

Christ before the foundation of the world had to pay the penalty demanded by God's law to its fullest extent in order to save those whose sins had been laid on him. Christ became flesh and demonstrated that he had been made a curse in order that those who are God's elect might be made the righteousness of God in Christ. These are God's elect which were named in the Lamb's book of life before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

2. Today, when all the signs point to the fact that we are very near the end of the world when salvation will come to end, God is warning the world that judgment day is almost here. The kingdom of God is purely a *spiritual* kingdom that has nothing to do with any political nation that exists today. Jesus declared, my kingdom is not of this world. Those who understand the promises of God literally as pertaining to this sin-cursed earth have erred exceedingly. The Bible teaches that this earth and the heavens shall be burned up, and God shall create new heavens and a new earth, in which only those who are born from above by the action of God himself shall inherit.

3. While on the one hand God's judgment is on the churches of our day as well as the nations as a whole, yet, at the same time, *outside the churches*, God is saving a great multitude which no man can number, using sources *outside the churches*. Therefore, the possibility of being saved today is as great or even greater than ever before in history. The Bible lays down a principle, "**the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.**" (Matthew 20:16). This applies especially to God's elect today who are living at the end of the world, who are being saved

completely apart from the oversight of the churches, who shall be first, as well as in the opposite sense to those whose trust is in their church membership or the rules established by their church, who shall be last.

4. Salvation is a supernatural miracle in which God works through the proclamation of the Word of God, the Holy Bible, using sources *outside the churches*, to give those who are God's elect a brand new, resurrected soul in which he can never sin again. God indwells that individual in the person of the Holy Spirit and causes that individual to walk in God's statutes. Salvation is an absolute miracle that only God can perform according to God's elective program established before the foundation of the world and according to God's own timetable. We should never attempt to impose our will upon God or demand that God save us. We can beg God knowing that God is very merciful but then we have to humbly wait upon God. And since faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, if we are serious, we will be meditating in the Bible and praying that God will open our spiritual understanding and give us a new heart. God works through his Word to give his elect spiritual ears to hear. Note that none of these things guarantee that God will save us, but these things will at least place us in an environment where God can save us, if that is God's good pleasure so to do.

5. Another command of God we must take seriously if we are going to place ourselves in an environment where God is saving today is God's command to depart out of the churches and congregations worldwide which have come under the judgment of God according to 1 Peter

4:17, "**the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God,**" or as we read in Matthew 24:15-16, "**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains,**" the mountains being a figure of Christ himself (Psalm 121:1). The abomination of desolation is a reference to Satan, who comes into the churches as an angel of light, and his ministers as ministers of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). Satan has always been present in the churches, but was restrained by God the Holy Spirit. However, in our day, the Holy Spirit has been taken out of the midst of the congregations, as we read in 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 **And the restraining you know, for the man of sin [Satan] is to be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of iniquity is already working, only the restraining at present until he [the Holy Spirit] be taken out of the midst.** Virtually every church today regardless of denomination has a carefully laid out plan by which they believe that those who follow that plan can be assured of salvation. This is **not** the salvation plan of the Bible. No one can guarantee the salvation of anyone. The churches hold to the belief that they are the pillar and ground of the truth, instead of God being the pillar and ground (1 Timothy 3:15).

6. Salvation is a matter of the heart. The Bible declares, "**a broken and a contrite heart, thou wilt not despise,**" (Psalm 51:17b) and yet only God himself can give us a broken and a contrite heart. Salvation is not merely a matter of believing. The Bible says, "**even the devils believe, and tremble.**" (James 2:19) Salvation

means that God has given us a new heart in which we never want to sin again (Ezekiel 36:26-27). Salvation results in good works flowing from a heart that is in complete subjection to the will of God, because it is the faith of Christ that indwells every believer that produces good works in that person. Faith without works is dead, the Bible says, but those works are only pleasing to God when they flow out of a heart that has been regenerated by the grace of God. The one who has become saved is happiest when he is doing the will of God.

7. Christ is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world to atone for the sins of the elect which were chosen before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8). The chosen of God were not chosen on the basis of their works, but by the sovereign and unmerited grace of God. Therefore, there is NOTHING we can do to contribute to our salvation or to make ourselves worthy of salvation. Our works are as filthy rags in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6). Salvation is 100% the work of God (John 6:29), predetermined from the foundation of the world. No one can do or say anything to contribute to his own salvation. Salvation is 100% God's work, and according to God's own timetable.

8. Today, when we are on the precipice of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the end of the world, and the day of Judgment, God is calling out those who are his elect to depart out of the local congregations and trust only in the word of God, which is sufficient to keep us unto the day when God shall judge the secrets of men. God will take care of us; we do not need the so-called protection of the churches, and in fact, the churches today are most dangerous place to be,

because God has installed Satan to rule there. Today God is dealing solely with *individuals* through his Word the Bible, which was also true during the first 9500 years of this earth's history. The Bible teaches, "**truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ**" (1 John 1:3). As we meditate in the word of God, we are fellowshiping with the saints of God that are described on the pages of the Bible, which is God's inspired word. And we are fellowshiping with all believers through the Holy Spirit. When we pray and bring our petitions to God, we are fellowshiping with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. God is no longer utilizing the churches and congregations anywhere in the world to be the caretakers of the Bible. God commands us to depart out of the congregations, which have come under the judgment of God, and where Satan rules through deception as an angel of light, through false apostles and deceitful workers, enticing with the promise of salvation by good works. The observance of ceremonial laws such as water baptism, confession of faith, and the eucharist or holy communion, cannot guarantee the salvation of anyone. No church or evangelist can guarantee the salvation of anyone. Salvation is a very personal matter between each individual and God.

9. In Leviticus 26:34 God speaks of a time when the land shall enjoy her sabbaths. Spiritually, God is declaring that in our day the true gospel shall be proclaimed wherein it is emphasized that there is absolutely NOTHING that we can do to get ourselves saved, which is absolutely contrary to what is taught in the churches worldwide. In the Old Testament, we read in Exodus 31:13,

**"Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."** The seventh day sabbath was pointing to the rest we have in Christ, in which it is emphasized that the LORD alone can save us.

10. Today the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:31-34 is being fulfilled outside the churches.

**31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

This new covenant is one in which God alone does ALL the work of salvation and has given to each one a new heart to keep God's statutes (Ezekiel 36:26-27). There is no need to say to these people, know the LORD, because God himself has chosen and elected them and obligated himself to save them through his word without any intermediary coming between.

The single greatest example of the salvation of our day is that of the Ninevites in the book of Jonah. There were 120,000 in that great wicked city, which had no Bible, no ceremonial law system, no priests, no pastors, and completely outside of national Israel, typifying those today who are outside the churches, who upon hearing the preaching of Jonah, believed God, sat in sackcloth and ashes and cried mightily to God. Maybe God will turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not. God saw their works and repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them. These people were not saved because of their works; they were saved because God in his sovereign mercy had predestinated them to salvation and given them a new heart which resulted in them crying out to God in this way. TODAY is still the day of salvation when we can cry out to God, turn from our evil ways, read the Bible, and seek God with all our strength, confessing to God our total unworthiness and dependence on him to save us. We should NEVER give up begging God for salvation, as illustrated by the parable of Luke 18:1-8, where God avenged the widow of her adversary, or the parable of Luke 11:5-13 where God indicates that even as we delight to give good gifts to our children, God delights to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. We ask, we seek, we knock, and then we WAIT upon God. We never insist or presume upon God.

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The following are truths that are set forth in God's lawbook, the Holy Bible:

1. The condition of natural man, apart from the intervention of God, is hopeless. Natural man is dead in trespasses and sins, is under the power and authority of Satan, and is subject to the wages of sin, which is death. Natural man was created in the image and likeness of God, but rebelled against God and will die in his sins, unless and except God intervenes in his life and saves him from the wages of sin, which is ultimately, the second death, to be cast into the lake of fire under the wrath of Almighty God.

2. God is absolutely righteous and holy and set apart from sinful man, and God has given us a law book that we call the Holy Bible, in which every word and every letter of every word in its original languages is given by inspiration of God, which, if a man could live perfectly by its rules, he would live forever. Unfortunately, no man can perfectly fulfill the law of God, and so God himself, in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Begotten Son, became man and obeyed the law perfectly, without sin of any kind. However, in order to have a people for himself, Christ was laden with the sins of each and every one who had been chosen by God from before the foundation of the world to be his children eternally (Ephesians 1:1-4).