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JUSTIFICATION

Justification is the act of declaring one to be righteous. In Bible usage “to justify” does not mean “to MAKE righteous,” but rather “to declare or show one TO BE righteous.” Deuteronomy 25:1 “justify the RIGHT-EOUS, and condemn the wicked.”

THE PROBLEM:

- * A sinner cannot justly be called righteous. Exodus 23:7; Psalm 143:2; Job 25:4
- * God justifies sinners. Luke 18:13,14
- * How can God declare a sinner to be right-eous and yet be just Himself?

THE BASIS OF JUSTIFICATION:

- * God sees us as without sin because Christ took our sin. Isaiah 53:6 , 11 “justify . . . bear their iniquities.” I Peter 2:24
- * God sees us as righteous because Christ gave us His. Philippians 3:9; II Corinthians 5:21 “the righteousness of God in Him.”
- * Therefore God can declare us righteous (justify us)

THE LAW AND JUSTIFICATION:

- * The law can justify only those who perfectly keep it. Galatians 3:10,12; Romans 2:13 “doers of the law . . . justified.”
- * We have all broken God’s law and been

condemned by it. Romans 3:19 “the law . . . all the world . . . guilty.”

- * Therefore we can never be justified by the law. Galatians 2:16 “by the . . . law shall no flesh be justified.”

THE MEDIUM OF JUSTIFICATION:

- * Acts 13:39 “all that believe are justified.”
- * Romans 5:1 “therefore being justified by faith.” Galatians 2:16

THE EXTENT OF JUSTIFICATION:

- * Acts 13:39 “justified from all things.”
- * Romans 8:33 Anything to our charge? No, God justified us!

THE GUARANTEE OF JUSTIFICATION:

- * Romans 4:25 “raised again for our justifi-cation;” that is, the death of Christ (the ba-sis of our justification) was proved to be effectual by His resurrection.

THE EVIDENCE OF JUSTIFICATION:

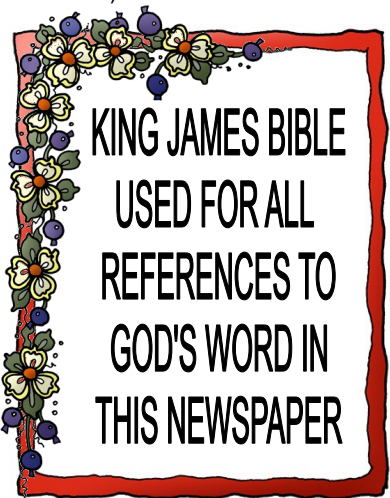
- * God justifies when He sees faith; the world justifies only when it sees works. God accepts faith; man demand works.
- * James 2:24 “Ye see . . . that by works a man is justified.”
- * Luke 7:47-50 Man saw works; God saw faith.

THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION:

- * Romans 5:1 “being justified . . . We have peace with God.”
- * Titus 3:7 “being justified by His grace . . . Made heirs.”
- * Romans 5:9 “being justified we shall be saved from wrath.”

THE SUBJECTS OF JUSTIFICATION:

- * Romans 4:5 “justifieth the ungodly.”
- * Acts 13:39 “all that believeth” whether Jews (Galatians 2:15-6) or Gentiles (Galatians 3:8).



“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?” 1Corinthians 14:8

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“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...” Jeremiah 6:16

Sounding Out The Faith Feb. 2012 Issue BIBLICAL FIGURES OF SPEECH

FIGURES OF SPEECH:
The Bible is a book of METAPHORS, SIMI-LES, SYMBOLS, TYPES, PARABLES, ALLEGORIES, and EMBLEMS.

A. Hosea 12:10 “I have spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.”

SIMILITUDES (damah) means to compare, resemble, liken, consider. Behind every figure of speech is a reality of truth. Psalm 102:6 He is comparing himself to these birds in their isolation and solitari-ness. Song of Solomon 1:9 He is talking about her costliness and preciousness. These horses came from India to Egypt at great cost.

B. METAPHOR is when one object is said to be another.

Examples: Isaiah 40:6 “all flesh is grass”; Matthew 5:13 “Ye are the salt of the earth”; John 1:29 “John seeth Jesus com-ing unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God”

C. SIMILE describes one object in its like-ness to another.

Examples: Psalm 1:3-4 “he shall be like a tree planted by rivers of waters”. . . “ungodly . . . are like the chaff which the wind driveth away”; Matthew 9:36 “multitude. . . scattered. . . as sheep having

no shepherd”; Proverbs 25:25 “As cold wa-ters to a thirsty soul”; Isaiah 53:7 “he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter”

D. SYMBOL is something that stands for something else.

Examples: Colossians 1:20 “having made peace through the blood of the cross”; Exodus 32:11 “brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand”; Nehemiah 1:10 “redeemed by great power and by thy strong hand”; John 1:32 “Spirit descending from heaven like a dove”

E. TYPE is an object which is used to pre-figure another object.

Examples: John 3:14 “Moses lifted up the serpent. . . Son of man lifted up”; Genesis 22:1-8 “offer him for a burnt offer-ing . . . God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering”; Hebrews 8:1-5 “true taber-nacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. . . Moses . . . make the tabernacle . . . according to the pattern”

F. PARABLES set forth truth by placing one thing beside another for the purpose of comparison.

Examples: II Samuel 12:1-4,7 “rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds . . . poor man one ewe . . . rich man took the poor man’s lamb. . . Nathan said to David, Thou art the man” Luke 15:1-32

“having an hundred sheep, if he lose one . . . go after that which is lost, until he find it . . . Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth”

G. ALLEGORY is when another sense is conveyed other than that which the words imply. The allegory is more of a self-interpreter than the parable.

Examples: John 10:1-16 “he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep . . . I Am the door”; Ephesians 6:11-17 “whole armour of God . . . loins girt with truth . . . breastplate of righteous-ness . . . feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace . . . helmet of salvation” Galatians 4:21-31 “he who was born after the bondwoman . . . flesh . . .he of the free-woman . . . promise”

H. EMBLEMS are figurative representations of anything.

Examples: Esther 4:11 “king shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may live”; Ephesians 1:13 “sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”; Ephesians 4:30 “Holy Spirit of God . . . sealed unto the day of redemption.”



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REGENERATION

1) THE NECESSITY OF REGENERATION

■a. Because the natural man has an incurably wicked nature. John 3:3,6; Romans 8:7,8; Jeremiah 13:23 “cannot”

■b. Because the natural man is dead spiritually. Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 5:12 “dead in sins,” dead to God.

■c. Because the natural man is a child of the devil. John 8:42-44; 1 John 3:10; Acts 13:10

■d. Because the natural man cannot enter the Kingdom of God. John 3:5 “except ... he cannot enter.”

2) THE CHARACTER OF REGENERATION

■a. It is a new creation; not changed, but new. (contrast 1a) II Corinthians 5:17 “in Christ . . . A new creation.” II Peter 1:4 “partakers of the divine nature.”

■b. It is a spiritual resurrection, a new life. (contrast 1b) Ephesians 2: 1,5 “ you hath He quickened who were dead in . . . sins.” John 5:25 “the dead . . . That hear shall live.” I Peter 1:3 “begotten us . . . By the resurrection of Christ.”

■c. It is a new birth; made a child of God. (contrast 1c) Galatians 3:26 “ye are all the children of God thru faith.” John 1: 11-13 “become the sons of God . . . Born of God”

■d. It is admittance into the Kingdom of God. (contrast 1d) John 3:5 “except a man be born again . . . Cannot enter.” Colossians 1:13 “hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.”

3) THE MEANS OF REGENERATION

■a. The Holy Spirit is the divine person

who regenerates. John 3:5,6,8 “born of the Spirit.” John 6:63 “it is the Spirit that quickeneth.”

■b. The Word of God is the instrument of regeneration. I Peter 1:23 “born again . . . by the word of God.” James 1:18, 21 “He begat us by the word of truth.” John 3:5 “water” a symbol of the Word. Ephesians 5:26; John 15:3

■c. Our faith is necessary for regeneration. Galatians 3:26 “children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” I John 5:1 “whosoever believeth . . . is born of God.”

4.) THE CONFLICT AFTER REGENERATION

■a. The new nature (2a) does not replace the old nature (1a). Both dwell in the believer and contend for the mastery. Galatians 5:16-19 “the flesh against the Spirit . . . are contrary.” Romans 7:15-25 “when I would do good evil is present with me.”

THE OLD - CONTRAST - THE NEW

Is received when we are born -

Is received when born again.

Born of the flesh; John 3:6

Born of the Spirit; John 3:6

Does no good; Romans 3:12

Doeth righteousness; I John 2:29

Cannot please God; Romans 3:12

Cannot commit sin; 1 John 5:16

Hates God; Romans 8:7

Loves God; 1 John 4:19

Loves the world; I John 2:15

Overcomes the world; I John 5:4



THE CHURCH OF OUR LORD

TEXT: I Corinthians 11:22 “Despise ye the Church of our God?”

INTRODUCTION: A local Church is not a lifeless body, but an entity-sovereign under Christ. Her authority is enforced on earth among the redeemed by the special attention of Her Head and Lawgiver. Blessed are they who know Her meekness and are able to discern Her purpose on earth.

THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS CONCEIVED IN THE MIND OF GOD - “THE HOLY TRINITY”. Ephesians 1:11, 3:8-10

- 1) Her purpose was established in a “Holy Council.” Proverbs 20:18; Hebrews 6:17-20
- 2) Her greatness was considered to be like a priceless pearl. Matthew 13:45-46; Malachi 3:17
- 3) Her election was made to fill a vacancy at Christ’s side, that angels could not fill. Ephesians 1:4; I Peter 1:2,10,12; 3:22; I Corinthians 6:3

THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS BORN (OR BEGUN) IN GALILEE AFTER THE BAPTISM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. Acts 10:36 -42; Matthew 4:18; Mark 1:16-20

- 1) The only witness Jesus has on earth is His Church which began in Galilee. Acts 1:1-2, 21-22; 10:37-39; Hebrews 2:2-3; Acts 13:31
- 2) The beginning of Christ’s ministry was in Galilee after His temptation. Luke 4:14-15; Mark 1:13; Luke 23:5
- 3) The reason the Church began in Galilee and not in Jerusalem is explained in John 4:44-45, Acts 2:7; 1:11; 10:39, and John 15:27.

THE LOCAL CHURCH’S PURPOSE WAS KNOWN ON THE MOUNTAIN-TOP. Luke 6:13; Mark 3:13-18; Matthew 10:1-42

- 1) The mountain-top experience was to ordain and name suitable men for the ministry. Mark 3:14; Luke 6:13
- 2) The mountain-top experience was to teach us that Christ chose such suitable men from His body, “the Church,” for a particular office. Luke 6:13; I Peter 1:11-12
- 3) The mountain-top experience was to reveal the gift of the ministry to the Church. I Corinthians 12:28; Numbers 18:6-7; I Corinthians 3:21-23
- 4) The mountain-top experience was to empower them with other gifts, for their Gospel mission, until the Bible was completed. Matthew 10:5-10; I Corinthians 12:28; Mark 16:20; John 20:30-31

THE LOCAL CHURCH DEMONSTRATED HER POWER IN THE LIMITED COMMISSION WHILE CHRIST WAS WITH THEM. Mathew 10:5-6; 15:24-26

- 1) Their preaching was powerful. Mark 3:17; Matthew 10:7; II Peter 1:15-16
- 2) Their power was supernatural -- over physical handicaps. Matthew 10:8
- 3) Their daily necessities were provided for. Matthew 10:10-42
- 4) Their strength was not only by faith but they were eye witnesses of the LORD’S majesty. II Peter 1:5-16; Matthew 10:7

THE CHURCH PERPETUITY (OR ENDLESS LIFE) WAS GUARANTEED TO THE END OF TIME THROUGH INDEPENDENT, LOCAL CHURCHES.

- 1)The underworld cannot prevail against

Her. Matthew 16:18

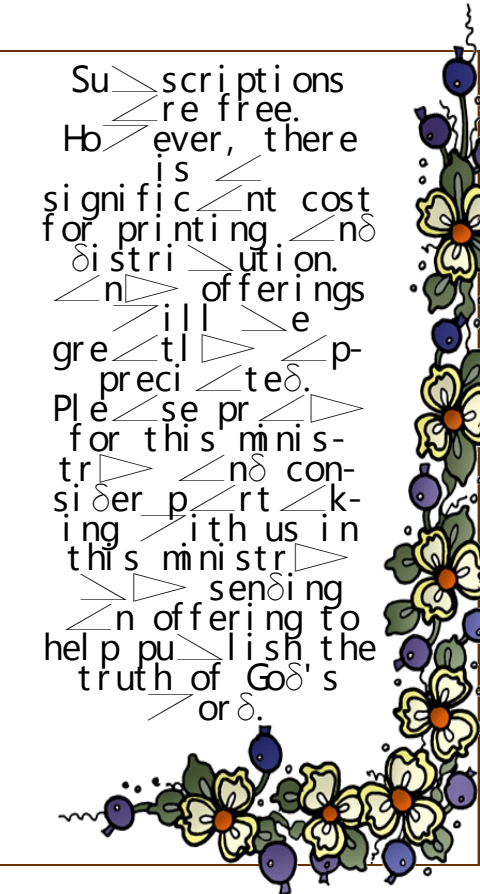
- 2) The ages cannot out-live Her. Ephesians 3:21
- 3) The nations of earth cannot out-manuever Her. Luke 24:47-48
- 4) The enduring pillars of truth cannot be deleted by political powers. I Timothy 3:15; Matthew 24:35
- 5) The uttermost parts cannot stop Her mission or alter Her charted course. Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20

THE LOCAL CHURCH’S DESTINY IS A JOINT RULER-SHIP WITH CHRIST ON EARTH IN THE KINGDOM AGE. Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:28-30

- 1) Her power shall control the nations. Revelation 2:25-29
- 2) Her likeness shall be like Christ and clothed in white raiment. I John 3:1-2; Revelation 3:4-5; 19:6-7
- 3) Her place and position is to rule jointly with Christ. John 14:3
- 4) Her dominion shall be everlasting. Daniel 7:9,13,14,18,27

THE LOCAL CHURCH WILL HOLD INDISOLUBLE DISTINCTION IN THE ETERNAL AGE.

- 1) God the Father will still get glory through His Son’s Bride (the church) in eternity. Ephesians 3:21
- 2) God will have the redeemed, that will have none of Her fellowship in time, but only walk in Her light. Revelation 21:24-27
- 3) God will have a particular treatment, special and above all the rest of the redeemed in the eternal age, for the Church. Revelation 2:7; 22:14



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the bride and the judgment seat of Christ. These people are saying by their actions, "Why should we over come?" We have made it." In such people the devil has succeeded with his great deception. The Lord told the church of Smyrna, "he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." Rev. 2:11 The second death is at the White Throne Judgment where the lost and saved not in covenant will be judged. Consequently even though a person has been saved and baptized, if he is not an overcomer he will not be in the first resurrection. The Bible teaches that only the people that have come into covenant relationship with the Lord, either through circumcision or baptism, will not be in the first resurrection. (Naturally this statement is not meant to exclude the faithful old Testament saints that lived before circumcision had been instituted.) The men of Nineveh were saved under the preaching of Jonah. The men of Nineveh were Gentiles, were not Jews, and were not circumcised. The queen of Sheba was saved under the preaching of Solomon. She was a Gentile and never become a Jew. Even though saved these people did not come into covenant relationship with the Lord. Most people would say that the people of Nineveh and the queen of Sheba would be in the first resurrection. Yet the Bible teaches that these saved people will rise with the lost generation of Christ's day. Matt. 12:38-42. Does it not say in verse forty one, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation?" Again in verse forty two, "Once again it can be seen that only the saved that have come into covenant relationship with the Lord will have part in the

first resurrection, if they hold faithful unto the end. The Lord said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

NOT ALL THE SAVED WILL BE IN THE NEW JERUSALEM

Just as assuredly as there is a distinction between all the saved and the Lord's covenanted people on the earth so shall it be on the new earth. Rev. 22:27. Only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be allowed in the Holy City. Only the saved that have come into covenant relationship with the Lord are written in the Lamb's Book, and, only they who remain faithful and overcome will remain in the Lamb's Book. Rev. 22:3-5. In each of the letters to the seven churches of Asia the promises of the Lamb are only to the overcomers. If one was an overcomer after he had been saved and baptized there would be little use for these admonitions. The residents of the Holy City will have right to the tree of life. Rev. 22:14. The nations without the city will have the leaves for their healing. Rev. 22:2. This is showing that the people without the city will be greatly inferior to those who dwell within. His true servants shall serve Him; they shall see His face; His name shall be in their foreheads; Rev. 22:3-4. They shall rule and be kings forever and ever over the nations. Rev 22:5. The nations being the saved that for one reason or another did not come into covenant relationship with the Lord, or, people who were in covenant but sold their birthright did not over come. "And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to

show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book." Rev 22:6-7. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates of the city." Rev. 22:14.

Brethren, long enough have the Lord's churches been deceived into believing that all the saved will receive most all the blessings, promises, and rewards that are only for the Lord's covenanted people. Let us fall on our faces before the Lord in deep contrition because we have helped perpetuate this great deception.

May it be known and understood that F.H. J. Adams Jr. take my stand in proclaiming that only the covenanted people of the Lord that have over come will receive the promised blessings of the saints. All the saved not in covenant will spend eternity in one of the nations on the new earth far inferior to the true servants of God. Brethren, these things are worth living for and dying for.

This article was written by one who holds to the new light doctrine. We printed it so those who read it can know if they are a newlighter or if they know anyone who is. To take this position on the scriptures is to totally fail to rightly divide and grossly misapply them. This leads toward a Catholic approach to understanding the Bible.

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"THE GREAT DECEPTION"

Since the reformation Satan has deceived most of God's ministers and churches into believing that all the saved are very much on a par. It is considered that all the saved are the sons of God, born-again, and in many cases the very elect. It is not uncommon to hear a minister of the Lord class all the saved as being "in Christ" and teaching that all the saved will be in the first resurrection. So often these terms are mis-used before new converts, as was the case in the writer's early Christian life. One is saved and baptized. He attends Sunday School and church where he is taught that all the saved are the sons of God, in Christ, and will be in the first resurrection. These terms are accepted as being rightly applied because the new convert has faith in his teacher. Later he becomes a preacher or teacher than he too is using the same terms in the same way never stopping to consider if they are rightly applied. It is not known when this great deception crept into the Lord's churches. However it is believed that it has come since the reformation. But praise be to God for He is opening the eyes of His true ministers to this great deception. Praise be to God for them that are trying to heal the bride of this great sore. Some see that God's ways are very narrow. For one to be in the bride, or a son he must enter at the strait gate. Matt. 7:13-14. The reason for this writing is not to bring reproach on the ministers of the Lord. Most of them are no doubt true, faithful, and dedicated. But these attributed do not the writing is to

expose this great subterfuge of the devil. This will not be an extensive writing. However enough will be said for the seeker of truth to see the way. This is not a new light but the old shing through false terminology. It is realized that this writing will be cross-grained to much established theology. The writer only asks that it be studied before being condemned.

NOT ALL THE SAVED ARE THE SONS OF GOD

It is the common belief that when one receives Jesus as his Savior he automatically becomes a son of God. It is true that such a person is saved from the consequence of his sins and he will never go to hell. But at this point he is not a son of God. The Bible says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name." John 1:12. This Scripture teaches all who believe are not sons at the point of belief. But they are given the power, right, authority, or privilege to become sons. It is true that many Scriptures taken to themselves seem to teach that all who believe in Jesus as Savior are the sons of God. Yet, when the rule of interpretation is used it is soon seen that it is impossible for all the saved to be the Sons of God. 1 John 5:1-3 states, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 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 com-

mandments: and his commandments are not grievous." Do so-called Christians outside of the church love the begotten of God? On the contrary the Lord's true people are looked on with contempt. Are the commandments grievous to the baby-baptizer, apostate, and heretic? According to these Scriptures are such people sons? No! Yet, no doubt some of them are saved. 1 John 3:10 states, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother." The term "righteousness" does not only mean morality but the whole spectrum of God's demands for His children. Would the baby-baptized, apostate, or heretic fit this model of a son? No. Yet no doubt some of them are saved. 1 John 2:10 teaches that the sons of God have anointing of the Holy Ghost. This anointing was given the Lord's church on the day of Pentecost. This anointing was given only to the church of Christ! No other institution has ever or will ever receive this unction. No man has ever or will ever receive the Holy Spirit out side of the church of the Living God, except for the case of Cornelius and this was of the sake of the Jews. Brethren, Romans 8:14 says, "For as many are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Is it possible to say that all the saved are led by the Holy spirit? Is the Spirit leading people to baptize babies and hinder the church at every turn? The only place a person will be led by the Spirit is to and through the church of the living God. The question that now stand out is, how does one become a son. After one has received Jesus as his Savior God then offers the

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privilege of sonship. John 1:12. If the saved person receives God's offer by faith Gal. 3:26, he is born of the Spirit (John 3:1-8, John 1:13 at the point of Scriptural baptism. Acts 2:38. If there is no baptism at the hand of a Scriptural church there is no sonship.



ALL THE SAVED ARE NOT IN CHRIST
How often has the term "in Christ" been used by God's people to refer to all the saved? How many times have the Lord's people taught that all the blessings of being "in Christ" belong to all the saved? Yet, the Bible teaches that the saved that have been Scripturally baptized are the only ones in Christ. Galatians 3:27 states, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Romans 6:3 says, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death." When a saved person is baptized into Jesus he is "Buried with him in baptism, where also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, God who hath raised him from the dead." Col. 2:12. When a saved person is Scripturally baptized he is buried in water and through his faith he is raised by the Holy

spirit to the position of being in Christ; this is God's operation. Apart from baptism a saved person receives none of these blessings. To put it another way, when the operation of God takes place at baptism the saved person receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 by the operation of God he is created Eph. 2:10 or brought forth as a new creation in Christ Jesus. Old things are then passed away and behold all things become new. II Cor. 5:17. No where in the New Testament can it be found where one was in Christ apart from Scriptural baptism.



ALL THE SAVED WILL NOT GO TO HEAVEN AT DEATH
It is the belief of most that all the saved will go to heaven at death. However the Bible teaches this writer that not all the saved will have this privilege. Luke 19:19-31 tells of the state of the lost and the saved in covenant after death and before the resurrection of Jesus. Abraham and Lazarus had been circumcised, which placed them in covenant with the Lord. By this they were to be partakers of His promise. However these two places mentioned in Luke 19 did not contain all the spirits of men that had spent their lives on the earth. 1 Peter 3:18-20 teaches that while the body of Jesus was in the tomb He by the Spirit preached to the

spirits in prison, that were disobedient in Noah's day. These people were not suffering however they were in prison. These are not the spirits of lost men. These are saved people who would not yield to the message of God's preacher or figure for all the saved. If a saved person is disobedient to God's call today for baptism he too will go to the spirit's prison at death to await the second resurrection. (More will be said on the resurrections later) After Jesus spent three days and nights in the heart of the earth, He arose. Matthew teaches in 27:52-53 that after the resurrection of Jesus many of the saints arose. Notice, only the saints arose. At His resurrection Jesus led all who had come into covenant with Him either through circumcision or baptism to heaven and under the altar to await the first resurrection. Eph. 4:8-10, Rev 6:9-11. Notice how different the lives of the spirits under the altar are from the lives of the spirits in prison. God noticed these things as well and granted His faithful ones a place near Him. Only the saved who have come into covenant with the Lord and have lived faithful for the Lord unto the end will go to heaven at death. Only the spirits worthy of white robes are under the altar. Only the saints in Christ will be in the first resurrection.



ALL THE SAVED WILL NOT BE IN THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
Many have been deceived into believing that all the saved will be in the judgment seat of Christ. It is true that the Bible states that, "for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14:10. But who is Paul speaking to? He is speaking only to the saved baptized believers. Again Paul writes to the church of the Corinthians, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Cor. 5:10. It is wrong to apply these Scriptures to all the saved because the writer is addressing only those in Christ. In 1 Corinthians 3:9-19 Paul tells the church of the judgment he is to face. He reminds her that he had laid the foundation which is Christ. In verse eleven he says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Meaning the only foundation acceptable to God is the one Jesus built His church on. Matt 16:18. In verse twelve he goes on to say, "Now if any man build on this foundation - - ". To be in the Judgment seat of Christ one must build on the foundation. To build on the Foundation one must be a member of one of the Lord's churches. To say that all the saved

will be in the judgment seat of Christ is to say that all the saved are in His church.



ALL THE SAVED WILL NOT BE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION
For many years the Lord's churches have been taught that all the saved will be in the first resurrection. However this is not what the Bible teaches. Paul said in 1 Thess. 4:14, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." In verse sixteen he goes on to say, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first:" Who is he speaking to and who is he speaking about? He is speaking to and about those in Christ. Even though one has been saved and baptized does not insure a place in the first resurrection unless that person holds faithful unto the end. Matt 24:14. The writer is not saying that such a person loses his spirit's salvation. However he is saying that an unfaithful saint can lose his place in the bride and the first resurrection. Paul said that he counted all things but loss and as dung that he might win Christ. Phil. 3:8 It was also his desire to be found in Him. V. 9. Why? "That I may know him and the power of his resur-

rection." v.10. If all the saved were to be in the first resurrection, why should Paul say this by the Holy Spirit? "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of (from among) the dead." v.11 Paul did not count himself as one that had already attained place in the first resurrection. V.12-13. But he was pressing on that he might lay hold on that for which he had been apprehended for. Phil. 3:12-14. Paul or any other saved baptized person could or can lose their place in the first resurrection by being unfaithful to the Lord and His way. This teaching was not new to the saints of the early church. Some believed these things to the point of rejecting deliverance from torture that they might obtain a better resurrection. Heb. 11:35 These saints were not in fear of losing their spirit's salvation; they knew once saved always saved. Yet they also knew that being of the elect and in the bride depended on their faithfulness, even unto death. Matt. 10:21-22. They knew that God's covenanted people who had been faithful would be in the first resurrection. They knew Him. They knew His love. They knew His promises. They knew in the light of these things their earthly lives meant little. It is the belief in many of the Lord's churches that once a person is saved and baptized he need never concern himself as to which resurrection he will be in. It is automatically assumed such a person will be in

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