

## Greetings

Verse of the day:

**Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV** “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

**Looks like there will be no boasting in Heaven!** How could someone boast about how great they are when what they obtained was free? Our boasting in Heaven will be about the Lord Jesus Christ who died that horrific death in order to defeat death, pay for our sins and bring us into heaven. So for the person who would boast that he/she are there because they prayed or performed something else (which is works – something that YOU DO) to receive Christ in their heart – will not be there!

For those of us who were instructed to pray a prayer like that, or any other Church works tradition for salvation; the only thing I can say about that is if you are saved – **is that you were saved (the moment you believed) and your prayer (or any other Church works tradition from Israel’s program that our Churches have adopted and promote) had nothing to do with your salvation.**

Is there anyone else in the Word of God – that believed God and were declared RIGHTEOUS (what about Abraham – did he believe God) It would seem to me that believing God, about what Christ did for us (with all the information that we have) is nothing compared to what Abraham went through when he believed God.

**Romans 4:3 KJV** “For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”

**Galatians 3:6 KJV** “Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

**James 2:23 KJV** “And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God.”

- The above 3 verses where Abraham believed God and was declared righteous; was before the Law of Moses to Israel.

**Jonah 3:5 KJV** “So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.”

- The city of Nineveh was a wicked (**non-Jewish**) city (which is why Jonah did not want to go there and tell them that God would spare their city from destruction if they repented and changed their wicked ways) and as the scripture above says “they believed God” changed and God did not destroy their city.

Likewise, in our time of Grace (without the works of the Law) **we are to believe God** when we are informed though the Apostle Paul that we are saved when we believe that Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, was buried and rose again on the third day according to the scriptures. **He did it all.** There is absolutely nothing that we could do or bring to God – to add to what Christ

has already done for us – **but by faith, trust and believe**. Don't be fooled by modern Church traditions that reach back into Israel programs to put us under the Law.

**When you believe God – you will be declared righteous** (as was Abraham)

Peace and Grace.

...and may God richly bless you and your family

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