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There is a spiritual truth that has been debated, denied, misconstrued, & improperly presented, by some people throughout the Body of Christ, for many decades, & centuries, regarding salvation through Jesus. You can get arguments in any Christian gathering regarding this particular subject.

There are Christians that believe in it, & others that don't believe in it, & others that rant against it when the subject comes up. We know that God isn't the author of confusion, but of peace. The subject I'm referring to is salvation, how it comes, how it remains, & who's responsible in enforcing it, us or God!

Here's a list of Scriptural references, which is the authority on the subject. Read these passages, meditate upon them, & see what the Holy Spirit confirms to you!

Mark 16:16 *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

Believing in Jesus is what gets you into the kingdom of God & His kingdom into you!

The reference to baptism isn't speaking of being dunked in water, it refers to being immersed into the death & life of Jesus, being absorbed by it, being united to Christ through the New-birth!

Not being Born-again is the only thing that sends anyone to Hell! The Word has spoken, God said it, that settles it, & we can believe it! Bottom line truth: receive Jesus, be Born-again: reject Jesus, suffer in eternal judgement!

John 3:15, *that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

A spiritual principle: believing in & receiving Jesus gives you eternal life! Once you've been Born-again, you can't perish! The ultimate perishing is being separated from God!

If you are Born-again, you can't perish (be separated from God), because of being filled with eternal life! We are again told that being born into the kingdom of God requires only that you believe in Jesus with your heart & receive His life by calling upon him with your mouth!

v/16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

The Heavenly Father offered everyone in mankind's history the opportunity to be united to Him, through believing in & trusting upon Jesus, Who became the Lamb of God that carried away the sin of the world!

Because God loved us, He provided escape from Hell, & union with the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit forever, by us being saved through calling upon Jesus, once we've recognized that we were cut off from God through Adam's transgression. Just as the first Adam cut us off from God with spiritual death, the Last Adam, Jesus, joins us into God eternally with divine life!

There's nothing in this verse, or any other's that I've included, that puts the burden of salvation upon you, other than allowing the Holy Spirit to convict (convince) you of your need for eternal life & that it's offered through Jesus! Beyond you believing & receiving Him, all other aspects & dynamics of salvation are fulfilled by the Father, Son, & Spirit!

v/18 *He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Here's God's Word on an undeniable divine truth: believe upon Jesus as your Savior, call upon Him for eternal life, & there is absolutely no degree of condemnation ever lodged against you by God! There's no judgement of spiritual guiltiness or unworthiness filed against you by the Holy Spirit, because in being Born-again, you legally receive justification, & you literally receive sanctification by the life of God dwelling in you!

The only thing that results in anyone being eternally condemned & removed from the presence of God is dying without believing upon Jesus.

There's no other 'ifs, ands, or buts' about it! It is what it is, divine truth!

v/36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

You can't get any more plain than this truth: If you believe upon Jesus for salvation, you have it! If you don't believe upon Him for eternal life, then you don't have it! You can only receive divine life through Jesus. The wrath of God mentioned here isn't personal hatred toward you from God, it's the sentence of separation from His presence eternally. God couldn't hate you, or He'd not've provided the gift of eternal life for you!

John 5:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

There's three gratifying eternal truths listed here: Being a believer in Jesus gives you eternal life, you can't be judged guilty of sin by God ever again, & you have been released from spiritual death by receiving eternal life! Hallelujah, this isn't religious works we're talking about, it's a relationship with Jesus that we've entered into by believing in Him for the remission of our sin & trusting in Him for salvation! Believing in Him isn't something that You have to maintain in order to keep eternal life in you! Calling upon Him brings the Holy Spirit into you, & once in, He seals Himself into you & is the guarantee of your salvation! Again, I mention, receiving eternal life permanently breaks you free from sinfulness & spiritual death! Once those forces of darkness have been removed from you, they can never reclaim you! Greater is He that is in you, than he or that which is in the world! Whomever the Son sets free from spiritual death is truly free indeed!

John 6:40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

For us to see Jesus today, since He's in Heaven, is in seeing Him in spiritual truth, to recognize that He is the Lamb of God, the Savior of mankind, & that whoever calls upon Him receives divine life. For us to see that truth, the Holy Spirit has to convince us of it as a reality! Once we recognize that truth, & we act upon that by calling upon Jesus, we instantly receive eternal life. And, it is just that: eternal life. It has no end, no limits, no hidden clauses, & no failure. It has to last eternally, because it is what it is, eternal life! Once you've been Born-again, you're fully & freely saved, sealed, secured, & seated in heavenly places! In union with Jesus Christ you now live, move, & have your being! In you He lives, moves, & has His being! He is eternal, the Father is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal, thus, once you're linked with them, you are eternally alive!

John 6:47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

There's just no getting around this truth (as if we'd even want to if we could), to believe in Jesus, & to receive Him, promises you eternal life! With no strings attached, once we're Born-again, then we're always & forever more Born-again! Of course, we have nothing to do with maintaining it, because it's the same Holy Spirit that brings eternal life into you that seals that life in Himself into you, & declares that He'll never leave you nor forsake you!

Jesus made us a promise that if you believe in Him, you (do, will, shall) have eternal life! I like the lingo that Jesus talks, don't you? I am secure in Him, because He is my security!

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus is the door of eternal life, as we very well know. Here, He's comparing physical & eternal

life: When we're Born-again, we can still die physically, but can never die spiritually!

Even our physical bodies now belong to God, & shall be raised from whatever form of physical death they underwent, & shall be gloriously transformed into His image & likeness, just as we already bear in our recreated spirit!

John 12:46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

Jesus is the Light of life, & His life in us qualifies us as the light of the world. His light, illumination, & enlightenment placed within us delivers us instantly from all spiritual darkness. As we walk in His light as His vessels & ambassadors, He sets other people free through the outreach that we participate in! What a great form of evangelism! Not only are we already free from spiritual darkness, we can never return to it by losing eternal life! Though we may dabble in sinful practices as Christians, God can't impute it to us, nor accuse us of it, & the Holy Spirit continues to change us by convincing us that we are the righteousness of God! He transforms our walk with the Lord & our fellowship with the Lord in an ongoing ministry to us, though He transformed our spiritual relationship with the Lord instantly! He is faithful to continue the work of redemption that He begins in us! He does this not because of what we do, but because of Who He is, & often He continues His redemptive work in spite of us!

Acts 10:43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

Here it is again, short, simple, & oh, so sweet! There's one scriptural confirmation after another in this list: Everyone that calls upon Jesus appropriates total & eternal forgiveness of sin, which was manifested at Calvary through the sacrifice of Jesus! Forgiveness is a done deal, provided from the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit, & it can't be undone! Forgiveness is positional, not conditional, for everyone. The only thing we can do with it is to receive eternal life, which is what joins us to God!

Acts 13:39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

We appropriate the full measure of redemption by being Born-again, & as we do that, the Law of Moses has been fulfilled in our behalf by Jesus. (By the way, the Law was never given to Gentiles to live by). Every thing that needed to be done for us to be right with God forever was done legally by Jesus at Calvary, & is placed into us at our New-birth!

Rom 9:33 As it is written:”Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

This is so encouraging to us, & it's quoted out of the Old Testament here in Romans 9! By putting your trust into Jesus for salvation, & calling upon Him once, you receive eternal life forever! You can never lose it, because God seals it into you & warrants your security!

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Here's the divine dynamics again of salvation: you believe in what the Holy Spirit reveals to you about Jesus, you call upon Him for eternal life, & it is activated, manifested, & ensured!

V/10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Your heart (mind) believes what is revealed, your mouth admits it, & it brings eternal life into your spirit! So your mouth & mind are incorporated in filling your spirit with the life of God! That's the trinity of man acting together to receive the Holy Trinity.

You yield your body (mouth), soul (mind), & spirit in receiving Father, Son, & Holy Spirit! That's a great trade-off, isn't it?

V/11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.

*Twice in connected chapters this truth is declared, so it is a spiritual truth, & a doctrine of the New Testament!
Salvation is eternal!!!!*

1 Peter 2:6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

Here is the same doctrinal truth mentioned again. Whereas Apostle Paul mentioned it twice in Romans 9 & 10, now Apostle Peter weighs in on it with his agreement! These men both knew Jesus intimately, Peter in a personal sense as a chief disciple of Jesus, & Paul came to know Him in spirit & truth, by the many revelations of the New-creation that Jesus revealed to him! Likewise, the more intimate you become with Jesus in spirit & truth, the more assured you become of your eternal life!

1 John 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

To overcome the world includes being freed from spiritual death & eternal destruction! You did that once & for all of time when you called upon Jesus & received eternal life!

V/10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself;

The Holy Spirit always bears witness in us that we are God’s children, & He always leads us in the direction of righteousness. He always leads us towards Jesus, never away from Him!

V/11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

If we’re a believer in Jesus, here’s another promise that we have eternal life, whether we feel it, sense it, recognize it or not! The key to recognizing it is in fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit so that we become familiar with Him!

V/12 He who has the Son has life;

If you have Jesus, you have eternal life, in all of its majesty, glory, & authority! You lack nothing in your union with the Lord! Got Jesus? Then you’re good to go!

In this FaithNote, I have included twenty two verses & passages of Scripture to hammer home a truth of us being secure in union with Jesus. There are many more confirming references to this truth in the New Testament, & quite a few in the Old Testament. God never contradicts Himself, & so any time you read a Bible verse that appears to hint at the possibility of losing salvation, you better read the context of the verses before & after the one you’re questioning, because the Lord isn’t the author of confusion, but of peace. The Word of God doesn’t breed confusion or fear, it breeds peace, joy, love, & security, through you coming to know in Whom you have believed!

