



Salvation's Simplicity

There are many “*religious faiths*” in the world today, but the simple *road to salvation* begins with Hebrews 11, verses 1 and 6: “*Now **FAITH** is the **SUBSTANCE** of things hoped for, the **EVIDENCE** of things not seen*...” But **WITHOUT FAITH** it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please him (**God**): *for he that **COMETH** to God **MUST** believe that **HE IS**, and that he is a **REWARDER** of them that **DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM** (**God**).”*



Understanding what *faith* means is not difficult. As children, we believed *every word* our parents said (*faith*), even though we did not *fully* understand them. But, *gradually*, as we *grew* in “*our own knowledge*” of things, we began to *challenge* our parent’s authority, and *substituted* their instruction for our own “*understanding*.” As a result, too many of us are *eating* of the “...*fruit of [our] own [stubborn] way, and [are] filled with [our] own devices*” (Proverbs 1:31).

But through faith, “...***we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things **which are seen** were not made of things **which do appear***” (Hebrews 11:3). We believe that God has *always been*, and that there was *never a time* when God *was not*, “...*from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God*” (Psalm 90:2).

We do not *understand* it on a physical scale, but by *becoming* as *little children*, we believe it, “...*Except (**unless**) ye be converted, and become as **LITTLE CHILDREN**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven*” (Matthew 18:3).



My journey to salvation began when I met a certain girl, and we engaged ourselves in conversation. To our pleasure, we discovered that we both *believed in God*. Later, after we decided to marry, we pledged that we would *live for God*. A year later, discovering that we would become parents, we decided *to raise our children for God*.

One day, on my way to work, I was listening to my car radio when suddenly I heard a man read these words: “*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and **ALL LIARS**, shall have their part in the **LAKE** which **BURNETH** with fire and brimstone: which is the second death*” (Rev. 21:8). The only *wrong-doing* I admitted doing at that time was “**LYING**,” because I did it for sport, and was afraid of being “*caught*” in my lies.

When I **HEARD** these *precious* words, I felt tremendous personal “**GUILT**,” and suddenly, I realized that I was also “*guilty*” of many other things as well. But after **HEARING** these words: “*That if thou shalt **CONFESS** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **BELIEVE** in thine heart that God hath **raised him from the dead**, thou shalt be **SAVED**. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*” (Romans 10:9-10), I *bowed my head* on my steering wheel in the parking lot of my job and confessed to

God in prayer: "God, I'm sorry. Please save me."

At that very moment, the Holy Spirit **BAPTIZED** me into the **BODY** of Jesus Christ, *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body"* (1 Cor. 12:13), **SEALED** me until the day of my redemption, *"...whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption"* (Ephes. 4:30), and **ADDED** me to the **INVISIBLE** church of the living God, *"...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:47).

The Holy Spirit also **ENTERED** me as promised to all believers, making me His **PERMANENT DWELLING PLACE**, *"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own"* (1 Cor. 6:19)?

Daily, the Holy Spirit **LEADS ME, GUIDES ME, COMFORTS ME** and **TEACHES** me **ALL TRUTH**, *"...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come"* (John 16:13).



When I walked from the parking lot to my job that day, a **NEW** man entered in, whereas the old man was gone, *"...if any man be **IN Christ**, he is a **NEW CREATURE**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2 Cor. 5:17).

A year later, after observing the change that took place in me, and also my **THIRST** for the Word of God, my wife re-examined herself, repented to God, and God saved her too.

Tragically, there are **BILLIONS** and **BILLIONS** of people who are just a breath away from death, and dropping into **Hell Fire** because they have rejected the **SIMPLICITY** found in God's plan of Salvation.

Too many people are putting their trust in a **MAN** or a **WOMAN**, or in some **RELIGIOUS WAY**; they will even put their trust in some **EXPERIENCE** like a dream, a vision, or some form of **FEELING** or their **GOOD WORKS**.

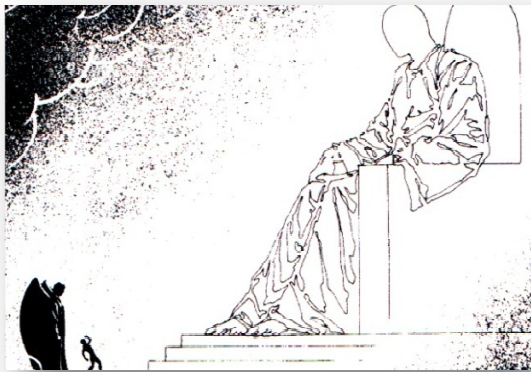


But Jesus said, *"...This is the **WORK** of God, that ye **BELIEVE ON HIM** whom he [**God**] hath sent"* (John 6:29). Sadly, Jesus also said, *"...ye **WILL NOT COME TO ME**, that ye might have life"* (John 5:40). All God wants **US** to **DO** is just COME...

*"**COME** unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). *"...If any man thirst, let him **COME** unto me, and drink"* (John 7:37). *"...the Spirit and the Bride say, **COME**. And let him that **HEARETH** say, **COME**. And let him that is athirst **COME**. And **WHOSOEVER** will, let him **TAKE** the water of life **FREELY**"* (Rev. 22:17).

Jesus said, “**I RECEIVE NOT honor from men**” (John 5: 41), but the **HONOR OF MEN** is what the majority of people **FOLLOW** today, someone they can see and admire, especially those of **HIGH RELIGIOUS REPUTATION**.

Jesus said, “**I am come in my FATHER’S name, and ye RECEIVE ME NOT: if another shall come IN HIS OWN NAME, him YE WILL RECEIVE**” (John 5:43), and religious giants are being “well-received” by the thousands.



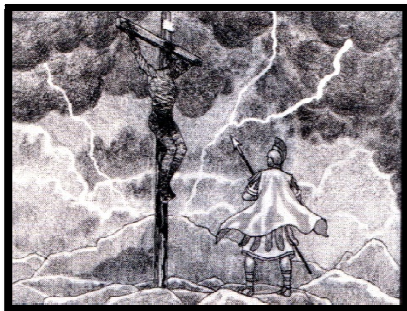
But the **JUDGMENT** of God will **DECLARE** the **TRUTH** concerning all things. At the Great White Throne Judgment, all false preachers and teachers, along with their entire CONGREGATION of **FOLLOWERS** which they have led astray will stand before a **HOLY GOD** and give an account.

The prophet Joel describes this day as a day of a singular decision: “**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision**” (Joel 3:14).

They will **HEAR HIM SAY**, “**These things hast thou DONE, and I KEPT SILENCE; thou THOUGHTEST THAT I WAS ALTOGETHER SUCH AN ONE AS THEYSELF: but I will REPROVE thee, and SET THEM IN ORDER before THINE EYES**” (Psalm 50:21).

In God’s plan of Salvation, **ALL** men and women become “...**the SHEEP of HIS pasture**” (Psalm 100:3) the same **IDENTICAL WAY**, by becoming as a little child before Him by **FAITH** through the genuine admission of guilt. Jesus said, “**Whosoever therefore shall HUMBLE HIMSELF as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven**” (Matthew 18:4).

Have you humbled yourself before God Almighty, and admitted to Him your guilt as a sinner? The husband of wicked Queen Jezebel, King Ahab, did: “**Seest thou how Ahab HUMBLETH HIMSELF before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son’s days will I bring the evil upon his house**” (1 Kings 21:29).



As a servant of God, it is my duty and desire to preach Christ for the purpose of “...warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom” (Col. 1:28). “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we PERSUADE men” (2 Cor. 5:11).

“**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that ENTERETH NOT by the DOOR into the sheepfold, but CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, the same is a THIEF and a ROBBER**” (John

10:1).

Hebrews 11:6 sums up *the plan of salvation* that we "...**MUST BELIEVE that HE (God) IS, and that he (God) is a REWARDER of them that DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM (God).**" Have YOU diligently sought God? Are YOU, or have you ever been **THRISTY** for His truth?

Seeking God means to *thoroughly seek Him out*; to *thoroughly do a full investigation*. If the scribes, Pharisees and the Jewish people had *diligently investigated* Jesus, they would not have crucified him.

A woman in Jesus' parable *diligently searched* for her lost piece of silver (Luke 15:8), and she found it after *lighting a candle* (**the Word of God**) and *sweeping the house* (**doing a thorough search**). In the end, she **REJOICED**.

*"Let us hear **THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN**" (Eccles. 12:13).*

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