

Does PRAYER Save You?

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Is this a prayer? Romans 10:9-10, "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.**" with the context: Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" How is it that you can call on the name of the Lord to be saved and then turn around and NOT call that praying? Praying doesn't save you parse; but the prayer that these verses are telling you to pray as a confession to God DOES.

How do you RECEIVE HIM if not by prayer in the above passage? John 1:12-13, "But **as many as received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

If you do not pray to God admitting you are a sinner and confessing the Lord Jesus Christ to the Lord God Almighty how is it that you are receiving Him in any other way? You are TAKING God's reparation for your sins. How else would you get that redemption?

Romans 3:24, "Being **justified** freely by his grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his **righteousness** for the **remission** of sins that are past, through the **forbearance** of God; To declare, I say, at this time his **righteousness**: that he might be just, and the **justifier** of him which **believeth** in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but **by the law of faith.**

Therefore we **conclude** that a man is **justified by faith** without the deeds of the law."

Do you just reckon that it is already done? You do know that that is Calvinism at its worst! No you MUST choose to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior and you actually DO that my confessing HIM as your savior to GOD which is oh right: PRAYER!

2 Corinthians 5:18-21, “And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled** us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of **reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling** the world unto himself, not **imputing** their **trespasses** unto them; and hath **committed** unto us the word of **reconciliation**. Now then we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God did **beseech** you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye **reconciled** to God. **For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**” The admonition is to “...be ye reconciled to God...” it is NOT an automatic thing that you just assume as already taken place. YOU must RECEIVE HIM!

Once again just in case you MISSED it: Romans 10:9-10, "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.**"

Why are you so removed from the simplicity that is in Christ? Why would anyone teach NOT TO PRAY? Unless they are being led by Satan: 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from **the simplicity that is in Christ**. For if he that cometh **preacheth another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye **receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, **or another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” Salvation is SO SIMPLE anyone can get saved:

- A. **Admit** you are a sinner before the Lord God Almighty (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
- B. **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 3:24-26; Acts 16:30-31)
- C. **Confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ IN PRAYER (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32)

If you teach a hard way of salvation then you are NOT teaching the simplicity that is in Christ that is another Jesus, another gospel and another spirit. But no marvel! 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, “For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ**. And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**. Therefore **it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.”

Any sort of righteous works associated with salvation makes null and void anything that has to do with receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. The ministers of righteousness are Satan's ministers making it hard for anyone to get saved; because they are teaching personal righteousness for salvation which is a works salvation.

Even for us saved people: we have to PRAY and get things washed in the Blood. But the passage that tells us to do this does NOT say pray! We understand that confessing to God in any way IS prayer.

1 John 1:5-10, "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have **fellowship** with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we **confess** our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse** us from **all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

If you do not pray what DO you do when you confess with your mouth?

Philippians 1:12-21, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto **the furtherance of the gospel**; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And **many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear**. Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, **Christ is preached**; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. **For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer**, and **the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death**. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Paul is not saying when they pray he will be saved from hell. He was already saved from hell. This is talking about the salvation of his testimony from the context. But prayer is important nevertheless.

Prayer was needful in the Old Testament as well: Psalms 69:13, “But as for me, **my prayer is unto thee**, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, **in the truth of thy salvation**.” This salvation can be physical; or in the Old Testament sense spiritual. The difference being that no one in the Old Testament was Born Again. No one in the Old Testament ever received the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior. They were not spiritually circumcised; they were not cleared of sin; they were not redeemed; they were not propitiated; and they were not given the free gift of eternal life. There is no one in the Old Testament that was partakers of the divine nature.

Revelation comes by open communion with the Lord God Almighty through consistent prayer and persistent Bible Study. Without prayer how would you get saved? Without prayer how would you KNOW that you are saved?

Galatians 4:4-7, “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To **redeem** them that were under the law, that **we might receive the adoption of sons**. And **because ye are sons**, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father**. Wherefore **thou art no more a servant, but a son**; and if a son, then **an heir of God through Christ**.” This is important because it is this communion between the sons of God and their Father that prayer exists through Jesus Christ because it is Jesus Christ that redeemed us.

Romans 8:14-18, “For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**. For **ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear**; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God**: And if **children**, then **heirs; heirs of God**, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**.” The sons of God should pray because they are sons; and we should ask of our Father everything. The lost sinner is not a son of God; and cannot ask anything; but ONE thing. Psalms 3:7, “Arise, **O LORD; save me, O my God**...” You CAN ask the Lord to SAVE YOU! Matthew 14:29, “And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, **Lord, save me**.” No one in the Old Testament was Born Again, yet the Psalmist says “...O LORD; save me, O my

God...” Anyone can pray like this and the Lord will turn to them and save them. When Peter said this he was not Born Again yet. Any lost person can ask the Lord to SAVE THEM. The question is “saved from what?” This is the issue; not prayer. If you are given an offer of salvation and the offer goes like this: “Come down to the altar and get healed and pray to be saved from your sicknesses.” You can go down and think you are getting healed from sickness; but what does that do as far as the salvation of your soul from hell fire? Nothing! This prayer is vain and does not do a thing for a lost person. So, yes the prayer matters. What you are doing when you pray matters. Your motive matters. The believing in your heart matters.

The trouble is what would be required if you were not to pray to ask the Lord God Almighty to save you? I mean if you are given this to do: John 1:12, “But **as many as received him**, to them gave he power **to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.” And John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man **be born** of water and **of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again**.” With Romans 3:23, “**For all have sinned**, and **come short of the glory of God**,” and with Romans 6:23, “**For the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” What does this make you think about death when you read: Revelation 20:11-15, “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And **I saw the dead**, small and great, **stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up **the dead** which were in it; and **death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them**: and they were judged every man according to their works. And **death and hell were cast into the lake of fire**. This is **the second death**. **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire**.”

Now put that all together and you don’t think you need to pray? Now read: Romans 10:9-10, “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**.” That sounds more like prayer than not!

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