

CHAT WITH THE CHAPLAIN

Last time we started going over what we were calling a little bit of Christianity 101, and we made it as far as Romans 10:9 which says, “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved”. I thought that maybe we should back track a little to see what this being “saved” business is all about. If we used a timeline approach, it might go like this:

- 1) God created a perfect world for people (Adam and Eve) to live in, have dominion over, and to be fruitful and multiply (have lots of kids).
- 2) God gave them free will so that they could “Walk with God”, fellowship with Him, and love Him because they chose to, not because they had no choice (Robots).
- 3) Through free will, they both chose to disobey God after being tempted by Satan, and through that act , sin entered the world.
- 4) God is always seeking a relationship with all of mankind, but the elephant in the room of course is sin. The Bible tells us that sin separates us from God. Isaiah 59:1,2 says,” Behold, the Lord’s hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities (sins) have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear”.
- 5) Because God is holy, He will not be in the presence of sin. In Exodus 33: 18,20, Moses is having a conversation with God and it says,” Then Moses said, ‘ I pray thee show me Thy glory’ but He said, ‘ You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live’. God and sin cannot coexist, and Moses had a sin nature as we do. The Bible doesn’t make it really clear as to why God chose Moses to free the Israelites, but it does make it clear that sin cannot survive God’s Holiness.
- 6) Since Heaven is called the “ Kingdom of God”, and God and Heaven are without the presence of sin, then unless our sin nature is expunged (a fancy word for erased or blotted out) , then we can’t go there. So, in order for you and me to be admitted into His Kingdom, we need a representative to plead our case in God’s courtroom. Enter Jesus Christ. We can muck around down here for decades playing “religion”, and it will count for nothing.

In Matthew 7:21 it says, " Not everyone who says to Me 'Lord, Lord' , will enter the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven". Religion has forever been man's attempt to be a god, to reach God, to please God, or you fill in the blanks. We can drive the church bus, memorize scripture, light candles, or whatever, but the only thing that will pay our bail is the blood of Jesus. His sacrifice on the cross, which paid for the sin of all mankind, past, present and future, means that He can intercede for you and me in the presence of an Almighty God. In Romans 8:34 it says, " Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather Who was raised, Who is at the right hand of God, Who also intercedes for us".

So having said all that, Romans 10:13 tells us, "For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved". Once again, in Psalm 27: 1 , it says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?"

Salvation is a free gift for the asking! Get it now and avoid the rush! God's Word tells us all about it.

God's Word;

- Read it and be built up
- Study it and be gassed up
- Remember it and be fueled up
- Seek comfort in it and be filled up
- Use it and be tuned up
- Live it and be fired up

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