## #232 What do I have to do (to be a Christian)

You cannot earn salvation, you can't live Holy enough, pray enough, go to church enough, or be good enough, I repeat, YOU cannot earn salvation.

<u>Ephesians 2:8</u>\* For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

<u>Romans 10:9</u>\* 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.

Religion teaches that <u>YOU</u> have to do certain <u>THINGS</u> in order to be saved. "That is not true," remember the thief on the cross, what did he do? He didn't go to THE church, nor was he baptized in water, all he did, was believe in his heart and acknowledge that Jesus was who he said he was. He confirmed this by <u>SAYING</u>, "Lord (he acknowledged his Lordship) remember me when you come into your kingdom."

What was Jesus reply?

<u>Luke 23:43</u>\* And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

You see, Jesus paid for every Sin, Sickness, Disease or Affliction that ever was, and ever shall be. SEE HOW SIMPLE it is on <u>your</u> behalf, it is just a matter of believing <u>in your heart</u> and <u>confessing</u> <u>with your mouth</u> that Jesus is Lord of your life. You did not do anything for salvation except be alive. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (<u>Romans 5:8</u>)

Unfortunetly, We put the cart before the horse (so as to speak) and give the things to do, in order to GROW IN THE LORD as the way of salvation. You know, to Grow you Read the bible, have Fellowship with other Christians, Listen to Preachings and Teachings, Read or Listen to Testimonies, and let your light shine. (Matthew 5:16)

All these are in the bible, telling us, "HOW to GROW" in Christ, it has nothing to do with obtaining salvation. There is absolutely nothing we can do to make God, love us more, or less. HE already died and rose again FOR US, we are in his righteousness and not in our righteousness, for our

righteousness is like filthy rags before God. (Isaiah 64:6)

We have the mentality or should I say upbringing, that our works is what governs Gods degree of love for us. "WRONG" You see he loved us before the world began.

<u>2Timothy 1:9</u>\* Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

We can not fathom in detail, even just the beginning of his love for us, "Don't try," it just boggles your mind. The bible does say, "The just (thats you) shall live by faith" (<u>Galatians 3:11</u>) and also that, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." (<u>Hebrews 11:6</u>)

So you see, it all boils down to faith, which is also TRUST, who do you trust? Your self, how many times has self failed you? Mankind, they fail you everyday and it doesn't matter how much their educated or what walk of life there in. Jesus cannot lie. He took all of God the Fathers wrath and condemnation upon himself, forever. God does not get mad at us nor does he condemn us, if we feel condemned by somebody that is sharing the word, it is not them nor God that is condemning you, it is your flesh or your conscience or the Devil. It is recorded that the word can either prick the heart (which leads to repentance) Acts 2:37\* Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? or cut the heart (which leads to more sin) Acts 7:54\* When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

WHO DO YOU TRUST?

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