salvation to all people.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" Acts 17:30

"that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev 22:17

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." John 7:37

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22

There are probably a multitude of other verses that could be shown in this connection. The point is this. Could God be fair in offering salvation to all people or any people for whom there was no adequate atonement? It would be like saying to a poor man "Hey come over to my house for a feast it only costs \$500". It would be a mockery.

2) Not all will be saved. This is plain from the following verses:

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" Matt 25:41

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1st Cor 1:18

I do not feel the necessity of showing a multitude of verses here at this point because I do not think that any of you will believe that all are going to be saved.

My reasoning is this. If the atonement was made for all people and not all will be saved then the atonement could not have consisted in the payment of our debt because then God would be presented as damning millions to Hell when the debt of their sin was already paid!!!!And that would be nothing less than preposterous!

For the same reasons the atonement could not have consisted in Christ suffering our punishment instead of us. What!!!!???? Does our good God damn millions to Hell when the punishment for their sin was already carried out on the cross of Christ???? Wow, now I think that I have opened up an even bigger can of worms.

No doubt, if Christ paid the debt of our sin on the cross then we could never lose our salvation, however, that teaching would be just as forcful in proving that all will be saved. Likewise, if Christ suffered the punishment of our sins then we could not lose our salvation but if Christ suffering the punishment of our sins made it impossible for us to lose our salvation then it would also be impossible for anyone to lose their salvation and noone will be in Hell.

If it is accepted, then, that I am right in my deductions then the question will be asked "How then are we saved by the blood of the Lamb?". Good question and I will, for now, refer the person would like the proper answer to that question to the following:

<http://truthinheart.com/EarlyOberlinCD/CD/4/EdwardsAtonement/edwardsindex.htm>

I simply conclude that the atonement was

a condition of salvation along with other conditions that must perpetually be fulfilled in order for salvation to take place. I see the conditions as such:

1) Repentance. Sorrowing over your sin and returning to obedience. This must always be fulfilled. If you fall into a state of rebellion then you fall from salvation.

2) The atonement. The atonement was designed to produce a respect for the law of God that would have otherwise been produced by the punishment of the sinner. In order for this respect for the law of God to be produced in the mind of the sinner by the atonement then the atonement must be believed and so faith in the atonement is also a condition of salvation. There is more than just a respect for the law that is produced by the atonement. Righteousness is also produced.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness" Romans 10:10

Please ponder.

Re: Do we really understand salvation? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/29 8:03

The following words caught my attention, as they relate well to this debate (taken from Randy's Signature):

Quote:
-----Let it ever be borne in mind, that no passage or passages of Scripture prove any one doctrine which do not contradict every opposite doctrine.

There is another consideration – and that is the general condition of the church. Our modern day church closely parallels Israel's history. To a significant extent we are dwell in the desert of unbelief – the vast majority have never entered the Promised Land. (though many talk like they know all about it) And, so discussions are often like theory lessons - void of experiential understanding.

Romans 8:14 tells us clearly who belongs to God. Those who are led by the Spirit of God, (they) are sons of God. I inserted the "they" because I just heard this rendering in Ron Bailey's sermon "Adoption" (found on SI) I had never before heard this verse as a qualifying condition of salvation. Until we accept that teaching, and until we walk in the Spirit and understand in the Spirit, we are just theorizing. Then we find ourselves assuming that "tasting the goodness of God", "having knowledge of it", making initial commitments, going forward, being missionaries, being zealous for God, being pastors, etc etc etc are indications of true regeneration.

Sadly, we have turned the condition of "salvation" into a lot of stuff that it is NOT. We have declared countless people saved because of what they did once, or because of some other qualifications based on our fragmented understanding. So no wonder we run into doctrinal snags. Truths don't fit anymore, so we try to press something in to explain the inconsistencies (all those who obviously are "falling away").

No where in the Bible does it outright say once you are SAVED, you can lose your SALVATION. But no where in the Bible does it give a specific formula for WHEN one is saved. (It is MAN who likes to do that) Jesus said that only the Spirit can give birth to spirit. "Like the wind, you can't tell where it is blowing." But since we can't SEE the Spirit, we conjure up stuff that we CAN see, and use that as our qualifiers. (Yet God gives many qualifiers that we overlook.)

Until we really let God be God, and let him work in the lives of people in HIS timing, (which may take years), we will fail to comprehend related doctrines.

The names of His children are written in the Book since before time. At what point and through what circumstances his Spirit gives them HIS life is a process between God and his child.

Personally, I am reluctant to use such words as salvation, saved, or born again because, really, they have been redefined through chronic misuse.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/6/29 14:21

"Once saved, always saved? Sure! So long as you stay saved!" Keith Daniels preaching in a Baptist Church.

Re: - posted by RandyJ (), on: 2006/6/29 14:39

Quote:

-----No where in the Bible does it outright say once you are SAVED, you can lose your SALVATION.

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1st Cor 9:27

"Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" 2nd Cor 13:5

Now here is a compelling argument. The word "cast away" is the same word as "reprobate". Jesus Christ is in you except you be "cast away". Paul keeps his body under subjection lest he become "cast away" and "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Romans 8:9

"For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" James 2:13-14

Now the argument that I would draw from this verse is very simple. James threatens the "brethren" with God's judgment and states very clearly that faith without the works of the law cannot save you. Now it might be argued that "saved" is not talking of salvation but that is ignoring the obvious import of the text for he says "he will have judgment without mercy who hath showed no mercy".

I am positive that a great many verses could be shown here where perseverance is a condition of salvation. Now it is plain that those passages would be completely meaningless unless there was the possibility of one losing their salvation

Re:, on: 2006/6/29 15:24

"Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, **persuaded** them to **continue in the grace of God.**"

Why would Paul and Barnabas persuade people to "continue in the grace of God" if it were not possible to fall away from the grace of God?

"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and **exhorting** them to **continue in the faith**, and that we must through tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Why would Paul exhort the Church to "continue in the faith" if the only people who fall away from the faith are false converts? If "once saved, always saved" was true, then was Paul encouraging false converts to stay in the Church? Would it not be better for them to fall away then to stay?

It makes no sense for Paul to encourage potential fall aways to continue if only false converts fall away. It makes no sense for Paul to encourage potential fall aways to continue unless those potential fall aways were actual Christians.

Paul exhorted them to continue in the faith because Paul knew that they could literally fall away from the faith.

Re: Roadsigns message - posted by Ruach34 (), on: 2006/6/29 15:38

There is another consideration – and that is the general condition of the church. Our modern day church closely parallels Israel's history.

Roadsign, I totally agree with this. And the greatest tragedy is that we are pursuing all the 'stuff' in the flesh. Like Israel, we are doing works and calling it salvation, spirit, etc... Is there anybody with this witness in their spirit, that we are like Old Testament Israel, with all their works and services, so are we?

I have not read this whole thread but liked the title and will continue as I can...
thank you all
Rich

Re: saved - past, present, future? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/29 15:48

When do we receive our salvation? Really not till we enter eternity, right? So how can you lose something you don't yet have?

"...firm to the end will be saved." Mk 13:13

Clearly perseverance is required. Many rely on a false sense of eternal destiny when they don't have it.

Do we persevere because we are saved (how else can we persevere but by his saving grace?), or are saved because we persevere?

Rom. 10:9 "...you will be saved"
Eph. 2:5 "You have been saved"

Consider this:

"...hand this man over to Satan so that his sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of our Lord."

just some stray thoughts.....

Diane

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Hebrew 6:6 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.

Re: Atonement - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/6/29 20:54

Hi everyone.

RandyJ,

Quote:
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While I do not wish to enter into any prolonged discussion about this issue, I would like to put before us a few verses and the definitions of some words as I think they pertain to the assertion you have made. I hope this will be helpful for our understanding.

Firstly, the word translated propitiation:

Quote:
-----Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood

this is what Strong's says of the word:

Strong's Ref. # 2435

Romanized hilasterion
Pronounced hil-as-tay'-ree-on

neuter of a derivative of GSN2433; an expiatory (place or thing), i.e. (concretely) an atoning victim, or (specially) the lid of the Ark (in the Temple):

KJV--mercyseat, propitiation.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines expiate as: 1. To make amends or reparation for; atone: expiate one's sins by acts of penance

it defines reparation as: 1. The act or process of repairing or the condition of being repaired. 2. The act or process of making amends; expiation. 3. Something done or paid to compensate or make amends. 4. reparations. Compensation or remuneration required from a defeated nation as indemnity for damage or injury during a war

Now for Mercyseat. First a passage for context:

Quote:
-----And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

Following in this passage are two words, appearing several times:

Sin offering

H2403

khat-taw-aw', khat-tawth'

From H2398; an offence (sometimes habitual sinfulness), and its penalty, occasion, sacrifice, or expiation; also (concretely) an offender: - punishment (of sin), purifying (-fication for sin), sin (-ner, offering).

Atonement

H3722

kaw-far'

A primitive root; to cover (specifically with bitumen); figuratively to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel: - appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).

Now the connection with the Mercy seat, or lid of covering:

Quote:
-----And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times

It can be noted here that on either side of this Mercy Seat were

Quote:
----- two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

they...

Quote:
----- shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another

looking...

Quote:
----- toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

And this Mercy Seat, or lid of covering, it was...

Quote:
----- above upon the ark

and in the Ark was...

Quote:
----- the testimony that I shall give thee.

Which testimony, or Law, had been broken.

Elsewhere the Law says:

Quote:
-----Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them.

Elsewhere scripture says that God:

Quote:
-----repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

the word translated repay, according to Strongs is

H7999

shaw-lam'

A primitive root; to be safe (in mind, body or estate); figuratively to be (causatively make) completed; by implication to be friendly; by extension to reciprocate (in various applications): - make amends, (make an) end, finish, full, give again, make good, (re-) pay (again), (make) (to) (be at) peace (-able), that is perfect, perform, (make) prosper (-ous), recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward, X surely.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines reciprocate as: 1. To give or take mutually; interchange. 2. To show, feel, or give in response or return. --intr. 1. To move back and forth alternately. 2. To give and take something mutually. 3. To make a return for something given or done. 4. To be complementary or equivalent.

Paul says that Christ has:

Quote:
-----...redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Another word for us to consider, Purchase. A verse from the Exodus concerning the people of God, the Children of Israel

Quote:
----- Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

Purchased, according to Strongs

H7069

kaw-naw'

A primitive root; to erect, that is, create; by extension to procure, especially by purchase (causatively sell); by implication to own: - attain, buy (-er), teach to keep cattle, get, provoke to jealousy, possess (-or), purchase, recover, redeem, X sur

ely, X verily.

Elsewhere the scripture says

Quote:

-----For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

and...

Quote:

-----And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among t
he children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Eg
ypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the Lord.

According to Strongs, the word Ransom is

H3724

ko'-fer

From H3722; properly a cover, that is, (literally) a village (as covered in); (specifically) bitumen (as used for coating), and the henna plant (as used for dyeing); figuratively a redemption price: - bribe, camphire, pitch, ransom, satisfaction, sum of money, village.

Finally, the scripture says that the Children of God are

Quote:

----- bought with a price

a

Quote:

-----purchased possession

and redeemed with

Quote:

----- the precious blood of Christ

It says that Christ

Quote:

----- bare our sins in his own body on the tree

and when He had finished said

Quote:

-----It is finished

or

G5055

tel-eh'-o

From G5056; to end, that is, complete, execute, conclude, discharge (a debt): - accomplish, make an end, expire, fill up, finish, go over, pay, perform.

This became much longer than I intended :-(

Re:, on: 2006/6/29 22:31

What is the greatest motivator that satan has?

FEAR!!!

FEAR of failure!! FEAR of rejection!! FEAR of the loss of a loved one!! Fear of the loss of SALVATION? If good works are done out of FEAR than are they pure? Paul told Timothy that "God has not given us the spirit of fear". So if something is done out of FEAR it is motivated by a spirit other than Gods.

Fear motivates people to do things either positive or negative. When the nor-epinephrine and dopamine levels in the brain are raised and the "fight or flight" syndrome kicks in the energy that is driving the body is not a natural bodily function when there is no danger involved. This will eventually cause a malfunction in the normal functions of the body if it is maintained for long periods of time. The mind will begin to dull and the body will begin to retain water. The blood will shunt to the vital organs causing a tingling sensation in the finger tips and extremities due to lack of normal blood flow in the extremities. The eyes will bulge so the person is able to see everything clearly and there will be a heightened state of awareness caused by the many stimulants released into the blood stream by the brain. A person will usually reach a state of paranoia and the mind will begin to have delusional episodes.

FEAR paralyzes

JESUS

THE PRINCE OF PEACE!!!!

PEACE is a valuable possession
For those with it and for those without it.

Is your ministry motivated by FEAR?
Is your walk motivated by FEAR?
Is your witnessing motivated by FEAR?
Is your daily bible reading motivated by FEAR?
Is your prayer life motivated by FEAR?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions your working for the devil. He has you in bondage and you will never know the true love of Jesus and experience true peace in your life until you learn to let go and let God. You can twist verses to mean what you want them to but you know deep down inside that this is wrong and it is a "doctrine of devils". It's all about Jesus.

Salvation is of God. No matter how hard we try we can't save ourselves and can't save others.

FEAR spreads like a disease and effects all those that come in contact with it.
Are you in bondage?
Are you holding others in bondage with your perverted doctrine?

He will rescue from this pit of despair if your WILLING to give it up.

J-bird :-D Once saved always saved baptist ;-)

Re: - posted by Combat_Chuck (), on: 2006/6/29 23:16

J-bird, just out of curiosity, what do you think of these portions of holy scripture?

Romans 11,

Quote:

-----21For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

Read the context of these verses for greater understanding... It is absolutly clear Paul is exhorting the gentiles and the natural branch is referring to Jews....

Also,

Matt. 10,

Quote:

-----28And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

the him is clearly referring to God.

What do you think of these things?

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/30 0:57

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Re:, on: 2006/6/30 0:58

"For if God spared not the natural branch". The natural branch being the Jewish nation, (Gods chosen people)..... "take heed lest he spare not thee" (Paul is addressing the Gentiles, so the THEE is the Gentiles as a whole. It clearly is saying that since God did not spare the Jews in JUDGEMENT he will not spare the Gentiles either. If we as a PEOPLE turn our backs on God we WILL be judged just like the Israelites.)

"Behold the goodness and severity of God:" (this is an awesome portion of scripture. BEHOLD!!!! ATTENTION, I can hear a trumpet blowing in the background sounding out the magistry of the goodness and severity of God. The goodness of God is mercy. The severity of God is judgement.)

(Just read the following line.) "On them which fell severity". (The Israelites AS A NATION turned from God, and judgement came down upon them. They were "cut off" from the "GOODNESS" of God and the blessings were passed on to the Gentiles AS A PEOPLE. Israel is blinded by a vail until the "fulness of the Gentiles is come in." v.25)

"But toward THEE" (The Gentiles) "goodness, if thou continue in his goodness" (There is a stipulation to the goodness of God. If we AS A PEOPLE want to continue to have the GOODNESS of God rain down upon us, we must also continue in his goodness, or be judged like Israel.)

"Otherwise thou also shalt be CUT OFF". "Cut off", (just like Israel was cut off from the blessings of God, and the inheritance of eternal life, because they turned their back on God and rejected Jesus as Lord.)

"And THEY" (Israel) "If they abide not still in unbelief". (If they will turn from their unbelief and except Jesus as Lord.) "Shall be grafted in." (They shall become a part of the body.) "For God is able to graft them in again." (God has the power to restore them although they have been cut off IF they will except Jesus and turn from their unbelief.)

This has nothing to do with eternal security.
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Re:, on: 2006/6/30 1:12

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God question. I was hoping someone would ask.

Fear motivates a person to KEEP their salvation. The fear of going to hell. Right? "God has not given US" (those who are born again) "the spirit of fear." Fear is for the unrighteous, not for those who have already been birthed into the kingdom.

As for the inheritance deal. We can lose our inheritance(reward) but we are STILL his son.

J-bird :-D

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/6/30 2:02

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Quote:

""When do we receive our salvation? Really not till we enter eternity, right? So how can you lose something you don't yet have?""

Wrong!., "thou shalt be saved" does not mean in the future. SHALT 4982. sozo
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"be, make whole, now, not future.

Also, "confession is made unto salvation"

Unto us not future either:

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a primary preposition; to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figuratively) purpose (result, etc.);

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

This shall be saved is not future either, but the same word as shalt.

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When we believe, we are already there. We are saved. You must separate Body, Soul and Spirit. If not we can never understand our salvation, past, our being saved, present, our will be saved, future. Saved in Spirit by the Spirit of Christ in you. Being saved by the Holy Spirit renewing our Soul, that is the mind will and intellect and emotions to the Mind of Christ. Will be save in body on resurrection day with our new body like His.

Paul very seldom speaks of the Past or the future, he speaks of the now more often, Now we are in Christ Jesus, and now Christ Jesus is in us. Just a small sample:

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Rom 5:11 And not only , but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things death.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the (end) everlasting life.

End means finally to the uttermost, the last thing we will receive, resurrection bodies.

NOW: Galatians 2:19-21 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by n7rooivalk7n (), on: 2006/6/30 8:04

Hi all,

I have been following this discussion on grace and I would just like to share a couple of thoughts.

I believe the understanding of the saving grace of Jesus Christ is one of the most important things that any born-again Christian should understand. I do believe that true salvation from Christ saves us for good, but not because we deserve it or have done anything righteous, but just because of God's amazing grace.

I agree with J-Bird on this issue, but I believe it's very important that we support our beliefs by what we find in the bible.

Where does the idea of backsliding(loss of salvation) come from? Not all born-again Christians achieve the same level of obedience or working of God in their lives and sometimes make grave mistakes. These mistakes lead to guilt, and this guilt leads to a sense of hopelessness and failure. In this regard we should remember Rom 8:1

Then there are also those who never got saved and return to their sins.

The bible says that the gate that leads us into salvation is narrow and we should make every effort to enter into it. That's important. Many unsaved people make efforts to enter in, but weren't able. For us that are saved, we know that we have entered in. All efforts should be over. We KNOW that Christ has saved us and we should live through his grace. We CAN know that we WILL go to heaven.

For those who aren't saved or unsure it is important to work out your salvation in fear and trembling. If you are saved and doubt, may Rom 8:16 become true in your life, that the Spirit of God will witness with your spirit that you are a child of God.

Just because we are saved it doesn't give us a ticket to sin as we want to. All the more we should live in the obedience and grace of God

Be blessed
Johann

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/30 10:43

To: J-bird and n7rooivalk7n

Quote:

Where does the idea of backsliding(loss of salvation) come from?

It's not a case of backsliding, but a case of totally departing from the faith.

David back slid but he never lost his salvation but Saul did. Saul totally departed from GOD.

There is a story of a true born again believer that get angry with God and forsake Him even to the point of fighting against HIM. You can not say that he is still saved and going to heaven further more you can not say that he was never saved in the first place.

No, He didn't just loose his "reward".

Quote:
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Wrong!!!

Love motivates a person to KEEP their salvation, Love fore Jesus. Fear is a lousy way to live with Joy.

Would you want your wife only to stay married to you out of fear that you would kill her if she left you?

My wife loves me and therefore stays with me.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

In other words:

There is no fear in love; perfect love drives out all fear. So then, love has not been made perfect in anyone who is afraid, because fear has to do with God punishing us.

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If you disown your father and hate him, would you or could you receive inheritance?

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Loose salvation, I don't think so, it is not mine to lose. Just like I did not lose my birth and could not lose it, it was not up to me to be born.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/30 12:52

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It is up to us to accept the sacrifice that Jesus paid on the cross, along with His resurrection.

That is what our salvation stands on.

If we turn from that, tell me what then?

Quote:

-----I receive it because of who I am in the Father by the Son.

You just said in other words, who you are(when you were still an enemy of God), you received salvation because of who you are in the Father by the Son.

How can you be a son in the Father by the Son before salvation to receive salvation?

Don't make sense.

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Think of salvation as a birthright through adoption as a son.

remember Esau?
Though you may be a son, you forsake your birthright.

Re:, on: 2006/6/30 15:37

Saul never lost his salvation. He just lost his anointing as the leader of Israel. He paid the price for his rebellion.

Did Samson lose his salvation? He died in much the same way as Saul. His rebellion caused his calamity. That's the result of rebellion once you are his possession. We WILL be judged if we rebel. That's how you can tell a Christian from a phoney. NO CHASTISEMENT!!!!!! Still, there is no verse in the bible that tells me if I sin TOO much I'm gonna end up in hell. There are plenty of verses that tell me I will be punished.

If he has bought us, we are his possession. It's not ours to keep.

J-bird

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Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/6/30 16:58

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What do you think the Anointing represents?

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This anointing is the Holy Spirit as in

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God does not punish His children, He disciplines us.

Re: - posted by Christin角度 (), on: 2006/6/30 17:30

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Ephesians 1:4-5 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Now you are using semantics. I received sonship from the Father by the Son that is birthed in me. I did not choose to be a son and to be born again, I only believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The rest was up to My Father. He planted the Seed of my new birth just like my earthly father of my old birth, one earthly, the old man, the other heavenly new birth, new creature, new man. That new Seed is Christ in you the Hope of Glory.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Christin角度 (), on: 2006/6/30 20:28

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Very good post :-D
J-bird

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J-bird wrote:

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That is like saying, "If I thought I had to keep my marriage I would be a basket case.....".

But, you seem to be doing a great job so far with your salvation. ;-)

It isn't that mind boggling if you understood Love. **1John 4:18b** He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

I will pray for you.

Re:, on: 2006/6/30 22:47

I appreciate the prayers but your wrong brother.

I know me, and I know that I couldn't keep it. I'm too sinful and vile. I live by the grace of God every day. I win some battles but I lose others. I know that in every case it's God showing me that I must depend on him. I'm not strong enough and "all my works are as filthy rags". "To God be the glory." "Let God be true and every man a liar."

Grace is an UNDESERVED act of kindness bestowed upon us by God.

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Our love for Him, for He first loved us, is what keeps us depending on Him.

of course, we all live by the grace of God every day, and it is by that grace through faith.

No one is strong enough and "all our works are as filthy rags, bBUT He has cleansed us and given us His righteousness and when we are weak HE is strong, **that is why** we love Him too much to depart from the salvation He offers.

I am not saying that Grace is an deserved, but that **He gives us free will to depart from him, otherwise it isn't grace nor true love.**

Could you please explain this

Quote:
-----If I thought I had to keep my salvation I would be a basket case. I would never have any peace. My mind would be filled with terror and I would never sleep again.

All I see that this is saying is, in other words...

"If I thought I had to love God enough to stay in Him I would be a basket case. He couldn't give me the peace. My mind would be filled with terror because of my selfishness and I would never sleep again because of the doubt of my hard heart

God is Love and this is the fruit of our salvation.
The fruit that we bear is born out of this love.

This is the work that James talks about.

Notice

Jam 2:15-17 Suppose a Christian brother or sister is poorly clad or lacks daily food,

:16 and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourselves warm and well fed," and yet you do not give them what they need; what is the use of that?

:17 Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone.

Compare this with

1John 3:17 But if any one has this world's wealth and sees that his brother man is in need, and yet hardens his heart against him--how can such a one **continue to love God?**

So you see that the work of faith is love.

This is what Jesus is talking about here when He gives us a choice to abide in Him.....

John 15:4-12 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: **He that abideth in me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: **continue ye in my love.**

:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Re:, on: 2006/7/1 11:45

Logic

Do you still sin? That makes you a sinner. The only difference between you and a lost person is your a SAVED sinner. If you offend the law in one area than you've offended in all areas. If you brake ONE than you've broken them ALL. Have you stayed sinless since your conversion? If no than you are a SINNER guilty of breaking the WHOLE law.

The good news is Jesus blood is now covering those sins.

J-bird

Re: - posted by n7roivalk7n (), on: 2006/7/1 12:28

Some thoughts I want to add:

Logic wrote:

"I am not saying that Grace is an undeserved, but that He gives us free will to depart from him, otherwise it isn't grace nor true love."

I don't believe that we have a complete free will. Regardless of the choice to sin or not to sin, all humans WILL chose to sin and we are all far from God. Regarding salvation, the bible says that none of us are searching or wanting to get saved. God, from His side, died on the cross for our sins and made amazing grace possible. He pulls us towards Him and does the salvation work. "Our choice" doesn't save us, it's God's grace that saves us. True love is Joh3:16, that God would save us through grace and pay the ultimate price, while we were yet hell-deserving sinners. (Rom 5:8)

Logic wrote about Joh 15 that speaks about us abiding in the Lord. It is important to abide in the Lord. God made us to have a relationship with Him. However, there are times when we don't pray and read bible and seek the Lord as we should. That doesn't mean that He cuts us off and sends us to hell immediately.

God gives us the assurance. We CAN know that we WILL go to heaven. We just have to let go and allow Him to do the work in us. Total surrender. If God is not in control, then we run into problems.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2006/7/1 16:21

Hi everyone.

n7rooivalk7n, how are you?

Quote:

-----I don't believe that we have a complete free will.

I think this is an important point concerning this whole thread. Since you mentioned this, I hope it is alright if I share some opinions on it?

I think we all agree that we have a **will**. :-D

What we probably do not agree about(though not only) is the nature of our will, whether it is free, or partially free, or not free at all.

My opinion is the last one, that our wills are not free at all. The best way I understand to express this is in what Jesus said concerning sin:

Quote:

-----Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

the Master goes on to say:

Quote:

----- If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

So, what are we to make of this? I think it would be helpful to refer here to how the Apostle Paul described himself, after I believe, he had been set free by the Son. He called himself

Quote:

-----Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ

According to Strong's this word is

Strong's Ref. # 1401

Romanized doulos
Pronounced doo'-los

from GSN1210; a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency):

KJV--bond(-man), servant.

Elsewhere he says that

Quote:
-----Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

So, if we compare these things and take them together, could it be then that the freedom of which our Lord was speaking, was not only, or altogether, or in essence, a freedom to choose, but rather it is the freedom of choosing righteousness ?

If I may tread carefully here, I think this is ultimately the **only** freedom a creature can ever have. Consider the glorious liberty of His own Being Who

Quote:
-----cannot lie

yet will anyone say there is no 'free' will with Him?

Job, during his great affliction said

Quote:
----- But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

Some thoughts about this,

Chris

Re:, on: 2006/7/1 16:34

Quote:
-----I don't believe we have complete free will

I agree.

We don't have the free will of whether or not we WANT to be a sinner or not because we were born sinners "conceived in sin." We don't have the free will of whether or not we will sin after we are saved because we were still attached to this fallen flesh that WILL sin.

There are a few things that I have learned since I was saved that have been hard lessons. Number one, you cannot judge a person's spiritual stance by whether or not they commit certain sins or even if they CONTINUE to commit these sins.

Number two, you cannot judge a minister who is not doing things the way you think they ought to be done.

WHY?

Because that's not for us to judge.

Yes you can have suspicions and doubts but ultimately it's God's territory.

If there is no chastisement then of course they probably are not, but how do we know they are not being chastised? All we need to do as brothers and sisters is stand in the gap for them. Pray for them to be either saved or restored.

J-bird

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/7/1 22:59

J-bird wrote:

Quote:

-----Do you still sin? That makes you a sinner.

That is totaly wrong.

If you bark, does that make you a dog?

No, a dog is a dog and therefore it barks.

same as if you sin, it don't make you a sinner.

A unsaved person is a sinner therefore he sins.

Quote:

-----The only diffrence between you and a lost person is your a SAVED sinner.

Again, wrong, we are a new creation and made alive with a a new spirit and that is why we are not sinners any more.

A lost person is dead spiritually and that is the root cause of his being a sinner.

Quote:

-----If you offend the law in one area than you've offended in all areas.

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

:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Those who walk after the spirit do not offend the law but only those who walk after the flesh.

Quote:

-----Have you stayed sinless since your conversion? If no than you are a SINNER guilty of breaking the WHOLE law.

Yes, I have sinned, but, **1John 2:1b** And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteo us:

1Corinth 1:8 who also will confirm you* to the end, **blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"I am not saying that Grace is an desereved, but that He gives us free will to depart from him, otherwise it isn't grace nor true love."

We do have a choice to depart from him. the is a freedom of our will that we do have.

May I ask how old you are?

How long have you been saved?

Re:, on: 2006/7/1 23:30

Are you saying that we get saved because we love Jesus? Because that would be unbiblical.

I'm 30

Been saved for about three years.

You can do a search on (My salvation experience) to find my testimony.

How old are you?

J-bird

When were you saved?

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/7/2 0:05

J-bird wrote:

Quote:

-----Are you saying that we get saved because we love Jesus? Because that would be unbiblical.

No, I am saying that we stay saved because we love Jesus.
That is why it is so easy to stay saved, Jesus is VERY easy to love.

I hated God before I was saved, however, I knew that I was a sinner because I could not keep Gods' Law and was by nature a child of His wrath, just as other people are.

Then I found that I could be saved from His wrath through Jesus.

So then I accepted His sacrifice that Jesus paid on the cross, along with His resurrection and God, being rich in mercy, because of the intense love which He lavished on me, even while I was dead in transgressions, He made me alive with Christ

Think of our salvation not as a thing, but a relationship.

John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they shall be knowing You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You sent. Eternal life means to know Jesus.

To know Him is to love Him.

Don't get me wrong, Salvation is **VERY** difficult to lose, never the less, people have divorced God, left him because of suffering comes, or persecution because of the word.

Matthew 13:20-21 He who has received the seed on the rocky ground is the man who hears the Message and immediately receives it with joy.

They got saved...

:21 But he does not have root in himself, and he goes on for a time and stumbles and falls.

the only one in these parable that doesn't get saved is the stony ground.

Lets say that a man becomes saved, then stumbles and falls and through time he hardens his own heart so much that it is almost impossible for him to repent.

Then He dies in that state being turned away from Jesus, which is Eternal Life, what do you think?

Romans 6:8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that also we shall live with Him,

But, if we die without Christ,(because we left Him) we will not be raised with Him.

Quote:

-----How old are you?
When were you saved?

I am 38 and have been saved for 20 years.

Re:, on: 2006/7/2 9:09

I disagree with that interpretation of the parable of the sower. I'm very aware of the whole Ray Comfort teaching on this but don't agree with it. By his interpretation if I'm not doing good works or reading my bible every day like him, than I'm not really saved. That's heresy. Nowhere in the bible does it say that if I don't read my bible every day I've not got the real thing. I've even heard him say that he has'nt missed a day in 20 yrs. or however long it's been since he was saved. Well good for him but I have. So in his opinion I'm not saved.

His interpretation of the Laodecian church is also misconstrued. This is a letter to a CHURCH these people are SAVED, they've just grown dull because of wealth and materialism. He says their not saved and they'll be spued out on the day of judgement. I say their riding the fence, one foot in the church, and one foot in the world, but never the less, SAVED.

Logic, there is a fine line between legalism and liberty. I've been bound by every chain of legalism you can think of. There was a time when I thought that those who did not meet up to MY standards were not really saved. God taught me some difficult but valuable lessons about his love. His love for us is unconditional. He don't work the way we do. We think we have got things figured out than he tears our little kingdom down and shows us whos really in charge. His ways are not our ways and our ways are not his ways. We take verses out of cotext and build doctrines that hurt people and place them in bondage. They might sound good and we might get some followers to go along with these teachings but deep down the Holy Spirit is nagging at us telling us that this is not right.

I've had to be completely honest with my self about many teachings of the bible. Especially the parables. About 90% of the parables are to the Jewish nation they have nothing to do with us. I don't ever want to teach false doctrine because I know one day I'll have to answer to God for it. That makes me tremble.

J-bird

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/7/2 14:55

Amen, I agree with you toaly.

J-bird wrote:

Quote:

-----Logic, there is a fine line between legalism and liberty.

legalism is doing anything from our own effort to obtain anything from God.

But the main point I am making is that if one turns away from God and stay out of relation with Christ and dies in that unrepentant state, He has no Eternal life because died not knowing Jesus(John 17:3)

The word "knowing" is present active.

We need to keep knowing Him, abiding in Him.

Quote:

-----I disagree with that interpretation of the parable of the sower.

How do you interpret that parable?

Quote:

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I can show you how all the parables aplye to us if you want.

Re: - posted by vico, on: 2006/7/2 15:05

Quote:

J-bird wrote:

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No it's not if you do these things then you are saved, but if you are saved you will do these things. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteousness" 1 John 3:7

So how do we know those that have been made righteous through Christ? Because they are doing righteousness. by their fruit you will know them, right?

Re: - posted by n7rooivalk7n (), on: 2006/7/4 16:39

Hi All,

I very much share JBirds views, because I have a very similar testimony of falling into legalism and then being set free of it.

Interpretation of the parable of the sower is simple according to me. All the seed that didn't fall on the good ground were people that never got saved. They only had the appearance of being saved. But ALL the seed that falls in the good ground perseveres to the end. They truly got saved.

One more thought. Here is a test for legalism. Why do you do anything for God? To be saved (stay saved, not backslide), or because you ARE saved? Think about it!

Look at what Jerhemia says:

Jer 20:9 Then I said, I will not mention Him, nor speak in His name any more. But His Word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with holding in, and I could not stop

Re:, on: 2006/7/4 17:02

Any thoughts on the parable of the unforgiving servant?

A servant had a debt that he could not pay. Begged His Master for mercy. He received pardon for the debt that he could not pay. Yet because of his conduct after being forgiven, he was later condemned by His Master.

Did he lose salvation or never get salvation?

Re: - posted by n7rooivalk7n (), on: 2006/7/5 12:42

Hi Lazarus,

He never got salvation, because he had an unconverted heart. After the king took away his debt, he stopped another person in the street and demanded to be paid immediately. The bible says that those who are saved will bear fruit. He never bore any fruit. He was just glad to get off the hook, he never had Godly sorrow.

God wants to save everybody, but He can't because He is righteous. Salvation is totally and utterly from God and damnation is totally and utterly from man.

Two more thoughts. The bible says clearly that we should examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith. If we are and we still struggle with overcoming sin, it should be a motivation for us to stop sinning through God's power. If we never got saved it should be a motivation to seek salvation. How can we know if we are in the faith (saved)? Rom 8:16 says that the Spirit of God will witness with our spirit that we are saved(children of God). The confirmation comes through the Holy Spirit. The bible speaks in many places of the Spirit of God that gives life. It is the Spirit of God that gives us the rebirth. That which is born of man is carnal and dies, but that which is born of God is eternal and doesn't die.

Have a look at Rom 8, but also the whole of John and 1 John

Be blessed!

Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2006/7/6 12:51

Interesting question Jesse,

I agree with n7rooivalk7n on this in the sense that that this man was not converted. It's a most interesting passage of scripture in Matthews 18.

26"The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

Note that there was no real repentance. He simply said be patient with me and I'll make it up to you. In this case, the forgiveness preceded the repentance but the repentance never came. It's one of the most heartbreaking stories in the scriptures because this man chose to try and make it up to the Lord rather than simply repenting.

Had he truly repented, he would have not treated this other man the way he did. I believe this man's primary sin was not unforgiveness but pride. He really thought he could make it up to God and regardless of what it took He was going to make it up to God, even if he had to run over some poor peasant to do so. That's a heart full of pride. Don't you see Lord I'm a winner and I can pull this off... (The reason I can readily see this is that it has been me for much of my life. Praise God for repentance.)

I used to believe that to make it into the kingdom of God I had to get past the devil but am finding that I must get past myself.

Just my two cents for what its worth...

Re: - posted by BradW (), on: 2006/7/6 13:14

Hi guys,

I have to agree with n7rooivalk7n when he says that the seed that fell NOT on good soil is people that never got saved but have the appearance of salvation. If you are saved you will (or should) have the lifestyle and the fruits to prove it.

J-Bird,

Earlier you mentioned that the Laodicean CHURCH was dull and sitting on the fence but still saved. If Jesus said that he was going to spew them out of his mouth, do you still consider that 'being saved'? How can you dabble in worldiness AND in the heavenlies? Didn't Jesus say that if you're not for me, you're against me?...making them an enemy of God? How can they serve two masters???

Re: - posted by n7rooivalk7n (), on: 2006/7/6 13:56

Good comments and testimonies that you guys gave there!

I can't agree more with the thought that we should die to ourselves. I too can testify of occasions in my life, after my salvation where I made big mistakes and tried to make it up God. With my lips I would say that I know it's the grace of God that saves me, but with my heart I wanted to prove something.

The graceful gift of salvation is so tremendous that we can sometimes fall in the trap of trying to contribute to it. But wrongly so! We just have to receive it! Accept it! You can compare it to a dad giving his kid a birthday present and the kid being so impressed by the present that he wants to pay his dad for it. Any dad would be grieved even at the thought of it!

How love and grace don't complement each other!
Be blessed!

One last thing. Any thoughts on Rom 8 and the powerful salvation work brought about by the Spirit of God, versus a car

nal conversion that can never last? It is the Spirit of God that makes us alive.

Love you guys and love this forum!