

To Pray or NOT to Pray

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Prayer in and of itself is not acceptable; because you can pray that the Lord will save your physical life from cancer and perhaps the Lord will or perhaps the Lord will not answer this the way you want it answered. If the Lord heals you of cancer; but you have not been born again; that prayer did not save your soul from hell fire and damnation; it did NOTHING for your soul or spirit.

So in this sense prayer does not save anyone from HELL; even if it saves you from death by cancer. Or perhaps it was the doctors that should get credit even if a lost person prayed to be healed. I mean even if it was not God answering that prayer. So does the Lord answer the prayers of the lost when they pray to get healed and do in fact get healed? I have heard people say they did this and also confess that they are NOT born again; and NOT saved but adamant about God answering their prayer to get healed.

I have prayed many times for the salvation of my health, job, finances, ministry and many other things that the Lord answered and was saved from those things getting messed up. But I am born again and saved; washed in the Blood and have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on Cavalry for my salvation FROM HELL FIRE AND DAMNATION. I did that July 28th 1981 around 10:00 PM and I was shown John 1:12-13; John 3:5-7; and Romans 10:9-10 prior to my salvation. I was not told to pray but I did and confessed I was a sinner; I knew I deserved hell; and pleaded with God not to send me to hell and in prayer I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior believing on HIM ALONE to save me from HELL FIRE: and He DID!

So just to make a blanket statement about "prayer never saves anybody" are you talking about salvation from hell fire and damnation? or something else? If you are calling on the Lord (or the name of the Lord) WHO are you calling out to? Why would this NOT be considered a prayer?

Prayer is not what saves? So technically the Lord does the saving; but the sinner does the confessing! The confession is important because of the offer so the offer is important. If you are offering someone to get saved but never tell them from

what they are being saved from; how do they know how to pray (confess) or believe?

Romans 10:13-17, “**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **But they have not all obeyed the gospel**. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”**

So the question is: “**How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?**” vs,14. When someone calls on your to help them, what is that doing?

Asking a person to be reconciled to God is praying to that person to act on what they have heard: 2 Corinthians 5:20, “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**.” Reconciliation is NOT automatic or this would be ridiculous to say. It should say “we pray you in Christ’s stead, to reckon you are already reconciled to God.” But no it does not say that. You MUST call on the Lord! You are not going to talk to me from where you are to where I am unless you call me on the phone! Then if you do not talk to me on that phone call... guess what I will do with the phone? Hang up!

Some people are so hung up on things that they can’t see straight, think straight, or understand straight. If they shot an arrow from a bow it would go behind them!

The Devil wants for you to NOT be able to lead someone to Christ; because he wants to damn their souls to hell fire. IF it is required to CONFESS with your mouth the Lord Jesus because confession is made unto salvation and YOU are teaching that you do NOT have to confess with your mouth are you damning souls to hell? Now put your thinking caps on for a moment – if you don’t need to pray to get saved from hell fire and damnation and only need to believe then prayer is just an added advantage that would link with faith and would be harmless.

HOWEVER, if it is required then you have a problem with your form of soul winning.

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B. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save your wretched soul from HELL.

C. Confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior from HELL.

It is NOT the prayer in and of itself in the sense that bowing your head and saying “Hail Mary full of grace...” That will damn your soul to hell. WHAT you pray is more important than the fact that you are praying. The salvation from HELL FIRE and DAMNATION is way too important to miss out on just because someone lied to you about praying or not praying. If you confess to God anything you are talking to God. That is the very definition of praying to God.

Praying is NOT a work of the LAW nor is it a work of righteousness wherein an added work to the work of Christ at Calvary. This seems to be what the Calvinist thinks about the will of man. Prior to salvation the will of man has a moral compass that works off that person’s conscience. After salvation that compass becomes a spiritual compass pointing to the fleshy carnal mind or to the spirit and mind of Christ. This compass resides in the heart soul and what you set your affections on. Because out of the heart a man speaks; confessing the Lord Jesus is vital to salvation of the soul from hell fire. Of the law against us there are more laws pertaining to the tongue and speech than any other; lying and a false witness. The reason for this is because Satan is the father of the lie. Satan’s son is that very thing.

When people sin they tend to cover it up by lying adding sin to sin. Why would it be amazing the God would require a confessing of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ unless God wanted you to admit you are a lying deceiving false witness that would repent and turn from this to confess the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal savior. There is a cause; a reason; and a deliberate purpose for confessing to God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:1-2, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And **if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**” So propitiation is universal but salvation is not. If propitiation is universal then the atonement is universal too; but reconciliation is NOT universal as imputation is also NOT universal. These are individual. Therefore even though salvation is already done and finished; there is something lacking if you are not saved. Be ye reconciled to God:

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The Lord God appeals to your moral compass when you are presented with the Gospel to know you are sinful and wretched and you cannot pay for your own sins. You know you are lost, without God, alone in the world and with NO HOPE; heading for a devil's hell fire and damnation. There is only ONE WAY of escape.

Without coming to God on His terms there would still be no hope. If you are lost and reading this you don't have to go to hell to find out that it is true. Believe God's Holy words in the Holy Bible. The King James Bible is God's Holy words whereby we find the truth, whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

- A. Admit to Lord God Almighty that you are a SINNER and deserve HELL.
 - a. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
 - b. Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
- B. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save your wretched soul from HELL.
 - a. Acts 16:30-31, "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
 - b. 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."
- C. Confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal savior from HELL.
 - a. 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."
 - b. Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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