

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us..."

Salvation involves two parties: God (who saves); and man (who needs saved). Each has a part in the salvation of man.

God's part is GRACE; man's part is faith in, and obedience to, this grace.

["By grace ye have been saved through faith" - Eph. 2:8]

\God's grace has "appeared to ALL, BRINGING salvation ~ Titus 2:11. How so? The next verse answers for us the "HOW".

"teaching us" (Titus 2:12).

What did God teach as man's response to His grace?

That salvation is dependent upon HOW man responds is easily seen from the fact that grace has appeared to ALL - - - > are all men saved?

If saved by grace ALONE, why not?

Compare John 3:16 - didn't Jesus shed His blood for EVERYONE? Is everyone saved?

If not, why not?

Heb. 5:8-9 has the answer: "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation UNTO ALL THEM THAT OBEY HIM..."

Although Jesus died for ALL, not ALL have yet OBEYED Him.

HOW does man OBEY Jesus? Is it not by obeying what Jesus COMMANDED? Is it not His TEACHINGS?

WHAT did Jesus COMMAND?

What is man's part in his salvation?

As you read through the book of Acts, you will find those commands and what sinners did to receive salvation.

Were any told to pray and ask Jesus to come into their heart? If so, where is the example of anyone doing so?

Is prayer the OBEDIENCE Jesus commanded of sinners, to be forgiven?

Is praying the manner in which you get "into" Christ, or is prayer a spiritual blessing for those who are "in" Christ? (Eph. 1:3)

How does a sinner get "into" Christ, where all spiritual blessings are?

You can Acts 8:35-39 read how, from the book of Acts, which records many examples of sinners being saved.

To find the truth about whether it is by a prayer, or by obedience to commands, look at these examples:

~ Those on the day of Pentecost - Acts 2:14-41 ~ they asked, "What shall we do"? Were they told to pray? (See v. 38)

~ The Samaritans - Acts 8:12 ~ Were they told to pray? (see. v. 12)

~ The Ethiopian eunuch - Acts 8:35-39 ~ What did he ask about what he needed to do? (See v. 36) Was he told to pray? (See. vss. 37-38)

~ Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9 ~ What did Saul ask? (See. v. 6) Was he told to pray? (See Acts 22:16)

~ Cornelius - Acts 10 & 11 ~ He was told to send for Peter who would tell him words whereby he could be saved - see Acts 11:14) Did those words tell Cornelius to pray and accept Jesus as his personal Savior?

~ Lydia - Acts 16:13-15 ~ her heart was "opened" to "she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." What did Paul tell her to do? (see v. 15). Was she told to pray?

~ The jailer at Philippi - Acts 16:25-34 ~ In v. 30, the jailer asked, "what must I do to be saved?" What was he told? Pray??? No, read what he was told in vss. 31-33: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."

~ The Corinthians - Acts 18:8 says, "many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."

Why does the bible not say of them that "many of the Corinthians prayed asking Jesus into their heart as their personal Savior"?

Why do NONE of these examples record that they were told to pray for forgiveness?

As you meditate upon this, ask yourself (if you were), why you were told to pray a prayer to be saved.

Why were you not preached the same thing as these people in the bible?

Is it possible you have been preached error?

There is "THE" gospel, and there is "ANOTHER" gospel (Gal. 1:6-9).

Which "form" were you preached? (Rom. 6:17-18)