

1. The Essence of Salvation

- a. Salvation is solely by grace: note the actions of Jesus.
- b. Salvation is solely through faith: note the reactions of Matthew.

Matthew's faith was seen in his obedience. he arose

Matthew's faith was seen in his allegiance. he...followed Him

2. The Difference in Observations

- a. Jesus looked with eyes of compassion.

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The Lord's vision is unbiased. Proverbs 15:3

The Lord's vision is unlimited. 1st Samuel 16:7

The Lord's vision is unimpaired. Hebrews 4:13

The Lord's vision is universal. 2nd Chronicles 16:9

Matthew 9 has several references to Jesus seeing someone.

9:2 *Jesus saw their faith*

9:9 *He saw a man named Matthew*

9:22 *...when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer..."*

Matthew 9:35-38

- b. The Pharisees looked with eyes of condemnation.

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3. The Distance between Conversations

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- a. The Pharisees spoke of Matthew's unfitness; Jesus spoke of his urgent need.

b. The Pharisees spoke with judgment - condemning the man; Jesus spoke with grace- calling Matthew to follow Him.

c. The Pharisees spoke words of abandonment – leaving the man as he is; Jesus spoke words of affection—preferring mercy for Matthew.

Hosea 6:6

d. The Pharisees spoke in ignorance – all table guests with Jesus are sinners; Jesus spoke in truth— Sinners are the only ones He calls to dine with Him.

Romans 3:10

2nd Corinthians 4:3-6