

Has God and Jesus Christ Lied to You?

Have you ever wondered about a question like this? How many people in the world have wondered about a question like this? Has God and Jesus Christ Lied to you? Many may not like to hear this but the answer to this question is yes that many do believe that Jesus Christ and God the Father has lied. Let me share with you some examples of this thought process for a few moments.

Denying His Commands

I want you to consider that many deny the commands of God. For instance, baptism saves. Some will deny that this does save. A popular doctrine is that salvation can come by faith alone. Yet another doctrine talks about saying a prayer of faith or even the sinner's prayer for one to be saved. In saying this as being an okay substitute for God, have we called God a liar then?

We are reminded in **Mark 16:16** that "*he who believes and is baptized shall be saved*". In **Acts 2:38** Peter says "*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins*". Paul speaks about what baptism is in **Romans 6:3-4** "*we were baptized into his death; Therefore, we were buried with Him in baptism.*"

Yet many doctrines today will claim that sprinkling is an okay alternative, or, even stating that pouring is an okay alternative. Are these okay alternatives? If we believe that these are okay alternatives for baptism have, we not called God a liar? Are we calling Jesus Christ a liar when He called the apostles to go and preach the gospel and baptize all who will believe in the name of Jesus Christ, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit?

One will even go to the point of believing that babies need to be baptized through sprinkling or pouring. One will talk about original sin and that is the reason for one to be baptized. We are told baptism is the answer that now saves us (**I Peter 3:21**). It is based upon our own desire that we want to obey God. Yet, considering this for a few moments one gets an infant ready for the baptismal and the one performing the ceremony gets dressed in a special robe and everyone joins together for the occasion. However, when the baby gets sprinkled or water poured on their head the baby is the one crying in almost all instances. Have you ever considered that the child is the one with the most common sense in this situation? They know that something is not right with what is happening to them. Many of you may be laughing about this but how true is it? It is true! A child does not need to be baptized, they are safe and if they pass away, they will be with God. Believing that a baby needs to be baptized and we will do all the work for them have we not called God a liar?

In denying His commands from what we have considered whether it is an alternative or even a different belief, have we not called God a liar in what has been revealed to us concerning what we need to do for eternal salvation?

Denying the Gospel

Sadly, many changes have been made in the gospel message in many cases. This is not only going on in the denominational world but also within the brethren representing the Lord's Church. Many changes in doctrine have occurred changes for the "benefit" of man.

As Paul warns Timothy in **II Timothy 4:2-5**, Timothy was to first preach the word and be ready to preach the word in all instances. The reason? People will heap for themselves teachers teaching doctrine that will tickle the ear. Something that may sound pleasant to ear, yet the message is denying the Lord and the demand for obedience.

Paul also warned brethren in the region of Galatia in **Galatians 1:6-10** that they need to turn back to the gospel. False doctrines in this case have crept in and perverted many to turn away from God and to a "new" gospel which Paul says is not another. The warning for man is to believe in the gospel. Do not believe in another gospel because it is not true. Man must take God's word and believe in it and study (**Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15**).

We need to believe in God's inspired Word (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). God's Word is profitable for doctrine (*teaching*), reproof (*standard*), correction (*to the standard*), and instruction in righteousness. That we may be complete and equipped for every good work. Meaning we have everything that we need to be found pleasing to God.

We talk about needing to commit to God (**Matthew 6:33**). We talk about God rewarding those who diligently seek Him (**Hebrews 11:6**). We talk about a heart needing to believe and obey God (**Matthew 7:21-23**) will be saved, if not, one will be denied and hear words of doom. We talk about being with our brethren (**Hebrews 10:24-25**) and not forsaking one another.

If we do not believe this and believe that we do not need to be as committed or as diligent or not needing to obey God or even being with our brethren, have we not called God a liar?

God cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**) to us. We in fact can trust God in all things. He is truth (**John 14:6**) and the way we need to walk by. We can trust in God in all things! God will not lie to us however we must not make God appear to be a liar also. His word is truth, and we must continue to abide in it always (**II John 9**).

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