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## *Three Things a Christian Ought to Be*

*By: Andrew Lacroix*

Text: Joshua 1:1-9

There is no doubt in my mind that the average 21st century Christian falls short of many Christians who preceded us. Now, while they had their struggles, so do we, and the amount of temptations, trials, and travesties continue to grow at an alarming rate. Jobs are more of a burden now, and may put the Christian at risk of not being able to serve the Lord as he desires. Costs continue to inflate like a hot air balloon, putting a strain on family finances,

forcing even more time of separation between the husband and his family so they can make ends meet while being faithful to tithing, giving, and missions. Discouragement is at an all time high. Hollywood, sports, and the pleasures of this pathetic world lurk at every corner, robbing the Christian blind and potentially setting them up for failure, faithlessness, and fatigue.

We may have some things better, but other things worse than those that ran the race before us. Nevertheless the finish line remains the same: "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith..." (Heb. 12:2). Until that awesome day, let's look at three things that will help us see past our struggles and strife and help us see what a Christian ought to be.

In Joshua 1 we find the godly example for whom the book is named. He is accountable and responsible for guiding the Israelites into the Promised Land 14,389 days after they should have been there. They floundered, flopped, and failed in so many ways during the journey, and after another disaster of not trusting Jehovah, God eventually said all but two would die in the wilderness for their lack of faith. Moses would have made it three had he not let his anger over the people run the day in Numbers 20, as he was left on the outside looking in. Now, the faithful spy Joshua is preparing to finally enter home. The Lord gives the command, and in our text we note that He says to "be strong" three times (v. 6, 7, and 9). The first thing I'd like to note is that a Christian ought to be *strong*.

I'm not saying the Christian needs to look like he's strong, like a well built man, an athlete, or Schwarzenegger, but he/she needs to be strong spiritually. Everyday we should be conquering our own "new territory" with our arsenal of weapons the Lord has given us to fight with. Equipment such as loins girt about with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit are but six tools to help us be strong (cf. Eph. 6:14-17). Look, Joshua needed a pep talk. We all do, and this is why we come before the Lord and before other believers. Joshua's earthly influence Moses is now dead, and now God has appointed him to the task of bringing God's people home. The Lord commands him not once, not twice, but thrice to "be strong". Twice he is told also to "have a good courage" and once to be "very courageous". What he is about to embark on is something they still yet had to experience, despite all they had gone through in the forty years prior to this. The new land wasn't filled with peaceful people. Giants ruled the land. Huge walled cities were here. Yet greater than those were the people of God.

This used to be a Christian nation. Many were peaceful, open to things of eternity. Not anymore. The giants of this day are the big time anti-God, liberal groups like the ACLU (the Anti-Christian Liberalistic Union) or the FFRF (Faithless Fathoms of Rebellious Fools) threaten to shut Bible-believers up. Huge walls of religion, cults, and humanists further deceive the masses. Yet we are to be strong and of a good courage in our fight to re-conquer the territory and win souls to Christ.

Note verse eight. God says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have

good success." This is the only time the word "success" is found as translated in the KJB. True Scriptural success can only come from meditating upon the Words of God every day and every night. We not only should be reading the Words of God; we should also be pondering upon them as we read. Psalm 1:2 says, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Hiding God's Words in our hearts not only keeps us from sinning (cf. Ps. 119:11), it is also necessary for comfort, encouragement, and strength in times of trial, temptation, and testing. Success in our Christian lives can only come through God, and that is found in hiding and obeying God's Word that will give us the victory and God the glory.

Finally, in verse nine, the final command to Joshua was to be strong and of a good courage, but also to be not afraid, because the Lord was with him. Christian, the Lord is with you as well. He does not leave us nor forsake us (cf. Heb. 13:5). Knowing such as we do, the fight is on, O Christian soldier. Whether we are looking to conquer land or combat the wiles of the devil, we need to be strong.

The second thing a Christian needs to be is *separated*. In II Corinthians 6:14-17 Paul makes the argument regarding this important Christian principle. The word separated here means to be set apart, and that includes not entangling in vital manners with a person who is not a believer. A Christian should not marry or enter business with one who is without. It does not mean we have to isolate ourselves from those who are not saved. However, it does mean that we should not get involved with one who has a different mindset concerning spiritual matters in major business, and when we have to be around lost people, we need to have a polished testimony around them. Don't be a "testiphony"; that is, one who says they are a good Christian and then totally act as if they've never heard of the Gospel and behaves like his unsaved buddies. Be alert when with lost souls, and don't go with them to certain places that you know is not a good place you should be. One compromise could result in their soul lost for all eternity. Paul said, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" If you're saved, only marry a person who is also saved. Amos remarked, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (3:3) God dwells in us, verse sixteen articulates, and we threaten to quench the Holy Spirit's power by looking to do such things we know better not to do. James reminded his readers: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (4:17) Christ said in Luke 12:48: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

Your stand against a lost soul's sin will eventually do one of two things: either they will draw away from you or they become convicted of their need to change. If it is the latter, the Holy Spirit is doing the convicting, and using you as a conduit. That being the case, help them to understand why you are this way and perhaps they may see themselves lost and in need of a Saviour. If they flee, at least you have done your part to be a good testimony and pray the Lord works in that person's life. We are to be sold out to God, not to sin. We've been bought with a high price. We should be different, and that means being different in all aspects of your walk with God. We should dress as if we're not for sale, not like we're 75% off at the store. Act proper and be clean in your appearance, demeanor, and conversation. Who cares what

others think! We should care what God thinks about us, because God wants us to be different, and as peculiar people, we should do it because the love of Christ constrains us. He has saved us from the lifestyle of sin and the bondage of Satan. Die to this world, and be separate.

The third thing a Christian ought to be is *stedfast*. In I Corinthians 15:51-58 Paul gives the motivation before the challenge. Jesus Christ is coming soon, and it may be today! Therefore, knowing this, the Christian, the "beloved brethren" Paul is speaking to, ought to be: "...stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." The work must go on! There are way too many souls in our towns, cities, and villages who don't know Christ as Saviour for us to be idle! There are too many Christians who are backsliding and are shaken at the first instance of something amiss in their life. There are things to do, my beloved brethren, such as people to edify, souls to reach, and we must do all to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yet the rest of the verse is continued motivation: "...for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." God will not forget what you accomplish through Him and in His power alone. You may be behind the scenes, but God knows if you glorify Him in your simple, everyday tasks. We may never see a single soul come to church or get saved because of our various outreach programs, but God is in control of that too! Remember what Paul told these same believers earlier: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." (3:6) If you witness to a soul, and they get saved, praise God! He allowed you to have a part, but He does the saving. If it was up to me to save, I couldn't even save five bucks! God will bring the truly seeking soul to the right person or right place wherein they can receive what they need to make the decision to repent and receive Christ. Cornelius and his family were led just like this to true biblical faith in Christ (cf. Acts 10).

There is no reason here to flounder, falter, and fail. It is but a little longer that we should tarry and be that godly testimony, and then we, awaiting the return of Christ, shall hear the sound of the trump. Our rests and rewards are coming, but we must press forward until that glorious day. Listen for the trumpet! Jesus is coming! Listen for the trumpet! Look to the sky! No more sorrow, no more night, only God's eternal Light! Jesus is coming again! We will be changed to be like Him and we will see Him and then we will be with Him! All in the twinkling of an eye!

How can we surrender now? It is so close we can practically smell it. It is like taking a trip to the ocean or the beach. You can smell the salt in the water as soon as you step out of the car. Knowing the return of the Lord is imminent, put on the armour of God, don't bow to anyone or anything, and be the solid rock God desires you to be.

In closing, Joshua was told to be strong. We have our own spiritual territory that needs to be conquered. At its height, Israel only covered a small percentage of all God had for them. Our spiritual height cannot be completely conquered until we reach Heaven, but we can break down the walls of failure and opposing forces with the help of God. Paul commanded of the Corinthian church to be separated. It is different from isolated, and this defines the loyal stand we should have for the cause of Christ and the Word of God at any and all costs

necessary. Finally, brethren, Paul mentions to us that we ought to be steadfast. We cannot be moved by the ebb and flow of daily trials and tribulations. We need to press on for the work of God here in the local church as well as our ministry to the lost and dying of our communities. There are still many souls who don't have a clue that they need to be saved, much less how they can be saved.

## *Three Things a Christian Ought Not to Be*

*By: Andrew Lacroix*

Text: Romans 14:10-20

In my last devotional I shared three things that a Christian ought to be. That was, of course, only the tip of the iceberg concerning that particular topic. There are many more things the Christian ought to be. Tonight I'm flipping the coin, so to speak. Again, only scratching the surface of this topic, let's look at three things a Christian ought not to be.

Let's start with our text in Romans 14. Paul here makes the "for meat destroy not the work of God" challenge. Look, we are not going to agree one hundred percent with everything and everyone. We all have some minute differences concerning some smaller matters. So why tear someone up over these minute matters? In verse thirteen, Paul brings up the first thing the Christian ought not to be: a *stumblingblock*.

A stumblingblock is like a hurdle on a running track, or an obstacle. Stumblingblocks in the Christian life are obstacles as well, because they have the potential to impede another Christian who is running the race before them (cf. Heb. 12:1). In the verses prior to this, Paul made the argument that we shouldn't judge those who were mostly vegetable eaters as opposed to those who had no problem eating meat. The issue running rampant in that day was whether the meat was offered up to idols. In Daniel 1:8-16, he and Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah purposed not to eat of the meat they were offered by the eunuchs. They knew that the meat offered to them had also been offered up to an idol, violating three of God's laws, two of which were established in the book of Leviticus. First, the meat contained blood. God said for His people they may not eat blood in Lev. 17:10-14. Secondly, it also contained the meat of swine. Swine was an unclean animal for the Israelites as part of the dietary laws in Lev. 11. Finally, the meat was not consecrated unto the Holy God, but rather the pagan gods of Babylon. Daniel and his friends knew better, so he politely asked for them to be excused from the meat and rather given pulse (seed veggies). In ten days they looked fairer and fatter in flesh than all of the children who did eat of the meat. God providentially did this because these boys wanted to honor Him with their lives despite being captured and sent into Babylon, and their godly names "changed" into names to appease their gods.

So these Levitical laws were remembered by these believers both in the church at Rome and also by Corinth ( a similar passage is found in I Cor. 8) when discussing whether or not they can eat of the meat. That argument is not necessarily an issue today, but what is an issue

is that we shouldn't judge other believers in minute matters such as this. We should all be alike as far as major doctrinal points go, but if we're different on a tiny matter such as this, don't go rattling them for this. Also, if you do something such as this in front of another believer who is offended by it, sinful or not, that can cause them to take a step back in their walk, and that does not bode well for you. If one can be offended by something and you don't have a problem with it, just for uniformity and testimony's sake in the body, don't do it. It may mean a small temporal loss for now, but God will reward you in Heaven for sure. Determine not to be a stumblingblock.

Earlier in that passage Paul alludes to a future judgment, and that will be done by the chief Justice and Judge over all of our lives. Don't wrongfully judge another believer, as you and I will stand and give account (v.12) to the Judge for our lives, motives, actions, thoughts, and deeds. Being a stumblingblock will not help us at the Bema Seat of Christ.

The second thing a Christian ought not to be is *slothful*. In Rom. 12:11 Paul says, "Not slothful in business: fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Being slothful lends itself to a lack of diligence. Lazy could certainly be another useful term to describe one who is slothful. In the corporate world, unlike most foolish television sitcoms, being lazy will not help your cause. The same is most certainly true in the Christian life. We are not to be idle when souls around us perish and go to Hell for all eternity. Not only are we to be good testimonies, Ezekiel was told twice to be the watchman, to warn others of impending danger. We need do the same with warning lost souls of the wrath that is to come. Not being proactive in this sense refers itself to a sense of laziness, having a wrongful contentment. Are we lazy in our walks with the Lord? Are you and I reading and studying Scripture as we ought? How about our prayer lives? If we're not moving forward we're going backward. You can't tread water in the Christian life.

Slothfulness was a topic often taught and talked about much by Solomon. A plethora of Scriptures in the book of Proverbs underline slothful behaviors and their lack of diligence in some important areas. Prov. 12:24 warns that a slothful man will be: "under tribute". That simply put is forced labor. They will be forced to work harder, perhaps under the duress of financial or employment threatening. Work is definitely an area of our lives that we should put under a magnifying glass to take a closer look at. Are we the hardest workers at our various places of employment? Let's strive to be. That is an important testimony. 15:19 teaches that one who slacks makes things harder for themselves, both now and in the future. 18:9 says that the slothful in work is brother to him who is a great waster, a destroyer, one who really doesn't care. They take pleasure in being lazy. We are not to be lazy. Lazy people don't desire to work. Lazy Christians desire to be content with being back-pew Baptists and are not willing to further their walk with the Lord nor help anyone else in their walk either. A slothful Christian can also be a stumblingblock as well. A passage on slothful and sluggard people is found in 26:13-16. Christ blasted the slothful steward in the parable of the talents, and that is only an indicator to the bigger problem he had, that being he failed to know just Who his Master was, in Matt. 25. Don't be lazy. Do the hard work. Do it with all your might (cf. Eccl. 9:10). The Christian who is struggling with a lack of due diligence in their life ought not to be lazy any longer, but to pray hard that he or she is forgiven, and then seek Him for His



help in being more diligent. Paul said, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (I Cor. 4:2)

So first a Christian is told that for testimony's sake they should not be a stumblingblock to another believer. They are also told not to be slothful, but rather diligent in aspects of employment, house duties, responsibilities, and in the local church as well. Finally the Christian ought not to be *stiffnecked*. This word is translated as such nine times from the TR, and one of them is found in II Chronicles 30. Here Hezekiah is seeking to revive the people of Judah, and the godly king remarked in verse eight: "Not be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into His sanctuary, which He hath sanctified forever: and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you." He made a plea to the people of Judah, under soon coming and fierce judgment for centuries of idolatry and wicked living, to be not as their fathers were.

So who were Judah's "fathers"? The Israelites of old. In Exodus 32 we see the grumbling moaners, whiners, and complainers of that day, Judah's predecessors, committing a gross sin in desiring an idol to be made, then enticed Moses' brother, Aaron, to make this idol. Solomon warned, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not" (Prov. 1:10). This idol is made and is worshipped, causing God to get very angry in verse seven and eight. The Lord called them a stiffnecked people. They were stubborn. They were unwilling to change despite all that God, through Moses, had done for them, and noted their stubbornness from the days of bondage in Egypt as well. Had not Moses interceded on their behalf, God would have probably taken all their lives for this sin. Instead, three thousand lost their lives (v. 28). The word stiffnecked is used twice in chapter 33. In 34:9 Moses pleaded with God that both him and the stiffnecked people would be pardoned their iniquities and sins. When we as Christians don't change and heed to God's Word, our hearts harden and we are chastised, in God's way of applying the rod just as a father does to a rebellious child (cf. Prov. 13:24). God desires that we be in fellowship with Him. We will be chastised if we rebel, and we will harden our hearts if we reject God's Word. Just as Moses intervened for the Israelites, so the Lord Jesus Christ does for us (cf. I John 2:2). God then made a renewal of the covenant with His chosen people in the passage to follow. God will forgive us if we are truly repenting and sorry for our sins, but if we are stubborn and stiffnecked and unwilling to repent, we should expect further chastening. Chastening is good for two things. One is that it should work to bring us back into fellowship with God, which we sorely need. It also reminds us that we are bought with a price and are His. If you sin in such ways, don't repent, and don't see God's hand of work to bring you back, watch out. The Lord loveth whom He chasteneth, Paul argues in Heb. 12:6, and if you're not a part of this chastisement, you may not be one of God's children, and you need to see that and be saved.

In Acts 7 the recently appointed apostle Stephen, who replaced the traitor Judas Iscariot, calls the Jews of his day: "stiffnecked and uncircumcised in hearts and ears: ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye" (v. 51). They professed to honor the prophets, but yet they persecuted Christ and sent Him to die, fulfilling much Scripture in the process. They were stubborn and unwilling to see the fulfillment of much OT Scripture

concerning the Just One (v. 52). Their continued rebellion led to Christ's death, the stoning of Stephen at the conclusion of this chapter, and also eventually the apostle Paul declaring himself clean. His testimony, amazing as it was, could only go so far. He said to the blaspheming Jews: "your blood be upon your own heads: I am clean, from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles." (18:6) Continued rebellion and stubbornness in your heart, Christian, may lead to the Holy Spirit no longer working in your life, and that is resisting and quenching the Holy Ghost, and that will not be good for you at the Bema Seat. It is also damning for the one who is without Christ, that their consistent and constant rejection of the Saviour could lead to them being unable to come to Christ, and their should will await the final judgment of the lake of fire.

Christians, we have been warned by the Word of God. We should not be stumbling blocks, causing another brother or sister to not walk with God as they should. Encourage and build up your fellow soldiers, and don't bring them down. If you have to change something to please another person, do it without complaint. We are also commanded not to be slothful when it comes to our work both for the Lord and for laboring in a secular field. People are watching, and our hard work does pay off. We only get one chance to do this right, so don't be lazy, but rather be diligent and be found faithful. Finally, don't be stubborn and stiffnecked. Don't resist God's work in your life, lest you no longer grow and limit your testimony. Also, if you're not seeing God change your life and bring you back into fellowship with Him, be careful and work out your own salvation. You could very well realize that you don't belong to God. If you have realized this tonight, church member or not, come to Christ today. Don't let your blood be upon your own hands. Repent and receive Christ.

## *“Alone” (Part #) (By: Craig Glickman)*

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “alone” in the Bible. This word appears 106 times in the King James Version. For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

**John 16:32** – In this passage, Christ is speaking to His disciples predicting His death and resurrection. He speaks to them in a proverb (vs. 19-28) and they are convinced that He came from God (vs. 30). He then goes on to tell of His betrayal and the disciples forsaking Him and fleeing Jesus, but He would not be alone for the Father is with Him (vs. 32). He then tells them how true peace only comes from Christ and that in the world we will have tribulations, but He has overcome the world (vs. 33).

**John 17:20** – This is the great passage of the Lord's prayer. He is praying for His disciples and in our passage, He is praying, not just for them alone, but for all those who will believe on His name! This is through their word, which is the preaching of His inspired, inerrant, infallible, God breathed and perfectly preserved word that the disciples preached!



## *Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)*

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

**Passage:** Job 19:10

**Emotion(s):** Hope (Lack of)

**Cause:** Feeling separated from God and His blessings

**Effect:** Seeming hopelessness and in despair

**What does the passage say?:** In this passage, Job is responding to Bildad and then begins to blame God starting in verse 6 (overthrown or wronged and compassed him with His net)! This was a tremendously depressing, discouraging and overwhelming time for Job. He is angry at God and says "He hath destroyed (or breaks me down) me on every side...and my hope hath he removed (uprooted) like a tree." Wow! In Job 17:14-16, we read more of his depressed and seemingly hopeless state. He calls corruption his father and to the worm, thou art my mother and sister! He wonders where is his hope (Job. 7:6, 13:15, 14:19, 17:15)? Obviously, these passages show his hopeless and helpless feelings. Job may have had nothing and nobody, but though feeling distanced from Him, he still had the Lord! He felt completely destroyed and separated from God and His blessings! What a terrible way to feel! What a terrible state to be in! Little did he know, God was in full control and would never and did not leave nor forsake Job in the midst of this tremendous emotional and physical trial!

**What does the passage say to you and I?:** To me, this passage shows a true and genuine believer, just like Job, can feel separated from God and His blessings, hopeless and in despair! You may have little or no friends, no family, no spouse, lack wisdom and understanding of spiritual or other things, and it makes you feel helpless and hopeless and God seems distant. Like Job said 'where is his hope?', where is our hope? Whether our trials are physical, emotional, spiritual, financial or all of the above, our hope is in the Lord and in His precious holy word! We must walk fully and completely by faith in Him and His word and not by circumstances of life. Is this easy to do? NO! You or I can't do it alone! Is it wrong to question God and ask why? NO! We should seek Him in prayer and ask Him to show us any sin that may be between our Lord and the Savior and repent of it. Second, we need to encourage ourselves in the Lord as the Psalmist did. This is done by taking time in His word and prayer and asking Him to show us what we need to say and do each moment to honor and please Him. We need to trust Him fully and be content whatsoever state we are in! For Job, this was very difficult, but once he realized and repented of his sins at the end of the book and encouraged himself in the Lord, the Lord blessed him with double what he had before! His seeming hopelessness, helplessness and 'separation' from God was over! Praise God! Believer, this can be your victory and mine! We must simply trust and obey and live by faith!

**What should you and I do about it?:** Do things for others! Take your mind off yourself and your trials and go out and help others! Best of all, share the gospel! Those without Christ, though they may

think they have it all, are truly hopeless, helpless and separated from God! Are you and I sharing Christ with those around us? How simple it is to hand someone a tract. If they reject it, you pleased the Lord by doing your part. Sharing Christ with others should bring great joy no matter the trial you or I face. Serve Him whenever and wherever you can. Be praying, studying, serving, witnessing and praising Him no matter the circumstances and you'll be surprised what He can and will do, exceeding abundantly, above all we could ever ask or think! With Christ, we are never alone and never hopeless! Praise God! O' what a Savior!

**How do you and I stay accountable?:** If you know a believer that seems hopeless in trial(s), seek the Lord in prayer and make a committed effort to help restore your brother or sister who is struggling. 'Do unto others as you'd have done unto you' is the golden rule. Never be 'too busy' to help a brother or sister in need. Show genuine care and concern. Be careful of their emotions and feelings as sensitivity and tension can be common in those going thru great and prolonged trials. Also, the way you and the person understand and see things can be very different. It is very important that both you and the person come to an understanding of what the Bible says. Don't ever give up or quit on them! Let God work and His word speak through you on just what to say and do to help.

*Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6) (By: Andrew Lacroix)*

### **No Other Name**

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

The apostle Peter was talking to a group called the Sanhedrin. These were the religious leaders of the day. They were scholars and scribes who knew the the Scriptures, and from the outside seemingly lived righteous lives. One could even argue perhaps that these were Heaven bound people. Yet Peter knew that their hearts were bad and they were self-righteous, pious, Hellbound sinners who had denied the whole point of the Old Testament. They kept the Law but overlooked what the Law was going to eventually turn into.

Many are the same today. The religious leaders of our day claim to know God and know Bible truth, but they don't have a truly changed heart. They may even be able to quote Bible verses or recall Sunday School stories from their childhood in some religious background that was cold and dead and leave hearts unchanged and perhaps even hardened to the reality that I am about to share with you.

Our verse basically told the Sanhedrin that they were wrong and Peter, through the Holy Spirit working in His life, was right. No amount of keeping the Law will get you to Heaven. You can quote four hundred verses of Scripture but you may still be playing church. You could be active in a church and believe that you are bound for Heaven, but unless you believe that Jesus Christ came, lived the perfect sinless life, went to Calvary, shed His blood for your sins, then rose again, defeating sin, death, and the grave, and repent of your sins, acknowledging that you cannot get to Heaven on your own accord and know your sin separates you from God, you will not go to Heaven, and you are not saved at this point in time.

Some will call me heartless for saying this. Some will call me and others who believe this to be true conservative legalists. Some will blaspheme God because I just made that statement. Yet the nay-sayers are wrong, and let me explain from the Bible why. Peter says, "Neither is there salvation in ANY OTHER..." No amount of religion can save you. No amount of self-piety or self-righteousness will get you through the Pearly Gates. Deny it all you want, but the only way to get to Heaven is by Jesus. Peter continues: "...for there is none other name under Heaven..." Jesus is the only name under Heaven who could save. None of the angels in Heaven can save you.

God commissioned His Son to be born of a virgin, come to earth to be born in a lowly manger, get mocked and scorned by those who denied His message of grace and salvation, and eventually be tried for "blaspheming God". He is the Son of God! When Jesus died, God approved of His Son's sacrifice, just like God approved of Abel's in Genesis 4. Trying to get there any other way is like Cain's offering. It was not accepted and your attempt will be futile.

This may be offensive to you who is religious, tries to live a good life, and does good things for other people. I'm not calling you a bad person. This, however, is not the way to go. Jesus said in John 14:6: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." We will not be answered by God nor will any petitions for help be heard until the petition for true repentance and salvation is made by us unto Him.

There is no other name that can save. Mary, as godly a testimony as she was in the Scripture, still needed a Saviour, and she should not be worshipped, nor can she save. Any man-organized cult cannot save you. Your Pastor, as godly a man as he may be can show you how you can know Jesus as your personal Saviour, but you must make the decision to accept Christ. If you don't make the move to accept Jesus, you reject Him. The more you reject Him, the easier it becomes to harden your heart in making a decision to get saved.

I urge you today to recognize that only Jesus saves, and no one else can do as such. The Sanhedrin refused the message of the Old Testament, which was Christ coming to die for all the sins of all the world. He was and is the Messiah, and only He has the authorization from God to save sinners. Since we all are sinners, we must repent of sin and receive Jesus as payment from sin to be saved. No one else can make the decision for you, and you only get your lifetime to make that decision. Since tomorrow isn't guaranteed, why not trust Jesus today?

## *:) Children For Christ :)*

Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 2:19 - "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"

### **BIBLE UNSCRAMBLE**

Try to unscramble these words and names from the Bible

1. AIMHEEHN \_\_\_\_\_

2. HEOHAVJ EHJRI \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. PTTMENA0IT \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. UEHLSAETMH \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. EEMPETCANR \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. DLDIBA EHT IHTSHEU \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. ODYRNULCEO \_\_\_\_\_

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brother Lacroix and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“We must never edit God.”</b> <i>-A.W. Tozer</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Where man rules, God overrules!”</b></p>	<p><u><b>Praises</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praise God for the privilege of serving Him in 2013</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Prayer Requests</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)</li> <li>• Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation)</li> <li>• Rusty and family, Jose, Rudney (Salvation)</li> <li>• Job situation for Craig Glickman (current shift, day shift, new job)</li> </ul>

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***Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

***His Servants,***  
***Craig Glickman      Andrew Lacroix***  
***Prov. 3:5-6          1 Thes. 5:18***

