

Ready to Give Answer?

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SUFFER	RIGHTEOUSNESS	SANCTIFY
BEREADY	GIVEANSWER	HOPE
KNOWLEDGE	UNDERSTANDING	FAITH
BLIND	BELIEVE	WRITTEN
SCRIPTURE	CREATION	REASON
HEAVENS	FRUITFUL	HEART
SEEK	REPENTANCE	CONFESSION
BAPTISM	NEWNESS	LIFE

Notes

READY TO GIVE ANSWER

Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Procuring Salvation

Have you ever had anything of value, a free gift that you could not give away, and the reason you could not give it away is because it required the forfeitures of your chosen path in life?

One says, "If it requires a forfeiture of a chosen path in life, then it is not free." The fact is it is free because you could not obtain it otherwise. In regard to salvation, the scriptures reveal, "the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Mankind is an odd duck. Well, not really a duck, but often sounds like one, i.e., a lot of noise.

When the apostle Paul spoke of the "free gift of God," was he saying it had no cost? Sounds like the local mattress salesman, i.e., "This mattress comes with a free adjustable base." Do you really believe that? How many "free adjustable bases" do you believe can be given away and the dealer stay in business? "Come in for your free gift!" The "free gift" of God is not that it has no cost, the gift is that which mankind did not deserve. Yes, God freely provided for, sacrificed for, and freely offered, but it does not mean there is no cost to either God or man. Continued, Pg. 2

There are two terms of interest: 1) free = a favour which one receives without any merit of his own 2) gift = do'-ray-mah From G1433; a bestowment (Strong's); a gift, bounty, benefaction (Thayer's).

How do we know this is so? The writer, of the book of James puts it this way: "What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart from thy works, and I by my works will show thee my faith. Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect; and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God. Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. And in like manner was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead (2:14-26).

When the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he said, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them" (2:10). Did Paul contradict himself, when he said, "We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law" (Rom. 3:28)?

All of these come to a unified harmony when we understand the difference between works of faith and works of merit, i.e., keeping of the law of Moses. The Pharisees, and some religions today believe an individual is saved by works of merit, i.e., Catholicism and Islam, etc.

Thus, salvation is summed up by Isaiah's statement "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it upheld him" (59:16), and the apostle Paul's affirmation, saying, "for the showing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26).

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ret
Read Romans 5:1-11

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- A. 1 Pet. 3:15 – "being ready always to give answer"
- B. Acts 2:14-21, 22-36, 37-42; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:1, 6
Thus, entering a state of satisfaction toward God

I. God Does Not Expect Blind Faith:

- A. Jn. 1:7 – "that all might believe"
- B. Jn. 20:30-31 – "these are written that ye might believe"
- C. 1 Jn. 5:9-12 – God has provided ample testimony to that which is to be believed.
- D. Jn. 17:18-20 – This evidence was set forth through the words of the apostles.

II. Substance of Faith:

- A. Heb. 11:6; Gen. 1:1; Acts 14:15; Rom. 1:20 – Evidence
- B. Acts 14:11-17; Isa. 55:10; Deut. 11:13-14 - God appeals to man's ability to reason through the facts.

III. Accepting that God Is:

- A. Eccl. 3:11; Rom. 2:12-16 – Testimony of the conscience
- B. Acts 17:24-31 – Seek God
- C. Acts 20:20-21; 2 Cor. 7:10 - Repentance

IV. Faith: Acts 20:21; Rom. 5:1-11; Titus 2:11-14; Rom. 1:16-17; Jn. 3:16-17, 36; Heb. 5:9

V. What Then? Three Action Left

- A. What we have considered: Hearing/Believing/Repentance
- B. Three More Actions:
 - 1. Rom. 10:8-11 - Confession
 - 2. Acts 2:38; 22:16 – Baptism
 - 3. Rom. 6:1-11 –Newness of Life

Solomon Says

*The eyes of Jehovah are in every place,
Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.*

Proverbs 15:3