

**“I AM THE LORD: That is MY NAME:  
MY GLORY will I Not Give to Another,  
neither MY PRIASE to graven images.”**

**Our Knowledge  
cannot save us:**

God’s word is not only exceedingly clear and true but it’s final when it declares that except a man be born again, *[before he departs this earth]*, he cannot see nor enter the kingdom of God that begins on this earth, (Joh 3:3-5; Heb 2:17-18). This truth takes all of the control of the outcome of God’s work of salvation away from man, and places it solely on the only anointed and Holy One who is Jesus Christ the Son of God (Ps 99:5; Eze 36:24-31). By God’s wonderful works in Jesus Christ His upright see more and more why this subject of God’s grace and mercy became so repetitive and essential by the early Christian Apostles regarding eternal life (Ga 3:1-3):

***2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)***

The often pleasant exercise of our intellect is a work we do which can become A WORKS GOSPEL. In our hearts, MINDS, and souls, we can be replacing Christ as Lord, making ourselves Lord, while not realizing it until its too late. In today’s Christian circles we tend to love the hypothetical, or what we can create, *[concoct]*, through the fleshly mind of our intellect, until the Lord might chasten us! Over time in Love the Lord will chasten His elect away from this practice; that they rely solely on His word as the Holy Spirit teaches (He 12:6).

Recently I read a confusing study where a soul is born again on the last day of this earths existence, and how this fits into the gospel where salvation had come to an end before that last day arrived. It appears some think they can integrate, *[confuse]*, salvation, *[being born again]*, with when repentance can no longer be found when the Lord returns on the last day! This is further complicated with the idea of the last day being, in principle, BEFORE the Lord’s actual return when the non-elect are being judged to inevitable destruction because they’re not elect! But that’s not the last day of this earths existence! Further, this is knowledge which the Lord alone possesses not the sinner. We only know that Cain lived without hope because God reveals this from His word. But we today, by name, are not in the word of God! We cannot know without error what the end shall be for those we look at who are amongst us. “We are to examine ourselves!” That’s of the true gospel!

It’s like some are trying to have something both ways. If I’m not sure if I’m saved now and salvation is no longer available, yet, like the thief on the cross, I may find myself taken up to God on that great and glorious day! But regarding how we are to look at salvation this idea is not taught in scripture. It is of the mind of man’s intellect.

How it is known that salvation had come to an end following a specific twenty-four-hour-day and year is thus far not offered in scripture; except through verse isolation and adding ideas God's word doesn't support. The idea of hoping that oneself will be taken up while having preached that salvation was no longer taking place for anyone else, is not the proclamation of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is a manifestation of those who desire to judge the world before they've been taken up and have been qualified to judge the world! Here there is no spirit of Christ's longsuffering being witnessed in His people who behave in this manner; but only judgment by those who are still sinners (1 Jo 1:1-10).

God's elect may understand this as they are being saved, regenerated, by the Holy Spirit who is working in them through sanctification of the word on a daily bases. God has saved them, is saving them, and shall save them (Re 1:8). Further, what is the point of this idea of salvation no longer being available following a calendar year? What purpose does it serve? God has a purpose for everything He declares from His word. So, those who do not believe the purpose of God's word is to preach the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ are UNBELIEVERS! It's as simple as that!

The bible teaches that if a soul is raised on the last day of this earths existence, *[was born again just before this earths destruction]*, then salvation, *[God's work of making souls born again]*, on the sin cursed earth, had not come to an end for that soul. Whether its before or after any date or the last day is irrelevant! While God's salvation plan falls on dates of time it is not dependent on dates of time. And again God alone possesses perfect knowledge regarding the unfolding of each of His elect. No one can prove who becomes saved prior to their death! But if someone is saved on the last day this must mean the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ had not come to an end in the world up to that point. "But what point is that?" I fear this is were many will tend to unconsciously enjoy using the scripture to play God through psychological and intellectual intercourse, where the focus is actually on themselves not Christ, as they lean on their own understanding.

As we depart the hypothetical where people compare bible verses to make the case for their own ideas, the real question becomes: "outside of the thief of the cross, WHO DO WE PERSONALLY KNOW that was saved at the last minute of their life before they died? And how could we ever prove it? WE CAN'T." Only God knows these things perfectly without sin. We may walk by faith regarding a brother or a sisters salvation, but only God knows the truth about each one of us PERFECTLY, so that He alone is faithful every time without error. The other eleven disciples didn't know who Judas really was until God exposed him!

Those who trust the Lord with all their heart and soul know that of themselves that they are sinners who cannot be trusted (Ro 3:4-10). Therefore, as it applies to the matter of eternal life, God's elect would never want to trust their own thinking, nor would they want others to trust them. That would be an abomination to them. But that's because their hearts and minds are on Christ and not on what they know; but what saith the scripture!

Many people today in their unbiblical approach to scripture like to play God; "*look at what I know!*" Often disregarding the things the scripture tells them not to get into. But that they are to preach the gospel as the Holy Ghost teaches! Not as man teaches, but as the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual, where God alone is doing the speaking (2 Co 2:13)! That there might be no confusion, inconsistency, or half truths, but Jesus Christ and Him alone crucified for His elect. So that by His Truth only, God's upright walk by His Faithfulness and not by their own understanding. And while this may seem elementary, but it's not elementary for many who would be called by God's name, as the LORD has warned us:

***Isaiah 4:1 ¶ And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.***

This is the day we are living in when the professing Christian, [*often the man of sin*], insists on sowing their own fig leaves to cover themselves, eating their own bread, [*feeding off their own intellect*]. Yet, if we have God's Love in us eternally, according to, 1 Corinthians 13, and other places, this is the Love we will want to share with our brothers and sisters that is according to the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone. We may be very vulnerable in this; but so was He! But it is exceedingly better than the intellectual jibber jabber that only serves to entertain those who are attentive to gratifying the fleshly mind; "*look at what I know!*" A true child of God wants nothing to do with, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours! You show me what you know, and I'll show you what I know! And if it turns out you like me and I like you we will agree to disagree, [*The apostate church*]." Yet, Jesus is the one the true child of God only wants to know!

**1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.**

If a study we are reading in its entirety is not showing to be of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, then it is of the mind of man. And there's no other category it can be! It is the very reason why God's word is filled with so many declarations of His Sovereignty that He Alone is qualified to boast about:

**Revelation 3:7 ¶ ... he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; ... 14 ¶ These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;**

**Isaiah 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.**

**Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.**

**1 Corinthians 13:8 ¶ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.**

Our knowledge cannot save us. Rather it is God's knowledge of His salvation in Jesus Christ according to His will and good pleasure that is saving us if we are saved by His Spirit that ever works in us according to the scriptures. So that our relationship with Him is not based on what we know from His word, but, rather, what He shows He is doing in us according to His word.

Are we fleeing fornication? Are we becoming more like Christ in our behavior according to the fruits of the Spirit? Does our love for one another match the love of the bible? If not; if we are intellectually trying to lift ourselves up from eternal damnation by a demonstration of what we know while putting Christ's name on it, but, "that's not salvation!" That's an ancient works gospel the Bible warns has taken countless souls since Cain killed his brother Abel, who's sacrifice was better than Cain's; because it was, spiritually, and mentally, *[the soul]*, and physically, the work of God, according to the Spirit of Truth, according to the scriptures (Eph 2:8-10; Ro 8:3-4; He 2:17-18):

**2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 ¶ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Re 14:13 ¶ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**

What is the labor God is speaking of? God's word often reminds us from the book of Hebrews, and other places:

**Hebrews 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 ¶ Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.**

We rest by His work in our spirit, soul, and body which God reveals to us according to all of scripture as the Holy Spirit teaches. And this is only possible because of what Christ did while in the likeness of sinful flesh (Ro 8:3-4):

**Hebrews 2:14-17 ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**

**Luke 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**

Hebrews 2:14-17, may have been pre-ordained before the world began, [as God sat down to count the cost before He began to build], but God most definitely performed His work of building His kingdom through salvation while in the likeness of sinful flesh on this sin cursed earth! Unfortunately, today, like its never been before, God's work of salvation in Jesus Christ as the Holy Ghost teaches is approached with UNBELIEF. Unbelief is the only reason we would carelessly take scripture out of context or add things that are not in scripture, as is being done today in almost every fellowship and church. Sadly, this unbelief is a judgment from God as many continue to play God in how they approach His Holy Word.

**Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

Those who use the bible to figure out the eternal works of God based on time and calendars, but which does not harmonize with the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, are disobedient to the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. Salvation is of the Lord! In this context, God will not share His glory with another, nor the praise God alone deserves with sinners.

Once we are raised from this earth, [*those of us who become raised*], it is only then that the consummation of the marriage takes place where we see our Lord as He is. Until then we would be His obedient, longsuffering, humble servants on this earth, according as the Holy Spirit teaches. Praising His Holy Name. Never seeking praise for ourselves.