

FAITH

Galatians 3:24-26, *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

I ask every sincere person who left the world behind to become a true Christian, was it the law of God that brought you to Christ? Did you wait in the classroom, under the law, for faith, or were you introduced to a shortcut? The classroom of God's word, whose Teacher is the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of God the Father, or were you captured by one of the many false prophets God's word has warned us of? False prophets work directly in opposition to God's word, and intercept those, whom the Father calls. The only way we can determine who is true and who is false is by the word of God—alone.

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John 1-1, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Jesus Christ was, and is, and will forever be the word of God. He alone left spiritual heaven and became flesh for us, the flesh. John 1-14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Don't be deceived into thinking a new Christian can skip the only holy way for the flesh, God's word or law, and become spiritual. This is what makes Jesus the Mediator for the flesh. It is His holy word alone we may boldly enter into. His word alone is the truth that sanctifies and justifies. His word alone, if you believe it, cleanses the hands and purifies the heart. It is His word alone that brings us to Christ. I Peter 1:23, Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. A lawless Gentile is not a Christian but a heathen or pagan and pagans have an innate arrogance when it comes to following instructions. "After all else fails read the instructions," so the pagan joke goes. Eternal life is no joke. Heaven and hell are both real—one for His own and one for the deceived pagan.*



There are a two chief reasons why most professing Christians feel assured their sins, their unrighteousness, their very ungodliness, will not work against them at the judgment seat. First, their group—Christian, then, their personal relationship with Jesus.

These two false beliefs alone, in their accepted wisdom, supercede their prayerlessness, their ignorance of the Bible, their rejection of family worship and on and on.

The foundation of this cavalier spirit are the fruits of our many false prophets; preachers and teachers of God's law who either failed to obey God's word themselves, or was never called by God. Men and women, full of kindness, high in principal, staunch in morals—lost in the Gospel and doomed to hell.

Romans 3:20, *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

False prophets produce people who are genuinely convinced they are **born again sinners who stay sinners**, joint heirs with Christ to God's holy kingdom. Removing God's law removes the knowledge of sin, then, man, not God, justifies man (the flesh). **The worldly church of false prophets justifies the flesh when they declare a sinner, one born of the flesh, to be a joint heir with Christ, one born of the spirit.** This hell construed shortcut is born in the absence of the Gospel or the law of God. **I John 3-6, *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not.***

A Long-ago Warning Disregarded!

“Observe that Timothy was taught, not only to reverence holy things in general but especially to know the Scriptures. The teaching of his mother and his grandmother was the teaching of holy Scripture. Suppose we get the children together on Sabbath-days, and then amuse them and make the hours to pass away pleasantly.

We may instruct them, as we do in the week-days, in the elements of a moral education, what have we done? We have done nothing worthy of the day, or of the church of God. Suppose that we are particularly careful to teach the children the rules and regulations of our own church and do not take them to the Scriptures; suppose that we bring before them a book which is set up as the standard of our church, but do not dwell upon the Bible—what have we done?

The aforesaid standard may or may not be correct and we may, therefore, have taught our children truth or have taught them error; but if we keep to holy Scripture we cannot go aside. With such a standard we know that we are right. This Book is the Word of God and if we teach it, we teach that which the Lord will accept and bless. O dear teachers—and I speak here to myself also—let our teaching be more and more Scriptural! Fret not if our classes forget what we say but pray them to remember what the Lord says. May Divine truths about sin, and righteousness, and judgment to come, be written on their hearts! May the doctrines of grace be graven, as with a pen of iron, upon their minds and written as with the point of a diamond upon their hearts, never to be erased!

If we can secure this we have not lived in vain. **The generation now ruling seems bent on departing from the eternal truth of God:** but we shall not despair if the gospel be impressed upon the memory of the rising race.”

- Charles Spurgeon

Our personal relationship with Jesus is no more personal than our personal knowledge of God's word, affirmation affirmed, not by means of what we call ourselves and most assuredly not what we think but by godly measures!

The Christian creed or statement of faith, through memberships, assert the oath that **the Holy Bible was divinely inspired** as it is God's revelation of Himself to mankind and **it is God's perfect divine instruction to us**, so, all Scripture is true and trustworthy.

Professing Christians publicly testify to this creed, this written set of rules, each and every time they avow, “I'm a Christian.” **Psalms 50:16-17, *But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.***