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Every demonstration of divine power that believers received from God in the Bible, He is obligated to give to us today—health, healing, protection, provisions, peace in our homes, and made ready for Heaven Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not." There is an eternal existence for every living soul—and only the Bible explains how that can be Heaven.

The two destinations are Heaven or Hell and every soul on earth is only one breath away from an eternity in *one* or the *other*. *Heaven* is where we enjoy eternal happiness with God and His Son; and Hell is where Revelation 14:11 "*The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night*." It is a horrible Matthew 25:41 "*Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels*." God's *Truth* from God's *Word* must be *known, accepted*, and *lived* every day!

It is not really possible to describe the *torment*; the *agony* and *suffering* in Hell—but it is *real*, and it is where *most* people go—because of the blatant rebellion of the majority of people. They simply will *not* believe in God's Son; they will *not* repent of their evil ways; and they will *not* live by faith in an unseen God concerning anything.

The man tormented in the flames, and asking for the slightest relief Luke 16, shows how *horrible* the suffering is, and how *serious* faith in God is. To compound his awful anguish would be seeing his family joining him. There could not *be* a worse fate, but it *could* have been avoided and the outcome *so* different—with his loved ones joining him in *Heaven*—if he had *shown* them a right example of faith in Christ—but he *never* showed that.

Suffering in the world is over at some point but the *next* suffering *never* ends! We *must* be prepared here—by God—who wants to give *everyone* His kingdom. The only opportunity we have for the spiritual work to be done, is *now* in *this* life. If we are *not* prepared here, we will *not* escape the horrible fate of the rebellious. This life is our *one* opportunity. Hebrews 9:27 "It is appointed to *men once to die, but after this the judgment.*"

Satan wants everyone to be *unprepared* for eternity—and he does so by hindering spiritual growth. He will use any person, any influence, or any spurious teaching to achieve that wicked objective. If God has enabled us to see the *im*portance of spiritual growth, we can also see the terrible spiritual condition of the world today. The Gospel of Christ prepares us for Heaven—it teaches that believing faith in the living God is an absolute must issue.

If this life is the *only* place to *be* prepared for Heaven, then we have to live in a way that would give *access* to it—by trusting in faith on an unseen God. Ephesians 5:15 "See then that ye walk circumspectly [cautiously; guardedly; watchfully; thoughtfully], not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." We must redeem our time and take advantage of every lesson on trusting God.

Jesus *died* on the cross and rose to *life* to deliver us from the devil's power, and to *restore* the blessings lost through rebellion. The resurrection of Jesus Christ enables us to have peace, protection, provisions, good health, and victory over the devil. Any teaching that does not explain about the power of the *Blood* overcoming the power of the *devil*, would seriously *hinder* our being ready for eternal life.

God has *not* changed; Jesus is the *same*; His Atonement Blood *still* provides healing, health, protection, provisions, peace, and victory over Satan; and the Holy Spirit is *still* present to inspire faith *in* us to trust *on* God. Everything God did in the Bible He would *have* to do today. *This life* is where we are made ready for the next *Everlasting Life*.

A righteous standing before God is absolutely necessary—but this is possible only by a believing faith in the Atonement of Christ. The Blood of Jesus provides health and healing without prescriptions or drugs; provides financial needs without government stimulus checks; and Christ's Atonement gives answers to prayer concerning the home, our employment, and all other issues.

God has *not* changed Malachi 3:6; James 1:17, and Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever"—now we must choose to trust in Him. There is no favoritism shown to anyone at any time Ephesians 6:9. Whatever God did in the Bible, He would have to do today—when His easy conditions of faith and trust are met. Acts 3:16 "It is His name—faith in that name being the condition—which has strengthened this man."

It is just as spiritually fatal to believe the lie of the devil that God has changed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as it was for the Jews to reject the divinity of Christ in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Accepting false teaching will take us to the lake of fire. Satan convinces people that God does not manifest His power in this life. Adam's *sin* was rejecting God's *Truth* and accepting Satan's *lie*.

The devil has convinced most people in the world to believe that God *has* changed and does *not* do things today. The root of *all* sins is to *ignore* God and go our own way. The worst thing we could believe *is* that God *has* changed—because His Word says He *cannot* change. Believing

that God *has* changed hinders our *faith* in Christ and jeopardizes our *hope* of Heaven.

Isaiah 30:9 "These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD's instruction." Jeremiah 13:10 These wicked [evil] people, who refuse to listen to my words, who follow the stubbornness [imagination; dictates] of their hearts and go after other gods to serve and worship them, will be like this belt—completely useless!" A belt that is too short is useless.

To enter Heaven, a person will have to accept an *unchanged* God; an *unchanged* Christ; an *unchanged* Holy Spirit; and an *unchanged* Atonement for sin—because a *changed* God is *no* God at all. There is no excuse for any church to teach, or for anyone to believe, that God has *changed*, as the Bible clearly teaches that He *has not* changed. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word"—and the Word does not change because God cannot change.

Everyone will *choose* how they want to live—but the right choice is to believe God and prove in our own life that what He did for believers in the Bible, He will do for believers today— Hebrews 13:8. Believing any *lie* from the devil hinders our receiving spiritual *light*.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost [on the way to perdition]: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine to them."

Believing what the devil *lies*, instead of believing what the Bible *says*, has robbed millions of all that Jesus died on the cross to give them things in *this* life and eternity in the *next*. If there is *no* repentance or change of heart, they will go to the fires of Hell—and most likely see their relatives there—with no one to blame but themselves—because the Bible teaches differently. The spiritual conditions we must meet in our *life*, to be ready for Heaven in a *moment*, have been *forgotten* or *rejected* by the vast majority. People in the world have no clue of these conditions. The huge majority think that if they are relatively honest; if they live a decent moral life; and know the historical facts of the Bible, they will enter Heaven.

But *no one* can be *preached* into heaven—we either *meet* the conditions that qualify us for Heaven, or we do *not meet* them and qualify for the flames. The qualifications for God's Kingdom are presented in God's Word; but most people do *not* read those words—and even if they *do* read them, they do *not accept* its teaching nor do they *live* by them.

The three qualifications for Heaven are conversion by rebirth; surrender of our life to God; and spiritual growth by meeting things right with the help of the Holy Spirit—or "Spirit of truth," Who will guide us John 16:13 "Into all truth;" 1/Conversion; 2/Surrender; 3/Growth!

A rebirth is not an automatic ticket to Heaven, but it is a *first*, and very *important* step in being *prepared*. John 3:3 "*Except a man be born again*, *he cannot see the kingdom of God*." The old self attitude that *will not* trust God for *anything*, must be replaced with a new attitude that *will* trust God for *everything*!

Only one thing counts in being prepared and ready—Galatians 6:15 "A new creature [new attitude]." Anyone who has a new nature will realize the millions of false doctrines today—delusions like Once saved; Always saved, and others. To qualify for being President is being born in the USA, but what direction their life takes after their birth is what matters. It is the same with our spiritual rebirth—whether we keep trusting God in faith after we say we accept Christ.

A born-again believer does not *oppose* Bible teaching but accepts it and lives it. Just believing

Bible *facts* does *not* qualify anyone for eternal *life*; but believing what the Blood of Christ did for us, and then *living* by faith in God for all things in life, *will* qualify us. Valid faith is Abraham's faith— James 2:22 "*His faith was co-operating with his actions, and that by his actions his faith was perfected.*" God considered *him* righteous, so God would consider anyone *else* righteous.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever [is believing] in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." To believe in Jesus is to believe that through faith in His Blood, our sins are forgiven, so our prayers will be answered. It means enjoying good health; being delivered from Satan's attacks; being filled with the Holy Spirit; having enough money each day—all by trusting and believing in faith on the Atonement Blood of Christ.

We are *forgiven* when we *confess* to God. Proverbs 28:13 "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." We all need mercy. 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God always *forgives* when we truly *confess*, because He *cannot* change. The Holy Spirit *then* inspires faith in us to *believe* that this forgiveness is a *true fact*, based on the authority of God's *Word*—and through the merit of the precious Blood of His *Son*. *That* is being ready for *Eternal Life;* and *that* is what *the world must know*!

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