



BELIEVE, YOU ARE SAVED??

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INTRODUCTION

We cannot afford to make any mistakes about our salvation. The soul is valuable. The lake of fire is too final and eternity is too long to be wrong. Satan's plan is to make people believe they are saved when according to the Bible they are not. Approximately ninety-five percent of all Protestant churches now accept just believe and you are saved. Satan has always used the Bible to deceive. He used it on Eve first. Then he tried to deceive Jesus. Let us not be taken in by him. People want to continue as they are and not change their ways. Easy to just say I believe and that's it.

GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

STEVEN DIED FOR THE GOSPEL

Acts 7:51

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

They killed, this man of God, because he told them you must receive the Holy Ghost.

SIMON BELIEVED, HE WAS A SORCERER

Acts 8:13

Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 8:20-21

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

This man was a drug dealer. Sorcerer in Greek is the word for drugs. He believed. I would not doubt that your local drug dealer, if asked, would tell you he believes in Jesus too. Are they saved?

SAUL BELIEVED AND HE WAS KILLING THE CHRISTIANS

Acts 9:4-5

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Paul was told by Jesus to go to the city and words where by he could be saved would be told him. Paul was baptized and received the Holy Ghost.

A GOOD MAN IS LOST

Acts 10:1-2-4-5--6

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

How many of us is this good? Yet, this man had to receive the Holy Ghost and be baptized. (Acts 10:44-48)

A PREACHER IS LOST

Acts 18:24-25-26

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

If this man was all right just to believe, why did Aquila and Priscilla tell him more?

THE BAPTIST WERE LOST

Acts 19:1-2-3-4-5-6-7

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

John certainly did not baptize these folks if they did not believe. So why the fuss? Ye must be born again, that is why!!!!

THE KING BELIEVED AND WAS LOST

Acts 26:27-28

King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Paul knew this man and that he believed in Christ. Yet, he would not repent and obey the gospel. So, he told Paul You almost persuadest me. That sounds like he is not saved.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BELIEVING AND SAVED

Acts 16:31-32-33

And they said, 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.

If they were saved when they believed, why were they baptized?

PETER BELIEVED, JESUS SAID, YOU ARE NOT EVEN CONVERTED YET.

Matt 16:16

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Luke 22:32

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

THE THIEF

Luke 23:43

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

John 7:39

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

He did not have to have the Holy Ghost because Jesus had not died yet. He was under the law and what Jesus said was the law. Before a will can go into effect the one that wrote the will must die.

Heb 9:16

For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOU SHALT AND YOU ARE.

Rom 10:9

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.

1 Cor 12:3

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

We cannot even say the Lord is our Lord until we have received the Holy Ghost. You can believe all you want and still be lost. The disciples said they believed that Jesus was the Christ and Jesus said you must be converted.

John 6:69

And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
Matt 18:3

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

DEVILS BELIEVE, ARE THEY SAVED?

James 2:19

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Rev 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

2 Pet 2:4

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

These scriptures prove the devils are lost. Yet, they believe. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again of water and Spirit. (John 3:5-9) The devil can never receive the Holy Ghost. You can and be saved. (Acts 2:38)

CONCLUSION

We must be honest about the Word of God. You can believe you are saved, but if we do not line up with the scriptures we are lost.

CORN. 4:3

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.