

Speaking Truth In Love

Many are taught that obeying God has nothing to do with their salvation, and that Jesus did all that was necessary to prepare them for heaven. This teaching falls woefully short of telling the whole truth. In Ephesus, Paul told the disciples of John to be baptized in the name of Jesus (Acts 19:1-7). Later, he wrote to these disciples saying, “*For by grace you have been saved through faith*” (Eph 2:8-9).

Jesus and His chosen men taught that all would be judged—and either saved or condemned—on the basis of what they DO (cf. Matt 25:31-46; Rev 20:12; 2 Cor 5:10). So where does one’s faith fit-in to salvation? James wrote, “*You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless*” (Jas 2:19-20)? A useless faith is an inactive, disobedient faith. A faith that will save is a faith that will OBEY God’s Son Jesus Christ (Jn 12:48; 2 Jn 9).

Jesus commanded, “*He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned*” (Mk 16:16). If you believe the gospel of Christ then you must DO something. To be saved you must be baptized (immersed), otherwise you will be condemned as one who disbelieves. Then you must continue to obey Christ in your life (cf. Rev 2:10). Finally, Jesus warned us not to DO things for which we have no New Testament authority. To act in this manner will also commit one to the doom of unbelievers (cf. Matt 7:21-23). Don’t let this happen to you!

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