

Appendix D

HOW A PERSON IS SAVED

We hope we are all extremely clear about the issue of what the proper gospel response of people MUST be to the gospel. We know that the **gospel (good news) is that our Lord God died to remove our sin nature of sinning and our past sins by being buried, and rose again (after) the third day and third night, according to the scriptures (1 Cor 15:1-4)**

This work of our Lord is to give to us His own resurrection Life as our Lord, indwelling us by His resurrection Life into our cleansed vessels by His death and burial, to gift, assure, lead, teach, and empower us to God-good works, being directed by Him inside us (1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 3:25; Matt 12:40; John 14:10, and Phil 2:9-11).

Therefore, "Ye must be born again" (Jn 3:7) in order to appropriate His method for saving us.

The problem is, "**What MUST BE our SAVING RESPONSE to this gospel (good news)?**"

IN ORDER TO BE BORN-FROM-ABOVE.

It is plainly, as our Lord proclaimed, "**The Kingdom (rule) of God is at hand, be continuously repenting and continuously committing to the gospel**" (Mark 1:15).

ONLY the Holy Spirit of God enlightening and working in a person's heart can give such understanding to any person to seriously and desperately "repent" and "commit," fully yielding his whole being to the service of His Creator and Lord, Jesus Christ. In all misery of understanding, he perceives his awe-ful sinful and separated condition. He desperately knows his need of forgiveness and pleasing to His God. This is the stricken response of a heart grieved and fearful before His Creator, seeking total servitude and pleasing presence to His Holy yet Loving Lord, who is mercifully standing with His Father to receive him, just as they stood to receive Stephen. His present terrible eternally lost condition and His eternally Holy and Loving God with His Son is so clearly perceived. He MUST seek mercy. He MUST serve His Master and Lord God.

This is no simple statement by a rote prayer of easy believe in a moment of time, guaranteeing unconditional eternal security. This is all a teaching and practice of satan himself.

We MUST know that **repent**, means to intend to FULLY turn from your own ways and all sins and seeking God's merciful forgiveness; and to believe, *pistueo*, means to **commit** (put yourself under the orders of another) **yourself totally to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all things** for all the future time and eternity. This is obviously a change of mind and intention only. AFTER this mental commitment on our part, **FAITH, the Mind of Christ**, is **then mercifully given to us by His indwelling Holy Spirit**, entering and purifying our conscience and residing in our spirit, from Whom we are to get our second by second orders thereafter. This receiving the Holy Spirit Mind of Christ to dwell in our spirit is called "born-from-above," or born-again.

This FAITH, the Mind of Christ indwelling our spirits, is what assures us, teaches, leads, gifts, reveals, and empowers us; so that our works in obedience to this Holy Spirit leading (FAITH) is

not ours but the "good" (agathos) works of God Himself in us, not the dead self- conceived-works of deceived blinded men. Hereby, all men, saved and lost, shall be judged for Heaven or hell. By your deeds, God-good (agathos) works of God Himself in us, not the dead self-conceived-works of blinded man. And **"whatsoever is not of faith is sin"** (Rom 14:23). **Hereby, all men, saved and lost, shall be judged for Heaven or hell.** By your deeds, God-good (agathos) faith-directed works or dead self-conceived-works, our Lord says shall be ALL peoples' Eternal impartial JUST judgment, saved or unsaved, for Heaven or hell-- Our Final Eternal Judgment.

This will be a simple judgment based upon what we do with God's greatest gift to us, our Lord Jesus Christ, taking away our separating death, a sinful nature and sinning, to give us His pure and Holy Life to Live through His indwelling FAITH gift. Paul called this the "obedience of faith," the subject of the book of Romans, stated at the beginning and end (Rom 1:5 and 16:26).

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me" (John 6:38).

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me" (John 5:30).

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself, but the Father that dwelleth in Me , **He doeth the works**" (John 14:10).

"That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And **the Glory which thou gavest Me I have given them**; that they may be one, even as we are One: **I in them, and Thou in Me**, that they may be **made perfect in One**; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast Loved them, as thou hast Loved Me" (John 17:21-23).

THEN AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, THE FIRST THING He said to His disciples is, "Peace be unto you. **JUST AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, ALSO I AM SENDING YOU**" (John 20:21). **"The father that is dwelling in Me, "He is doing the works"** (John 14:10). Read John 17:21-23 above, again.

It is a Lord Jesus Christ salvation through faith (Mind of Christ) IN YOU, not of "works" salvation of self "dead" works,"that any man could boast.". "It is by a gift of God (Himself **INDWELLING YOU**).....unto good (*agathos*, God-good) works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph 2:8-10). **"He is doing the works."** "Ye are the Temple of the Living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them and walk in them**, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people " (2 Cor 6:16).

"He that saith he is abiding in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked" (1 John 2:6).

This is the Grace of God, His method for mankind on earth, and is manifest as "God's means by Christ's Mind (faith) in you, working within you through your obedience, doing what you cannot do yourself." By accomplishing this through His Death and

Resurrection (Restoration) for us, He manifests ALL His Attributes in Glory (Spiritual Perfection) for all Eternity, and gains a new creation above the Angels. Repentant voluntary bond slaves to His manifest Eternal Spiritual Perfection is mankind's purpose. And the rebellion of satan and his angels and demons becomes manifest senseless evil for Eternity.

Grace of God is, "Christ in you, through your obedience, doing what you cannot do."

This is the greatest gift, the **grace of God**, that God could ever give to us: "**Christ in you**, the expectation of Glory (Spiritual Perfection)" (Col 1:27).

One cannot have forgiveness of sins, with righteousness and Holiness, without the indwelling of Christ (which is faith of God, Mind of Christ, inside himself). "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom (4678 *sophia*), and righteousness (1343 *dikaiosune*), and Holiness (38 *hagiasmos*), and Restoration (629 *apolutrosis*, restoration): That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor 1:30-31). And the indwelling of Christ is nothing less than initial justification (righteousness) and also sanctification (being set apart, made Holy) begun at the new birth.

This process of these three (repent, commit, and faith) results in being called, "born-from-above," to do the "work-of-God" for Eternity. Child simple, for Eternity. There are no synonyms. **All of these THREE are granted and done by the Lord in us**, but **AFTER (1)** His Holy Spirit enlightenment (called prevenient, preventing, grace), and **(2) OUR CHOICE, ON OUR OWN BEHALF**, must be to do these things. It is your choice to be a bond slave to your "Lord" Jesus Christ. All in Heaven chose to be there, saved by His grace alone. Nothing of ourselves. This is Lordship salvation, indeed. God be praised Forever.

Holy Spirit enlightenment > our choice > repent > commit > faith >>>> our obedience, His slaves >>>> Eternal Life is ours as sons of God to serve Him on earth and for Eternity in Heaven

Holy Spirit enlightenment--**from God**--John 1:7; 12:32; 6:44; Rom 1:18-22

Repentance with commitment--**from God**--Rom 2:4; Acts 5:31; 11:18; 2 Tim 2:25. Repent and Believe (commit = to submit oneself under the orders of another)

Faith--**from God**--Rom 3:22; Gal 3:22; Eph 1:13; Eph 2:8; 1 Cor 12:9. Faith

Each of these three terms (repent, believe, faith) are distinct with meaning separate to themselves, but the scriptures treat that if one is present, so obviously, the others must also be present, by the very interconnection of each to the other in their separate meanings. To **repent** implies commit also. To **commit** implies repent also. **Faith** is always after, with the previous two also implied. As you read the above definitions again in the seventh paragraph, you can see that this interconnection exists. One cannot exist without the others. They are all three inseparably bound eternally to provide our existence in God's Presence.

You must understand that the gospel is about what Christ did on earth for our restoration to Him. An individual's response to this gospel is WHAT SAVES any individual, as our Lord and His Apostles clearly taught. You must understand that the gospel, accomplished by our Lord on earth in His sinless flesh, and man's response to it are two different aspects to salvation. This is why all men are not saved. Despite the fact that Christ died for all people, and wants all people to respond to the universal Holy Spirit enlightenment by their choice (1 Tim 2:4-6); they

may resist the Holy Spirit and deny the gospel.. God in Love will not force people against their choice, at any time.

In John 6:28, they asked, "**What might we be doing** (continuously of our own volition) **that we might be working** (continuously on our own behalf and efforts) **the works of God?**". Our Lord Jesus answered them, "**This is the work, of God, that ye might** (continuously of your own volition, pres. act. subjun.) **be believing** ("committing" to His Lordship) **on** (*eis*, for result of) **Him whom He hath sent**" (Jn 6:29).

The evil work of satan is to hide the meaning of repentance, faith, and believing. See why *pisteuo* is translated as "believing" (a mental notation only) instead of "*committing*" (*eis*) *for the result of Him* (Jn 3:16), *Lord Jesus Christ* (Phil 2:9-11), as it should have been. See link to this website's, [Believing vs New Age Believing](#)> Fundamental Definition.

The reason we carefully go over these basics that any little child can understand, if they can read the Bible for themselves, is that it must take the powers of Heaven for an adult to understand what a little child can easily understand (Matt 11:25 and Lk 10:21, see John 12:37-41).

First, a sincerely inquiring, honestly seeking Truth, adult is filled with biases and false understandings from his years of worldly learning of men, but after enlightenment by the Holy Spirit, may turn from his biases and selfish choices, to **be repenting** and **be committing as commanded by our Lord God** [[both repenting and committing in imperative commands, for continuously acting, for own behalf by own volition (middle voice)]] **for our appropriation of His Restoration (Atonement) to Himself.**

Second, the vast majority of other adults, have denied the enlightening by the Holy Spirit (Jn 12:32), have chosen to believe what they choose to believe, by their own self-serving preferences, and reject all else, refusing to receive the Love of Truth, Himself (2 Thess 2:10). They are thus blinded by satan, because of their self-choosing (sin). Satan has a right to blind them because they choose his world system of blinded men's traditions. These are lost from understanding, wisdom, or righteousness forever.

All the religious world is divided into these two groups, despite all their "forms of godliness," deceiving and being deceived. We may know them by their fruit (product), which includes their doctrines (teachings).

Among Paul's last words to Timothy, he said, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the **doctrine**; continue in them: **for in doing this** thou shalt both **save thyself, and them that hear thee**" (1 Tim 4:16).

We are each prone to call this second group ignorant, but the whole Truth of the Word is, they are blinded by satan because, at sometime in the past, they have already rejected the Truth that the Lord clearly presented to them by the Holy Spirit Himself. **This is why Paul instructed Timothy to not strive, but to instruct "those that are continuously opposing themselves (pres.middle, part.)" (2 Tim 2:24-26).**

When we discern that people are NOT among those "opposing themselves" (lit., "against granting to themselves privilege through their own opinions"), then move on (Rom 1:21-22). There are only two general classes of people in the entire world, those relating to Truth, and those relating to self.

Through His Love.