

The Perspicuity of Scripture & Misunderstandings, Category #9

We ~~do not~~ listen to understand, rather we listen to respond

CORRUPTION OF THE GOSPEL THROUGH FALSE TEACHING

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Luke 9:23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Mark 8:34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Luke 14:33 "None of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions."

Mark 1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Romans 10:9 ... ~~if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart~~ that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved
...if you **say Jesus is God**, and **trust with your will** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

Acts 16:31 They {Paul and Silas} said, "~~Believe in~~ "**Trust in** the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved"

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever ~~believes~~ **trusts** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it {the faith} is ~~the~~ a gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Quotes falsely taking things Jesus said and making them requirements for the gospel:

Saving faith is "unconditional surrender, a complete resignation of self and absolute submission" {p. 153, The Gospel According to Jesus (GATJ)}

"Salvation isn't the result of an intellectual exercise. It comes from a life lived in obedience and service to Christ as revealed in the Scripture; it's the fruit of actions, not intentions. There's no room for passive spectators: words without actions are empty and futile ... The life we live, not the words we speak, determines our eternal destiny" {Hard to Believe : The High Cost and Infinite Value of Following Jesus, p. 93}.

"True faith starts with humility and reaches fruition in obedience" {pp. 176-177, GATJ}.

"Salvation is for those who are willing to forsake everything" {p. 78, GATJ}.

"Saving faith is a commitment to leave sin and follow Jesus Christ at all costs. Jesus takes no one unwilling to come on those terms" {p 87, GATJ}.

"Saving faith is an ADULT ISSUE. Saving faith is an ADULT EXPERIENCE. Salvation is an ADULT EXPERIENCE. Am I saying that a child cannot be saved? I'm saying that salvation is a conscious turning from sin to follow Jesus Christ with an understanding of something of the sinfulness of sin, its consequences and something of who Jesus Christ is, what He has provided and that I'm committing my life to Him. At what point can a child understand that? ... I tell parents that salvation is an adult decision ... There is no illustration in Scripture of childhood salvation ... So there is no such thing as a childhood conversion." September 25, 1990 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Brewer, Maine

John 6:37 ... he who comes to Me I will in no way cast out.

2 Timothy 3:15 ~~from childhood~~ from **infancy** {"brephous"} you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 4:5 But to the one who does ~~not~~ **no** work, but ~~believes~~ **trusts** in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness

Acts 20:21 ... solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 19:4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

"Eternal security is a great spiritual truth, but it should never be presented merely as a matter of being once saved, always saved--with no regard for what you believe or do. The writer of Hebrews 12:14 states frankly that only those who continue living holy lives will enter the Lord's presence." Kingdom Living Here and Now, p. 150. 1980

<http://www.gty.org/resources/articles/A100/a-15year-retrospective-on-the-lordship-controversy>

A 15-Year Retrospective on the Lordship Controversy (2003)

My own views on "lordship salvation" have not changed, and if anything I now see the issue as larger and more far-reaching than I did when I first wrote The Gospel According to Jesus.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Matthew 19:13-14 Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; ~~and~~ **but** the disciples rebuked them.

But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Colossians 3:1 Therefore ~~if~~ **since** you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.