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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

This has been a question that has been discussed I suppose more than any subject, that is, as far as salvation is concerned. If we could conceive in our minds the many times this question has been asked, I suppose it would fill many volumes of books. It is a question that to some, might be confusing, but let us look from this life and the deceivable teachings of feeble men and find the answer to this important question. We learn from the opening chapter of the New Testament teaching and find that Christ was born as was recorded by Isa. the prophet. Isa. 7:14 THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN: BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL. Hence Jesus grew unto a young man, lived the perfect life that only he has been able to do and met his death exactly as was told by the same prophet. Isa. 53:7 AS HE WAS BROUGHT AS A LAMB TO SLAUGHTER, AND AS A SHEEP BEFORE HIS SHEARER IS DUMB, SO OPENETH HE NOT HIS MOUTH. Luke records, in his humiliation, his judgment was taken away, and who shall declare his generation, for his life is taken from the earth. In view of the fact that Jesus lived and met his death the most shameful way, Paul says, For this reason God hath highly exalted him and hath given him a name that is above any name far above all principality and power and might, and every name that is named, not only in this world but that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet, and give him to be head over all things to the Church, WHICH IS HIS BODY, the fullness of him that filleth all and in all. Hence in Acts 3:22 A PROPHET SHALL THE LORD YOUR GOD RAISE UP UNTO YOU OF YOUR BRETHREN LIKE UNTO ME, HIM SHALL YOU HEAR IN ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER HE SHALL SAY UNTO YOU. And it shall come to pass, that every soul that does not hear that prophet (CHRIST) shall be destroyed from among the people. Hence people of today as was people of yesteryear are to hear the words of Jesus, but what does Jesus say? Luke 19:10 FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH IS LOST. Therefore by way of reasoning, it would be impossible to save a man that was already saved, hence a man must of necessity be lost before he can be saved, therefore by the same token, a man must feel the need to be saved before he could ask WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? Jesus said John 8:24 I SAID THEREFORE UNTO YOU THAT YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS, FOR IF YE BELIEVE NOT THAT I AM HE YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS. Now we have been told that we must hear that prophet, so we must hear Christ, and believe, Acts 3:19 REPENT YE THEREFORE AND BE CONVERTED, THAT YOUR SINS MAY

BE BLOTTED OUT, WHEN THE TIME OF REFRESHING SHALL COME FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD. Therefore a man that is lost, must BELIEVE AND REPENT. But Matt. 10:32 Jesus said, WHOSOEVER WILL CONFESS MY NAME BEFORE MEN HIS NAME I WILL CONFESS BFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. Hence BELIEVING, REPENTING AND CONFESSING will draw a man to become a child of God. John 12:32 AND I, IF I BE LIFTED FROM THE EARTH, SHALL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME. Now at this stage of being drawn, we ask a question. IS A MAN SAVED AT THIS POINT OF BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD? The Bible said he wasn't saved, for he has never been Baptised INTO CHRIST and of course we are Baptised into Christ. Gal. 3:27 FOR AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTISED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST.

Written in the hope of some one that is lost, will take the words of Jesus for the answer of the question. WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

COY GARRISON

LOVE

There seems to be several kinds of love spoken of in the Bible. Let's study a few of them by way of reasoning from the inspired word of God. First, we read in 1st John 4:16 GOD IS LOVE. Yes God and his son, and our Saviour Jesus Christ have demonstrated their Love for the world. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, to die for the sins of the world. John 3:16. Christ loved us so that he was willing and did give his life. John 15:13,14. This is only a part of the love of God and Christ as recorded in the Bible. But we should be interested in the part we play in love. First let's see about our family love. Eph. 5:25 HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT. Tit. 2:4 THAT THEY MAY TEACH THE YOUNG WOMEN TO BE SOBER, TO LOVE THEIR HUSBANDS, TO LOVE THEIR CHILDREN. Please read Eph. 6:1,4 also. We all know that if there is not true love in a family there can not be peace and happiness. Still following the teachings of the inspired Apostles and Christ, let us love one another. 1st John 3:11 FOR THIS IS THE MESSAGE THAT YE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING THAT WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 1st John 3.23. AND THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT, THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS HE GAVE US COMMANDMENT. Also see 1st John 4:7,12. St. John 15:12. Is this commandment something new? No. 2nd John 5th verse AND NOW I BESEECH THE, LADY, NOT AS THOUGH I WROTE A NEW COMMANDMENT UNTO THEE, BUT THAT WHICH WE HAD FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Then there is the love for our brethren or brotherhood. 1st Pet. 2:17 HONOUR ALL MEN. LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD. Heb. 13:1 LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE. Rom. 12:9,10. LET LOVE BE WITHOUT DISSIMULATION. ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL; CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH IS GOOD. BE KINDLY AFFECTONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE, IN HONOUR PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER. Please read 1st Pet. 1:22. 1st Pet. 3:8,11. I fear too many of us have developed too much love for some things and not enough for others. It may be that we have too much love for the world and the things of the world and not enough for our families, one another, the brotherhood, and greatest of all the Father and our Saviour Jesus Christ. 1st John 2:15. LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS OF THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. 1st John 4:20 IF A MAN SAY, I LOVE GOD, AND HATETH HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR:

FOR HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HATH SEEN, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHOM HE HATH NOT SEEN? Notice I have said greatest of all is, or should be our love for God and Christ. If we have the love for them that we should, we WILL love our family, one another, and the brethren. They too have made it possible through their love for us, that we may get forgiveness of sins and be saved, if we accept and obey God's word or commandments. John 14:15. Christ said, If ye love me keep my commandments. One might say all of his writings are not commandments, so it isn't necessary that I abide by those things that are not commandments. It might be that Christ felt like some would feel that way is why he worded the 23rd verse of the same chapter as he did. IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS: AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME UNTO HIM AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM. Surely then we must abide by every thing that the inspired writers revealed to us in the Bible. I'm afraid it would not be safe to accept what suits us and reject the rest. Let's read from James 2:10. FOR WHOMSOEVER SHALL KEEP THE WHOLE LAW, AND YET OFFEND IN ONE POINT, HE IS GUILTY OF ALL. Brethren let us think on this. 1st John 5:2,3 BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD, WHEN WE LOVE GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GRIEVOUS. Read Eph. 3:17, Eph. 5:2, Gal. 5:22, Jno. 15:9,10. How much love should we have for Christ? Brethren and friend we should love him more than any one else. Let's read from Matt. 10:37. HE THAT LOVETH FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME: AND HE THAT LOVETH SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. Again Matt. records the words of Christ, as does Mark and Luke. See Matt. 22:37,38. THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. If we have this kind of love I'm sure we will be safe and God will reward us at the end, with those things he has promised the faithful. 1st Cor. 2:9,10. BUT AS IT IS WRITTEN, EYE HATH NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NEITHER HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS GOD HATH PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM. BUT GOD HATH REVEALED THEM UNTO US BY HIS SPIRIT: FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHETH ALL THINGS, YEA, THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD. Then in James 1:12. BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURETH TEMPTATION: FOR WHEN HE IS TRIED, HE SHALL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH THE LORD HATH PROMISED TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM. Is not this worth working for? Surely it is. Please turn with me now to 2nd Tim. 3:1,5. THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION, TRUCE BREAKERS, FALSE ACCUSERS, INCONTINENT, FIERCE, DESPISERS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOOD, TRAITORS, HEADY, HIGHMINDED, LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD: HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF. FROM SUCH TURN AWAY, Brethren, looking at the world today, doesn't it seem that the last days are drawing nigh? The world in general is putting God farther in the background, and the Churches of Christ are evidently losing their love for God, as we see so many innovations being brought into the Church. There is no need for me to go into details and name all innovations, as you all surely know the scriptures

teach that WHAT SOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN. Rom. 14:23. And Rom. 10:17 FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.. Let us be very careful in our teaching and practice, that we may have a scripture to back us up. If we don't have scripture to prove what we teach and practice we have certainly lost our LOVE FOR GOD.. Remember IF A MAN LOVE ME HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS.

Written in hope of drawing each of us closer to one another and God by showing our LOVE for God, in that we will keep his commandments.

L. E. ATCHLEY

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

DEAR BRO. GARRISON:

I enjoy reading *IT IS WRITTEN*, and am enclosing a check for ten dollars and will you please send the paper to these following people.

Yours in Christ, J. Y. MORGAN, Newcastle, Texas

Many thanks to you and the brethren there, Bro. Morgan—C. G.

FROM THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROKEN BOW OKLA.

Dear Brethren: We wish to make the announcement that on August 18th, we will begin a few days meeting. Bro. W. E. Daniels of Ozone, Ark., doing the preaching. We wish to extend an invitation to all the brethren that can be with us in this meeting. Bro. Daniels comes well recommended to us as a faithful Gospel preacher, not shunning to declare the whole council of God. We feel sure that all that come with an open heart will be greatly edified. It is the Church's aim to call all men back to the Bible way. Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. Come and hear Bro. Daniels August 18, 8 P. M., Broken Bow, Okla.

P. S.—Brethren, *IT IS WRITTEN* was very good. I certainly enjoyed reading it and look forward to it coming. I am always glad to hear from new brethren. I would like to correspond with any brethren anywhere. By this we can know each other better and appreciate each other more. May God bless the cause, and may WE, the Church, work together with more zeal and love for the Lord, is my prayer.

R. C. CLEMENT, Broken, Bow, Okla.

I am very thankful that we still have men who are interested in the work of the Lord.—C. G.

FROM OSCAR MILLER, GILLILAND, TEXAS

Dear Bro. Garrison:

Am sending check to help bear the expense of *IT IS WRITTEN*.

Yours truly, OSCAR MILLER

Bro. Miller: Would appreciate having an article from you at any time. Thanks very much—C. G.

Dear Bro. Atchley: Congratulations on the recent issue of your paper. It is a great improvement. If you will allow, I make a suggestion, that the writers give its readers much Scriptures on LOVE for Christ, our brothers in him and for all men. 1st Thes. 3:12. AND THE LORD MAKE YOU TO INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE ONE TOWARD ANOTHER AND TOWARD ALL MEN, EVEN AS WE DO TOWARD YOU. This earth is so sadly in need of a manifestation of the spirit of Christ and there is less of it in the Church than has been since I've been on earth, over 70 years. May love grow in our hearts until we let nothing but light of Christ shine into this wicked lustful generation.

Sincerely, your Sister in Christ,

MRS. W. R. COLE, 316 W. Marigold St., Altadena, Calif.