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TRUTH RECEIVED OUT OF SEQUENCE INTENSIFIES
CONVICTION WITHOUT PROVIDING STABILITY.

These studies are designed for anyone, regardless of background, tradition, or what they currently believe to be true. Whether you have spent years studying or have never opened the Scriptures, it does not matter. What matters is this, are you willing to listen, willing to study, and willing to test everything by the Word of God? If so, the truth will open to you exactly as it was written to be understood.

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The Love Letter

This saith the Lord our GOD To His Church!

My children continue to be asleep and dying because of the lack of knowledge. And as you have seen, there are many false teachers and workers of iniquity out in the world bringing destruction through their false teachings and have deceived many of many. They have brought damnation upon My children and their households. And for that reason, you must take heed and not allow yourself to be deceived.

You must be diligent and test every spirit and every teaching whether it comes from Me or not. Even the teachings of My pastors you must test. Just like the Bereans did when they heard the word of truth given by one of My only begotten Son's disciple!

You must earnestly study to show yourself approved unto Me, that you may rightly divide My word of truth and teach and preach Mine holy scriptures, which are able to make everyone wise unto salvation.

I have great plans for you, and time is very short. You are to continue in love and sacrifice for one another and be not afraid to take action, for I am with you. Be no respecter of men and let not your hearts trouble you as you strive to enter and boldly assist others to enter into My kingdom.

Do not forget, the truth of the gospel is given for instruction, for correction and for reproof, that all whom

I have called and accept My call may be perfect and furnished unto all of My good works. Everyone that gives instruction and correction must also be wise to listen, receive it, verify it and when proven correct, apply it into their lives. Obedience has the key to my kingdom, just like only through your obedience do you receive my love!

Receive my messenger and listen to him with an open mind and open heart what I have commanded him to show you!

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

He that has an ear, let him hear what my Spirit sayeth unto the churches.

A Witness of Acceptance or Rejection

Dear family, friends, brothers, sisters, and fellow believers,

I am writing this because I care about you, and because I believe there are some things concerning salvation that are far too serious for any of us to simply assume we understand correctly.

I am not writing this asking you to believe me because I say something is true. Actually, I do not want you to do that. I am asking you to give me the opportunity to show you why I believe these things from Scripture, and then for you to open your own Bible and determine whether what I am telling you is true or false.

Before I tell you some of the things I want you to examine, think about how carefully we investigate almost everything else in our lives. If we are buying a house, we research what houses in the neighborhood have sold for. We get an inspection. We look for hidden problems. We compare prices because we do not want someone to take advantage of us.

If we buy a vehicle, we check its history, compare prices, research problems with that model, and try to make sure we are not being cheated.

If something at a store costs twenty dollars more than we think it should, many of us will pull out our phones immediately and investigate.

Even when a doctor tells us something important, we may seek another opinion. When we are prescribed medication, we may research what it does, what the side effects are, or whether there are other options.

Why?

Because these things affect our lives, and we do not want to make a mistake.

Yet when someone presents us with something concerning our eternal salvation, sometimes our entire investigation ends with: “That doesn't sound right to me.”

“My church doesn't teach that.”

“My pastor says something different.”

“I have never heard that before.”

“I don't believe God would require that.”

Or simply:

“I know I'm saved.”

Think about that for a moment. We will investigate whether someone is trying to cheat us out of twenty dollars, yet we may refuse to spend a few hours investigating whether something we have believed for thirty, forty, fifty, or even seventy years concerning eternal life is actually true. That should concern every one of us.

Someday you and I will stand before GOD. He already knows every opportunity He has given us, every person who has crossed our path, every conversation we have had, every warning we have received, every Scripture someone has shown us, every teaching we have heard, and every opportunity we accepted or rejected.

How many times has God tried to correct something in my life without me even realizing what He was doing?

How many times might He have done the same with you?

Maybe through a family member. Maybe through a friend. Maybe through a stranger. Maybe through a preacher we did not particularly like. Maybe through someone from a church we disagreed with. Maybe through a study someone handed us that we never bothered to read. Maybe someone asked us a question that made us uncomfortable, and instead of investigating it, we dismissed the question and the person asking it. We may not recognize all of those opportunities now.

But God does.

So, I have to ask myself something, and I am asking you to ask yourself the same question:

Could this be one of those opportunities?

Could this letter, this conversation, or one of these studies be something God has allowed to cross your path because there is something He wants you to examine?

Please do not misunderstand me. I am not saying, “John wrote this, therefore God sent it and you must believe everything in it.” I am saying the opposite.

Do not believe me simply because I say something is true. But please do not reject what I am saying without examining it either. Listen. Ask questions. Open your Bible. Read the Scriptures in context. Compare Scripture with Scripture. Then determine whether what I am telling you is true.

Scripture says:

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.” **Proverbs 18:13**

And:

“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” **1 Thessalonians 5:21**

God did not tell us to blindly believe everyone who claims to know truth. He told us to prove it.

So let me tell you some of the things I am asking you to examine.

What would you say if I told you that believing in Christ alone does not mean that a person has completed everything Scripture requires for salvation?

And before answering that, shouldn't we first determine what Scripture actually means when it tells us to believe?

What if I told you that I can show you from Scripture that a person must believe, repent, be converted, confess Christ, obey what God commands, receive proper water baptism for the remission of sins, receive a good conscience toward God, receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost according to the biblical pattern, and then continue walking faithfully with God?

Your first thought may be:

“But I already believe.”

“I already repented.”

“I already confessed Christ.”

“I was already baptized.”

And maybe you did. I am not telling you that you didn't. But here is the question:

How do you know that what you understood and what you did actually matches what Scripture requires?

That is where the details matter. We cannot recognize a biblical word and automatically assume that we understand everything God means by it.

What does Scripture actually mean when it says believe?

What does God mean by repentance? Is repentance simply feeling sorry, asking for forgiveness, or changing our mind? Or does Scripture require something deeper?

What does it mean to be converted?

What confession does Scripture require?

What exactly is remission of sins, and is that identical to the forgiveness we repeatedly seek from God throughout our lives?

What does Scripture mean by a good conscience toward God?

What makes a water baptism the baptism God actually requires? Does the purpose matter? Does the understanding of the person being baptized matter? Does the person performing the baptism matter?

And when Scripture speaks about receiving the Holy Ghost, are we talking about feeling His presence, experiencing conviction, seeing His power, or receiving His actual indwelling according to the pattern Scripture gives us?

Those are not insignificant details. A person can honestly say, “I was baptized,” while never asking why he was baptized, what he believed was happening, or whether what happened matched the baptism described in Scripture.

And this is exactly where deception becomes dangerous.

Satan's oldest method was not simply telling Eve, “There is no God. Ignore Him.” He took what God had said and changed the message just enough to reverse its meaning.

God had warned:
“Thou shalt surely die.”

The serpent answered:
“Ye shall not surely die.”

One word. Not. But that one word completely changed the meaning of God's warning.

That should teach us something. The enemy does not always need to remove a doctrine completely. Sometimes changing the meaning, purpose, order, or requirement is enough.

That is why I am not merely asking you:
“Were you baptized?”

I am asking:

“Were you baptized according to what Scripture actually requires?”

I am not merely asking:

“Did you repent?”

I am asking:

“Did you repent according to God's definition of repentance?”

And I am not merely asking:

“Do you believe?”

I am asking:

“Does your believing contain what Scripture requires from someone who truly believes God?”

Now let me make the baptism question more personal.

What if I told you that I can prove from Scripture that a person who has passed the age of accountability and has become accountable before God, and dies before receiving the proper water baptism God requires, will not enter His Kingdom?

I cannot tell you the exact age at which every child becomes accountable before God. I do not believe any human being can. One child may understand something at eight or nine years old that another person may not understand until much later. GOD knows the heart, understanding, ability, and accountability of every individual.

But what about you and me?

We are being given an opportunity to hear and examine these things right now as you read these things.

Wouldn't you want to make absolutely certain that your baptism was actually the baptism Scripture describes?

Maybe you were baptized as a baby. Maybe you were baptized later in life. Maybe a parent, family member, friend, pastor, or minister baptized you. Maybe you were told baptism was merely an outward symbol showing everyone that you were already saved. Maybe nobody ever taught you anything about remission of sins. Maybe nobody explained what Scripture calls a good conscience toward God. Maybe nobody prayed over you and laid hands upon you afterward for receiving the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. Maybe nobody ever caused you to question whether the person who baptized you actually had biblical authority to perform that covenant act.

What if those things matter?

Wouldn't you want to know?

I already know one of the first objections many people will bring up:

“What about the thief on the cross? He wasn't baptized, and Christ told him he would be in paradise.”

That sounds like a powerful argument against the requirement of baptism. But what if I told you that I can show you from Scripture why the thief on the cross did not require baptism and why baptism is an essential step necessary for salvation?

Christ was physically there with that man. During His earthly ministry Christ had authority to give the remission of sins directly. He told people, “Thy sins are forgiven thee.” When Christ personally told the thief that he would be with Him in paradise, the Son of God Himself had spoken.

But the thief's situation also happened before Christ died. Hebrews tells us that a testament is of force after the death of the testator. Paul later tells us that in baptism we are baptized into Christ's death.

Hebrews 9:14-16 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

15 *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

16 *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.*

So, stop and consider the question.

How could the thief have received the baptism that joins us to Christ's death when Christ had not died yet?

The thief also lived before Christ rose from the dead and gave His apostles the instructions that would afterward be preached throughout the world. After His resurrection Christ said:

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...”

So, before we use the thief to remove baptism from salvation, shouldn't we first determine whether his unique situation is actually the pattern Christ gave us after His death and resurrection?

And if the thief proves baptism is unnecessary, why did the apostles never use him that way?

Why did Peter tell people:

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you...”

Why was the Ethiopian eunuch baptized?

Why was Cornelius commanded to be baptized?

Why was Paul told:

“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins...”

Why don't we find the apostles preaching:

“Just believe like the thief. Baptism is unnecessary”?

Those are questions worth examining before concluding from the thief that baptism can be dismissed.

Your own first reaction may be another hypothetical:

“What about someone dying in hospice who finally believes but physically cannot get into water?”

Or:

“What about somebody alone in the desert with no water and nobody there to baptize him?”

Those questions sound compassionate and reasonable. And they deserve an answer. But before we answer them, there is something we cannot overlook: you are not that hypothetical person.

If GOD has given you knowledge, opportunity, people, water, and the ability to obey, why would another person's imagined inability determine your responsibility?

And we also know nothing about that hypothetical person's entire life. We do not know how many opportunities God gave him. We do not know how many people He sent. We do not know what that person previously accepted or rejected. GOD does.

And have we forgotten who He is?

We say GOD is Almighty. We believe He divided the Red Sea, brought water from a rock, sent angels, raised the dead, and accomplished things impossible for men. Yet suddenly we create a

situation in which Almighty God supposedly cannot get water or another person to somebody He intends to reach.

The book of Acts gives us an interesting example. God sent Philip to meet the Ethiopian eunuch on a road Scripture specifically describes as desert. God knew exactly where the man was. Philip preached Christ to him, and as they continued on their way they came to water.

The eunuch said:

“See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?”

We invent a man in a desert and ask, “What if there is no one and no water?” Scripture shows us a man on a desert road, and GOD arranged both the messenger and the water.

Does that mean I know how God will judge every unusual circumstance?

No.

Abraham asked:

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

I trust that He will. But someone else's hypothetical situation does not change what God requires from me when I have an opportunity to obey.

Then there is another subject many Christians have never seriously examined: remission of sins.

What if I told you that I can show you why remission of sins and the forgiveness we continue seeking from God throughout our lives should not automatically be treated as exactly the same thing?

What if I can show you why Peter said:

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Christ for the remission of sins...”

What if baptism is the covenant point at which God deals with the sins of our past in a way most of us were never taught?

Wouldn't you want to examine that?

Then Peter describes baptism as:
“the answer of a good conscience toward God.”

What exactly does that mean?

Many people say:
“My conscience is clear.”

“I feel good about where I stand with God.”

But what if feeling peaceful inside is not necessarily the same thing Scripture calls having a good conscience toward God?

What if Scripture connects that good conscience with something specific God has commanded?

Wouldn't you want to know?

Now consider the Holy Ghost. Many of us have been taught that the moment we first believed, we automatically received the permanent indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

But what if I told you that I can show you people in Scripture who already believed, yet were still asked:

“Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?”

What if I can show you that their previous baptism was examined, they were properly baptized, hands were laid upon them, and then they received the Holy Ghost?

What if I can show you another group that had already been baptized, yet the apostles still came to them, prayed for them, laid hands upon them, and then they received the Holy Ghost?

I want to make an important distinction here. I am not saying the Holy Spirit cannot move upon someone, convict someone, guide someone, speak to someone, or work through that person's life before he receives the indwelling. I am talking specifically about the indwelling gift of the Holy Ghost.

What if experiencing the Spirit's presence and having the Spirit dwelling within you are not necessarily the same thing?

Wouldn't you want to know?

Then there is another question most people probably have never seriously considered:

Who has authority to perform the baptism?

Can anybody simply decide to baptize another person?

Can your father do it?

Your mother?

A friend?

A relative?

Can anybody who happens to have access to water perform the baptism Scripture describes?

What if I told you that I can show you from Scripture that the person performing this covenant act must be called, appointed, or sent under authority from God?

And what if I can show you why that matters?

Christ told those whom He sent:

“Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.”

I am not saying that a human being independently possesses power to forgive sins. Only God forgives sins.

But what if Christ entrusted His appointed servants with authority and responsibility concerning the covenant act through which God grants remission?

What if the person who baptized you believed he was merely performing a public ceremony?

What if you believed that was all that was happening?

What if the purpose, understanding, and authority actually matter?

Wouldn't you want to examine that?

And baptism is still not the entire issue. Scripture says:
“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

The devils believe.

So, when somebody tells us:
“All you need to do is believe,”

Shouldn't we stop and determine what Scripture actually means by believe? Because if we misunderstand what God means by believing, everything we build upon that understanding may also be wrong.

Christ asked:
“Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

He also warned that not everyone who says, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of His Father.

Perhaps the real question is not simply:
“Do I believe?”

Perhaps it is:
“Do I believe GOD enough to obey Him?”

And there is something else I want to make very clear. Our walk with God does not end at baptism. Baptism is not a graduation ceremony where we complete a checklist and then say, “I’m finished.”

If someone truly believes, repents, receives proper baptism and what God promises through it, and shortly afterward dies without rejecting Christ or abandoning what God has given him, I believe that person has every reason to trust God's promises.

But most of us continue living. And because we continue living, we continue learning. God shows us things today that we did not understand yesterday. He corrects things we were taught incorrectly. He reveals habits that need to change. He teaches us obedience in areas we may never previously have considered.

As we grow, the question becomes:
“What am I doing with what God is showing me now?”

For example, what if I told you that I can prove biblically that keeping a physical Sabbath day was not merely something for the children of Israel, but continues to apply to all of those who belong to Christ?

Would you immediately say:
“That's Jewish.”
“That was the Old Testament.”
“We aren't under the law.”

Or would you first say:
“Show me.”

What if I told you that I can prove from Scripture that God's requirements concerning the ten commandments or works have not truly changed or disappeared?

Would you immediately reject that because somebody taught you it was part of “Old Testament laws” or that “we do not follow the law because we now follow Christ”?

Or would you allow Scripture to determine whether that statement is correct?

There is tremendous confusion concerning the word law. People sometimes throw God's commandments, the covenant given through Moses, ceremonial requirements, the traditions and additions of the Pharisees, and everything else into one big container and call all of it “the law.” Then, because Scripture teaches that we are not justified by works of the law, they conclude that obedience to God's commandments itself must somehow be wrong.

But were God's commandments evil?

Was holiness evil?

Was obedience evil?

Was honoring God evil?

Or were the Pharisees condemned because they corrupted God's commandments, elevated human traditions, and practiced hypocrisy?

So, which “works or Laws” does the bible condemn or command to maintain?

There is an enormous difference between trying to earn salvation through works and obeying God because we believe Him, love Him, and belong to Him.

And what we learn does not affect only ourselves. Other people watch us. Our children watch us. Our grandchildren watch us. Our spouses watch us. Our friends watch us. People who respect

us listen to what we say and learn from the way we live. Whether we realize it or not, we teach by our example.

Think about a child born into a Buddhist family. His parents may love him deeply. They are not necessarily trying to deceive him. They teach their child what they sincerely believe is true. That child grows up learning Buddhism. He trusts his parents. He learns their beliefs. He follows their practices. Unless something eventually challenges those beliefs and he is willing to investigate them, there is a very good possibility that he will grow old and die believing Buddhism.

We understand that.

Now bring the same principle closer to home. A child born into a Catholic family will normally be taught Catholicism. A child born into a Baptist family will normally be taught Baptist doctrine. A child born into a Pentecostal family will normally be taught Pentecostal doctrine. A child raised in almost any denomination will normally begin by believing what the people he loves and trusts teach him.

Those parents may sincerely love God. They may sincerely love their children. But contradictory teachings cannot all become true simply because the people teaching them are sincere.

Eventually every one of us has to ask:

“Did I actually find what I believe in Scripture, or did I inherit it from somebody I trusted?”

That is not disrespecting our parents. It is not disrespecting our pastor. It is not disrespecting our church. It is taking responsibility for our own salvation.

And if other people are following us, that responsibility becomes even greater. If I confidently teach something wrong, my children may repeat it. My friends may repeat it. Someone who trusts me may repeat it and then teach it to somebody else.

Eventually an error can pass through generations until nobody remembers why they believe it anymore. They simply say: “That’s what our church teaches.”

If I truly love my family, I should want something better for them than simply passing down everything that was passed down to me. I should want to give them truth.

And if I discover that something I taught them was wrong, love requires enough humility for me to say:

“I was wrong. Let me show you what I have now found in Scripture.”

The enemy does not necessarily need to convince everybody to become an atheist. There are countless religious roads in this world. People can be sincere on those roads. They can pray. They can worship. They can have religious experiences. They can inherit generations of tradition. They can sincerely believe that the road they are traveling leads to God.

And the enemy can deceive people who call themselves Christians too. He does not necessarily need someone to stop believing in Christ. If he can convince that person that believing alone is everything God requires, then that person may never seriously investigate repentance, conversion, baptism, remission, the Holy Ghost, obedience, holiness, endurance, or anything else God has commanded.

But Christ did not describe countless roads leading to eternal life. He described a narrow way. That means our responsibility is not to find the religion that feels best, the church that makes us most comfortable, the doctrine that tells us what we most want to hear. Our responsibility is to find the truth.

And sometimes God may put that truth in front of us through somebody we love. Sometimes through a friend. Sometimes through someone we barely know. Sometimes through a preacher. Sometimes through a study somebody hands us. Scripture shows God using prophets, apostles, disciples, witnesses, and even angels to put truth in people’s paths.

That does not mean we should believe everybody who claims to speak for God. We should not. Test them.

But do not make the opposite mistake either. Do not refuse to listen because you have already decided you know everything necessary for salvation.

Think about the Bereans. When Paul preached to them, they did not blindly believe him. But neither did they reject him simply because something he said was different from what they already understood. They searched the Scriptures daily to see whether those things were so. They listened. Then they verified.

That is what I am asking you to do with me.

Do not believe something merely because John said it.
Do not believe something merely because Zion's Roar Holy Spirit Ministry teaches it. But please do not reject something simply because your pastor, priest, parents, family, denomination, or tradition taught you differently either.

Put all of us before Scripture.

If what you already believe is true, examination will strengthen it. If what I am teaching is false, examination will expose it. But if something you have believed for years is false, examination may reveal something you desperately needed to know while you still have an opportunity to do something about it.

And this brings me back to where I started. Someday we will stand before God. I do not want to discover that GOD repeatedly placed opportunities in front of me to correct something I believed, but I refused to listen because I was comfortable with what I already knew.

I do not want to discover that He allowed people to cross my path and I dismissed them because I did not like them, because they

belonged to the wrong church, because what they said contradicted my pastor, because what they said made me uncomfortable, or simply because I thought:

“I already know I'm saved.”

And I do not want that for you either.

So, before you put this letter down, seriously consider one question:

Could this be one of those opportunities?

Not an opportunity to blindly believe John. An opportunity to investigate.

Maybe I am wrong. If I am, please show me. I need truth just as much as you do.

But what if I am right about even one of these things?

What if your baptism was not what Scripture requires?

What if you never received remission the way Scripture describes it?

What if you have confused an experience with the Holy Spirit with receiving His indwelling?

What if nobody ever laid hands upon you according to the biblical pattern?

What if the person who baptized you did not have the authority Scripture requires?

What if your understanding of repentance is incomplete?

What if your understanding of believing is incomplete?

What if you recognized all the right biblical words, but some of the details were changed enough that what you were taught was not actually what God commanded?

And what if something God requires from you after baptism has now been shown to you, but you refuse to investigate it because somebody previously told you it does not matter?

Those are not small questions. They concern eternity.

So, I am asking you personally:

Will you give me the opportunity to show you?

Will you sit down with me, bring your Bible, listen, ask questions, examine the studies, check the Scriptures in context, and determine for yourself whether what I am telling you is true or false? Come willing to show me from Scripture if I am wrong but also willing to be shown from Scripture if you are wrong.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

17 *That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

If Scripture proves me wrong, please tell me. But I ask the same honesty from you.

If Scripture proves that something I have shown you is true, will you accept it and obey God even if it means admitting that something you have believed for many years was wrong?

That is why I consider this a witness of acceptance or rejection.

I cannot make you listen. I cannot make you believe. I cannot make you change. I cannot make you obey. And I cannot save you.

But because I care about you, I can make sure you are given the opportunity to hear what I believe God has shown me and then examine it for yourself. After that, the decision belongs to you.

Please do not investigate a twenty-dollar mistake more carefully than you investigate your eternal salvation. Do not gamble eternity on what another human being told you, including me.

Listen. Examine. Verify.

And continue doing that throughout your walk with God.

Because the question is not only:

“What have I always believed?”

The question is:

“What does GOD actually require from me, and what am I going to do when He gives me the opportunity to know?”

If you are willing, I am willing to sit down with you and show you why I believe these things can be proven from Scripture. Then open your Bible, examine the evidence, and decide for yourself whether they are true.

With love and sincere concern,

John

Zion's Roar Holy Spirit Ministry

What If I Am Wrong?

Before continuing, consider something few people are willing to ask:

What if I am wrong about salvation?

What if I have trusted a doctrine because:

- My pastor taught it?
- My church believed it?
- My family accepted it?
- I have always heard it?
- It sounded right?

None of those things prove truth. Only Scripture proves truth.

If my beliefs agree with Scripture, they should survive examination. If they do not, they must be abandoned no matter how long I have believed them.

A doctrine that cannot survive examination should not survive belief.

We are often picking up teachings that are not in accordance with the word of God and adapt them into our lives. This part is intended to separate some of that truth from error, mostly pertaining to the gospel of Christ and His salvation plan.

Every one of us has inherited beliefs from somewhere.

Some came from Scripture. Some came from tradition.

Some came from pastors, teachers, friends, books, videos, and churches.

The question is not where those beliefs came from. The question is whether they are true.

Therefore, every doctrine we hold must be continually tested against the Word of God.

For this to work properly and you to be able to see the truth of your doctrine; you must first remember and record the knowledge that you have attained and followed until this moment. Next study **B2-C01-S02 (Questions That Reveal What We Truly Believe)** is where the initial questions are to mark how much biblical knowledge you had before starting this set of studies.

You will later then see and verify through the word of God if there is anything that you need to change or correct or even teach us!

It basically brings some of the weaknesses and strengths of the doctrine you follow.

Who Is Responsible for My Salvation?

False teachers exist, false doctrines exist and scripture warns about them repeatedly.

Yet God never places the responsibility for your salvation entirely upon others.

Every believer is commanded to:

- Search the Scriptures
- Test all things
- Prove all things
- Examine themselves

No pastor, preacher, teacher, denomination, ministry, church, family member, or friend will stand before God on your behalf.

You must know what you believe.

You must know why you believe it.

You must be able to prove it from Scripture.

My hopes and prayers are that we can meet for all the studies.

If there is anything that I can assist you with or if there are any questions you need to ask, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, I will try and make myself available at your convenient time. We can meet preferably in person or via Zoom.

May your heart be opened to God's word of truth and understanding and may you and your loved ones prosper in your faith in Christ through His love, grace, and guidance.

Questions Every Believer Should Be Able to Answer

You give us the day and time that you are available, and we will
make it happen!

We can meet in person or even via Zoom.

If we claim to understand the gospel, we should be able to answer these questions directly from Scripture. Please feel free to bring your own questions or points.

1- If we are truly saved by believing ALONE then why does the gospel say in Romans 13:11 that our salvation is only NEARER when we believe?

2- Are we saved after reciting the sinner's prayer, and is this even biblical?

3- Was Apostle Peter saved by the time of the crucifixion?

Because we know that he believed, was a disciple for 2+yrs, performed miracles, and many healings!

BUT, according to the Gospel, if he would have died during the crucifixion, he would have gone to hell. Because in Luke 22 the gospel tells us that he was not converted and denied Christ 3 times!

When Christ Himself says in Matthew 18:3 that if we are not converted, we will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. And in

Matt 10:33 Christ also states, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven".

4- Is water baptism necessary for salvation or is it truly only an outward expression of our faith?

5- Why does most churches teach that baptism does NOT save, when EVERY bible says, baptism "ALSO" saves us in **1 Peter 3:21**. And **Mark 16:16** backs it up by saying that if we believe and are "baptized", we will be saved?

- 6- Why was Christ baptized and the thief on the cross was not baptized?
- 7- Do we need remission of sins in order to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, and if we do, how do we attain it?
- 8- Why do most bibles change the word remission to forgiveness? When in forgiveness God will remember those sins, and with remission He completely deletes them?
- 9- Why does **Acts 2:38** say that baptism is done to receive remission for our sins?
- 10- When and how do we receive the Holy Ghost?
- 11- If receiving the Holy Ghost is automatic, then why does the bible say we have to be baptized for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost **Acts 2:38, Acts 11:15-16, Matt 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33, Acts 1:5**. & then why did Paul re-baptized 11 disciples in **Acts 19:2-6** just for that reason?
- 12- So, if we do not need any type of good works to maintain our salvation, then why does **Titus 1:16** say that if we do not do good works, we deny professing God, are abominable in the eyes of God, are disobedient to God and reprobates or not pure unto every good work?
- 13- Did you know that the bible talks about the laws of God, good works of God & the works and laws of the pharisees?
- 14- If the teachings are correct about the Old Testament Sabbath law being for Israel, or for the Jews only; then why did Paul the Apostle being a Roman citizen born in TURKEY follow the Sabbath commandment?

I am an ordained preacher and witness of Christ on the cross, sent to help you fulfill God's promise of ***Gal 3:22, Eph 1:13-14*** and ***1 John 2:25*** unto you!

I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which is preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Christ.

Have you personally verified what you believe about salvation?
Or have you accepted it because someone else told you it was true?

Are you 100% sure you are saved and are following the Apostles doctrine on which Christ gave for us to follow? Because if you are not, I tell you that it is better to lose an hour or a week of your life, than to spend an eternity in hell, only because you failed to verify with me, whether the doctrine you have learned is from God or not!

God is calling you to examine what you believe.

If it is true, it will stand.

If it is not, it must fall.

We will answer whatever questions you have, and we will do so with scriptures. We will not try to confuse you with long arguments or statements that contradict the gospel!

Do NOT allow anyone to preach to you a common salvation plan that is NOT from God. Because even the scriptures warn us about those that have received and preach a common plan of salvation in ***Jude 1:3***.

We are NOT about religion or a watered-down gospel or, nor status, nor appearances. We are about compassion, love, tranquility, and forgiveness. We are all about teaching TRUTH and guiding those who are in need and have a want for Godly truth.

Before You Continue

The next study will ask questions about salvation.

Answer them honestly.

Do not answer according to what you think should be true.

Answer according to what you genuinely believe right now.

Do not look up verses first.

Do not ask someone else.

Record your answers exactly as they are today.

Only then will you be able to see what God confirms, corrects, or challenges through His Word.

An honest answer today is the first step toward truth tomorrow.



A YouTube video.

A common plan of salvation and are you truly saved?

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