



# HEBREWS 6:1-8 LESSON 2

**DOCTRINE OF FAITH FOR SALVATION**



# FAITH FOR SALVATION

*“Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.*

*It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.” – Hebrews 6:1-8*

# **SALVATION COMES FROM KNOWING, BELIEVING, AND ACTING ON THE BASIC FACTS OF THE GOSPEL**

- God sent Jesus to pay the penalty of death for our sins.
- Jesus led a life that perfectly fulfilled the requirements of God law, including His death on the cross as the sacrificial lamb for all mankind.
- Jesus was dead and buried.
- God raised Jesus from the dead.

***IF WE BELIEVE IN THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FOR US, WE SHALL BE JUSTIFIED (ACCEPTED AS RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD).***

# WHAT IS FAITH FOR SALVATION?

FAITH IS NOT THE SAME AS INTELLECTUAL ACCEPTANCE. *"You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror."* (James 2:19)

FAITH IS:

- 1) **BELIEVING** WITH YOUR HEART THAT JESUS IS YOUR SAVIOR
- 2) **CONFESSING** WITH YOUR MOUTH THIS BELIEF IN JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR
- 3) **COMING** TO JESUS AND PERSONALLY **RECEIVING** THE GIFT OF HIM AS YOUR SAVIOR.

You must come to Him and receive salvation on your own. Nobody can do it on your behalf.

When we believe, confess, come to Jesus and receive Him, we are made children of God, and Jesus promises to be with us.

*"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."* - Revelation 3:20

- FAITH IS THAT WHICH WE BELIEVE
- WORKS ARE THAT WHICH WE DO.
  - Works are an outcome of our faith, but they do not earn our salvation.
  - Salvation comes from Jesus Christ alone. It is a gift of God's grace and mercy and the fulfilment of His redemptive plan for mankind.
  - Our requirement is to repent and believe in the one whom God has sent and to confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord
  - Scriptural faith is demonstrated by believing and receiving Christ and demonstrated in submission and obedience to God.

**Believe God**

**Receive Jesus**

**Be filled by the Holy Spirit**

**This is the whole of what God requires of us.**

*"Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." (John 6:29)*

## STOP TRYING TO EARN YOUR SALVATION

There is no prayer, rite, act of charity, method of worship, sacrificial gift, worldly status, ritual, fasting, penance, penalty, self-denial, or other human actions that will earn your salvation.

Christ did the work for you.  
He accomplished your salvation through God's grace and mercy.

# Why you can't earn righteousness by obeying the Law of Moses

- Obedience to God and His law is an outcome of our joyful response to receiving Jesus Christ as Savior. When we become children of God, we naturally want to do what pleases our Father.
- The Holy Spirit then fulfills us and becomes our guide in how to live in a way that obeys and pleases God. The Spirit shows us how to fulfill, impart, manifest, and uphold His righteous Word, the Bible, by the way we live. *"But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses"* (Galatians 5:18).
- If we attempted to live under the Law (to pursue righteousness through our own means), we would need to fulfill the WHOLE law, every last ordinance. To violate even one aspect would be breaking the entire Law. In fact, the Law makes us more aware of our sinful condition and separation from God. It reminds us that we need Jesus. The Law, like the curtain in the temple, separated us from God—another barrier removed at the moment of Christ's death on the cross.
- The Law was given to Israel as part of God's redemptive plans. It was meant to set them apart from other nations, from the way they lived to the way they worshipped, right down to the clothes and tassels they wore. It was intended that other nations would see God's wisdom and glory through all that He did for Israel and the perfect system of law and justice that reflected His righteousness. God knew that the Israelites could never fulfil the law on their own, indeed the Law foreshadowed the Savior who would fulfil it on their behalf.
- We can live in freedom under GOD'S GRACE, or we can remain bound by sin trying to fulfil the Law on our own.

# CHRIST, THE LAW OF MOSES, AND REDEEMPTIVE HISTORY

- We know God gave the Law of Moses to Israel to set them apart as His holy nation by how they lived and worshipped and so that He would demonstrate His justice, power, and righteousness as the one, true God in delivering the Israelites from Egypt, from bondage in Babylon, and ultimately from their fallen condition by sending His Son to atone for man's sins.
- Israel's failure owed to their spiritual pride, their unwillingness to submit to God and their attempts to operate outside of His mercy and grace. The Law was given to preserve Israel and to be perfectly fulfilled by the Messiah, Jesus Christ.
- The Law foreshadows Christ as Messiah, the only one who could fulfil the Law so mankind could receive salvation. He is foreshadowed by direct prophecies and the ceremonies of the Law.
- In particular, Christ's death on the cross is foreshadowed by the Law's requirement to sacrifice an animal without blemish. The penalty of sin, according to God's righteousness, is death. The sins of the owner were transferred to the animal, who died in the owner's place.

# CHRIST, THE LAW OF MOSES, AND REDEEMPTIVE HISTORY

- Jesus was born a human (into the direct bloodline of Abraham and King David through Mary's marriage to Joseph, as prophecy foretold) and a member of the Jewish nation therefore He was born subject to the Law of Moses.
- He lived in perfect obedience to every ordinance of the Law (as a Lamb without blemish of sin).
- Jesus fulfilled all Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.
- By His death, like the sacrificial Lamb, Jesus took the sins of all mankind onto Himself and paid the penalty of death.
- When Jesus submitted to God through a life of obedience and His sacrifice on the cross, God was enabled to impart His mercy and grace upon man without compromising His divine justice and righteousness.
- Therefore, Christ fulfilled and ended the need for the Law. It had been completed. HOWEVER, the Law remains a part of God's eternal Word, the Bible.
- We also must remember the main teaching and purpose of the Law is this:
  - Man is to Love God
  - Man is to love his neighbors as himself



- “For you, brothers, were called to freedom; but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. Rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Galatians 5:13-14)
- “But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith” (1 Timothy 1:5)
- “If you really keep the **royal law** found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right” (James 2:8)
- “So this is the principle I have discovered: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being, I delight in God’s law. I see another law at work in my body, warring against the law of my mind and holding me captive to the **law of sin** that dwells within me” (Romans 7:22)
- “Jesus answered him, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ **All of Moses’ Teachings and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.**” (Matthew 22: 37-40)

## LOVE IS THE PURPOSE AND FULFILMENT OF THE LAW

Notice that James calls love “the royal law”. Jesus commands love of God and love of our neighbors.

Notice that Paul speaks of warring with the law of sin holding him captive even though the Holy Spirit within Him fuels love for God’s Word. Paul spoke of his struggle with doing wrong even while he desired to do right. This underscores that man cannot obey the law—or earn salvation---on his own. We can’t obey both the law of sin and the Law of God. We must choose and believe in Jesus to be saved. This love comes from the Holy Spirit operating in the believer’s heart.

# THE NEW COVENANT

*“But this is the promise that I will make to Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put my teachings inside them, and I will write those teachings on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”* Jeremiah 31:33

When we are redeemed by Christ, when we receive God’s gift of grace and mercy, with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer, the sinner’s nature has turned to obedience and harmony with God’s teachings and His ways. We have been adopted into the covenant that God made with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3, indeed we have been adopted as Abraham’s own descendants and heir to all God promised him. We are compelled out of love for the Father to allow the Spirit to guide us to follow God’s will for our lives and to model faith, hope, love, and obedience for the world that, through us, God’s light beckons them to salvation. This is the New Covenant in God’s plan for redemptive history.

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