

willing in the day of thy power,” (Psalm 110:39a KJV). “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith”, (Hebrews 12:2a KJV), from the beginning to the end, it is of God, to God be the glory. “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:5, 9-10 KJV). The Perfection of Christ accredited (applied) to your account. Christ’s faithfulness viewed as yours. Saved by God’s G R A C E: God’s Righteousness At Christ’s Expense.

Q. Well then how can I be sure that God has saved me?

A. Once God has saved you, you will have an everlasting love, belief, & strength to obey God’s Word, giving God all the praise & glory for what He has done & is doing in your life! (1John 5:2-3) (Some of these evidences have already been mentioned).

Q. Why did you tell me this?

A. God has given me a love & concern for all people, for there is no greater gift than salvation & no greater wisdom than that of God’s, for *“**faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”** (Romans 10:17b KJV). “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God”* (1Corinthians 1:18 KJV). *“And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed” (Acts 13:48 KJV).*

(The *Bible* verses in this pamphlet are highlighted in **bold** print & *italicized*.)

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Got Life?

(A Biblical Quest)

“But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?” (Job 14:10 KJV). The people in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 expected a routine day at work. However, we know their day was anything but routine... for many; it was their last day on earth. Departure from this world is something that everyone must eventually face; but what does the Bible say about the afterlife?

A. The Bible states that a person will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell. In *Matthew 25:46*, Jesus states that some *“shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal”*.

Q. That sounds serious, however, why should I be concerned? I’m more righteous than most people.

A. God has a standard of righteousness that is far higher than that of any man. In God’s Word, *Romans 3:10*, we read: *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one”*. God

considers all of mankind as wicked violators of His Holy Law & even one sin can send a person to Hell. Adam & Eve were separated from God as a result of one sin of disobedience. So, we are all pre-qualified for Hell & unqualified for Heaven! ***“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10 KJV).***

Q. Well I do keep some of His laws: I go to church, give to charity, and live a decent, moral life. Doesn't that count for something?

A. Yes, you will find earthly benefits in keeping God's laws; unfortunately, one must obey every law perfectly (be sinless) to avoid the eternal punishment of Hell. ***“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:48 KJV).***

Q. Does this mean there is no hope of going to Heaven?

A. Acts 4:12, 1Timothy 1:1, & Ephesians 4:4 tell of the one & only hope: God at His own expense paid an enormous but

necessary price to redeem His people by satisfying the demands of His Righteous Law. ***“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).*** ***“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” “my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities” (Isa. 53:6a, 11).***

Q. That doesn't sound fair, isn't there something I can DO to get to Heaven?

A. You are utterly incapable of DOING anything to earn God's free gift of salvation. For: ***“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God” (Romans 3:11).*** Therefore, even the necessary belief that God requires ***“is the work of God”***. For Jesus states, ***“This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent” (John 6:29).*** ***“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the***

law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified” (Galatians 2:16 KJV). As also indicated in Ephesians 2:9-10, John 3:27, 15:16, & Philippians 1:29: God gives the gift of faith to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, so you will be: drawn to Jesus, convicted of your sinfulness, rejoicing in His Finished Work, knowing that: ***“We love Him, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).*** John 6:44 & Romans 3:11 indicates that you will ONLY come to Jesus when the Holy Spirit of God draws you. All others will mock or insist on DOING SOMETHING to achieve God's Forgiveness. For Jesus said, ***“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him” (John 6:44a).*** So that God tells us in ***Psalms 65:4 KJV: “Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee”,*** because ***“Thy people shall be***