

Strap On Your Parachute

In order to be saved from hell and to be one of God's children we cannot base our eternal outcome on feelings, but on objective facts, and the facts come from God's Word. No one likes to think of anyone as lost. That is why so many people believe whatever feels good must be right, but the words of Jesus teach us that more people are lost than are saved. And while few people will find the narrow way, it is not impossible to find. You see, the Bible also says that God desires that every man and woman repent and be saved.

In Acts 2 at the end of the first gospel message the people asked what they needed to do. They wanted to be saved. Peter very simply said they needed to repent and be baptized. God's word says that when we are baptized our sins are washed away and the gift of the Holy Spirit comes into our lives. That is not for us to argue about, but simply to obey.

Someone said, "If someone came to you as you were seated on an airplane and handed you a parachute telling you that it would improve your flight experience, would you put it on? If we put it on the first thing we would notice is that it was bulky and uncomfortable because it pressed against us as we were seated. We would also notice everyone looking at us and snickering at our foolishness. We would quickly take off the parachute when we realized that it hadn't improved our flight experience and hide from the stares of those around us because our pride would be hurt. On the other hand if someone came to us with an identical parachute but told us that we would be needing it in a short time to jump out of the airplane, would that change the circumstances? I believe that we could honestly say we wouldn't notice the bulkiness of strapping it to our back because we would know that in a short time this parachute would be the only thing to save our life when the moment came. We might indeed be whispered about and snickered at by the other passengers but knowing that we were coming to a moment of jumping from the aircraft, do you think you would take it off? No you wouldn't take it off because you would know that the only hope you had when the time came to exit the aircraft was the parachute strapped to your back."

Galatians 3:27, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Jesus is your only parachute available to save you from hell. Without Him you are lost!

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