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1 Peter 1:10-12, "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

This is exactly what I have been talking about! Now you have shown just how ignorant of the Old Testament you are: please quote for us the passages that Peter is referring too in the Old Testament: Just ONE will be fine.

Hebrews 11:13, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

Please show WHERE in the Old Testament the things the writer of Hebrews is QUOTING from the Old Testament: And notice that here they died in FAITH: NOT having received the promises... BUT having SEEN THEM AFAR OFF! They didn't know what they were seeing, they were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed oh, NOT THEM, but instead they confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth... That has NOTHING to do with RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST!

Mark 12:36, "For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool."

Now you are trying to say because David said by the Holy Ghost something that therefore he has the Spirit of God in the SAME WAY AS the New Testament Born Again Believer has the Holy Spirit of God! Not much of a proof text, because a better one would be: David said, "Psalms 51:11, "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me." Why would David pray this if it was NOT possible for this to happen! It happened to Saul: 1 Samuel 11:6 the Spirit of God came to King Saul and then in 1 Samuel 16:14 the Spirit of the Lord departed FROM King Saul and an EVIL spirit FROM THE LORD troubled him! READ IT! The Spirit of God comes and goes in the Old Testament; and David was terrified that God's Spirit would leave him for his deception, murder and adultery. But God's Spirit did NOT LEAVE HIM! WHY? It did King Saul and Saul did not MURDER anyone! Matter of FACT the Spirit of God CAME BACK TO SAUL: 1 Samuel 19:9, and it wasn't until 1 Samuel 28:7 when Saul sought the witch with familiar spirits to inquire of her. Saul's problem was the he did NOT KEEP GOD'S WORDS! 1 Chronicles 10:13, and David DID! Psalms 12:6-7, "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." And Psalms 19:14, Psalms 119:9-11, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Just read the whole chapter Psalms 119. David kept God's words. Saul did NOT. THAT is the issue throughout the whole Bible: Proverbs 7:1; John 14:23; And because some will NOT hear God's words: Jeremiah 6:19, "Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts,

because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.” Not a surprising thing for the Bible Believer that Believes the Bible that God gave him in the King James Bible!

In the New Testament when the Spirit of God comes IN upon faith in Christ, He does a PERMANENT work on the believer which cannot be undone: 1. By faith in Christ God imputes His righteousness (Like Abraham; which stops there!) 2. Then the Spirit conducts an operation called the circumcision made without hands in cutting the flesh from the soul: whereby the soul is SAVED. 3 then the spirit enters the human dead spirit and MELDS together making ONE Spirit that is not only Alive; but ALIVE ETERNALLY! This melding cannot be undone! This is the BIRTH of the human spirit or being Born Again. (Notice that the spirit is not saved and the soul is not born again!) The flesh will one day be altered to that immortality with which our soul and spirit already enjoy. The Old Testament STOPPED at Faith in what God SAID.

If you don't think it's an issue please read:

Jeremiah 23:22, “But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.”

Jeremiah 23:30, “Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.”

Jeremiah 25:8, “Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,”

Jeremiah 29:19, “Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.”

Jeremiah 35:13, “Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.”

Jeremiah 23:29-30, “Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.”

Jeremiah 23:36, “And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.”

This is an obvious attack by the King James Bible on EVERY MODERN “NEW” Version put out since 1881. There is not going to be a Bible produced in the Laodicean Church age. The LAST True Bible produced in the Philadelphia Church age that lasted the test of TIME, USAGE, BLESSINGS from God: the King James Bible! The reason people can't understand these things is because of the association with a Laodicean “New” Bible version; or a perverted doctrine like Romish Popery (Catholicism), Calvinism, Charismaticism, Campbellism, Mormonism, JWism, or 7th Day Adventism, etc. The Bible Believer will dismiss these notorious heretical doctrines and embrace ONE Bible as the Absolute Truth and the Final Authority in all matters of Faith and Practice.

You did not read what I wrote I take it... Am I saying... I said what I said and what I was SAYING is what I WROTE! You didn't read it did you? How about YOU go read Hebrews again and really contemplate it Michelle. I NEVER said there are two different MEANS of Salvation; that is NOT

MY STATEMENT and NEVER WAS. You can read I take it? Now quit messing around and READ for a change! I get so tired of Christians that just don't READ; and then make a statement that is absolutely NOT what I have said! It's not brain surgery, nor rocket science! If you can't get what I have wrote; perhaps you lack the intelligence, I really don't know what your problem is. I do know that salvation is NOT the same between the testaments, and it alters again during the tribulation and again during the Millennial Reign of Christ.

It starts with Adam before the fall. The issue was DON'T EAT FROM A TREE! He did! Salvation prior to the fall was based on a LAW even though GRACE was there in a different tree: The Tree of Life! Adam did NOT eat from it. Instead he CHOOSE to eat from the tree that caused the death of his wife. (A type of Christ and the Church) But no one knew that until the New Testament!) With Adam there WAS NO FAITH: he WALKED WITH GOD IN THE GARDEN! Why would he need faith in God: HE SAW AND WALKED WITH GOD! "...Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of THINGS NOT SEEN." (Hebrews 11:1) Adam SAW God! NO FAITH! WORKS ONLY: in that: what Adam was NOT to do! Negative! Don't eat from that tree was the commandment! Granted Grace was there in that God provided a different choice: the Tree of Life! Salvation at this time had nothing to do with a blood sacrifice! It was only based on NOT eating from that TREE! The Tree was a vine tree giving a type of or something like a grape; and this is where the fur meets the fan: because the grape is a TYPE of the BLOOD! And Blood is forbidden to eat before the law, during the law, and under the New Testament; blood is absolutely forbidden to drink. It is therefore a tree whose fruit had blood that caused a change in the physical system we now call blood. That is WHY blood MUST be shed: and "...without shedding of blood is no remission." Now look at that verse really close: Hebrews 9:22, "And almost all things are BY THE LAW PURGED WITH BLOOD; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Wait someone is trying to feed you the LIE that the LAW had NO SAVING GRACE IN IT! Yet it does: it just was NOT perfect in TAKING AWAY SIN FOR GOOD!

Notice the next verses: Hebrews 9:23-25, "It was therefore necessary that the PATTERNS of things in the heavens SHOULD BE PURIFIED WITH THESE; but the heavenly things THEMSELVES with BETTER SACRIFICES THAN THESE. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, WHICH ARE THE FIGURES OF THE TRUE; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, AS the high priest entereth into the HOLY PLACE EVERY YEAR WITH BLOOD OF OTHERS;" Let me get this right after all: YOU are saying these things were NO GOOD? What is therefore the point of them doing them? Christ had yet too be sacrificed when this was going on: "It was therefore necessary that the PATTERNS of things in the heavens SHOULD BE PURIFIED WITH THESE..." The patterns of things was be the tabernacle and the temple. Someone does not have a grasp on Old Testament doctrine. The BIBLE SAYS that they WERE purified with the Old Testament sacrifices! They were the foreshadow of the TRUE; but were NOT the true thing. Yet they DID purify and they did remit sin for the year. Thus YOU have now proven that salvation in the Old Testament is NOTHING LIKE salvation in the NEW!

Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the EVIDENCE of things NOT SEEN." Faith in what? What evidence of things NOT SEEN? You really don't know how to answer these things.

2, "For by it (FAITH) the elders obtained A GOOD REPORT." (So by faith they were oh, not saved? Just obtained a good report? WHY? Was their faith not good enough to save them?)

3, “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN were NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH DO APPEAR.” What you have to look at, are the things you can’t see!

4, “By faith Abel OFFERED unto God A MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE THAN Cain, by which he (ABLE) obtained witness THAT HE WAS RIGHTEOUS, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.” That was his blood crying from the ground to God that he was murdered by his brother. (Genesis 4:10) But wait, Able was righteous? AH, so salvation by faith and WORKS! You can’t get blood out of a turnip; no matter how hard you try, Cain wasn’t Able! Now if you want to ARGUE with me about Abel’s WORKS and Cain’s WORKS, please take your argumentation to the Lord: 1 John 3:12, “Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his OWN WORKS were evil, and his brother’s (WORKS) righteous.”

5, “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that HE PLEASSED GOD.” OK, HOW? No one knows because there is not much written about this: how about because of what he preached: (Jude 1:14) or how about God needed a type of the New Testament Christian that is alive before the tribulation and is caught up alive at the rapture. This is the only type true to this as Enoch was translated before the flood. How then is it by faith that Enoch was translated? God just TOOK HIM! (Genesis 5:24) I did NOT SAY that Enoch had no faith! People always take what I say so wrong! The Bible says: “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death...” which means clearly that Enoch KNEW about the coming flood and had faith that God would get him through somehow! He prophesied of the end of time; but while he was saying these things he could have thought that this was to happen in his lifetime: (Jude 1:14).

6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” This is totally self-explanatory: faith is mandatory! If you want to come to God (WORK) you MUST (imperative) believe that he is... That rules out ANY faithless disbeliever! The obvious implication is that faith in God is vital to physical and spiritual salvation if God is to do the saving.

7, “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet (substance of things not seen), moved with fear, prepared an ark (making a boat to physically saved his family) to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” Thus faith produced action (work) and by believing what God SAID, God also imputed righteousness to him: as he became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Faith in what God says, allows God to impute His righteousness to people. That happens all throughout the Bible; and constitutes a saving faith (sometimes physically in the Old Testament as a type of the spiritual salvation in the New Testament) Noah was saved from hell by these things? NO! He was PHYSICALLY SAVED FROM DROWNING and PHYSICAL DEATH! Then what saved his soul from hell? He believed God, and that was accounted to him for righteousness the same as Abraham. Adam, Able, Seth, all had this same issue with imputed righteousness. But the issue of sin has not been established until the LAW! Where there is no LAW no sin is imputed. (Romans 5:13)

8, “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.” So, this faith was believing what God said about the promised land. Not about saving his soul from hell fire; by believing on Christ to save him. None of these have that statement on them; NO NOT ONE! They were NOT

looking forward to anything let alone the cross of Christ! Abraham was looking for what God TOLD HIM a LAND GRANT: PHYSICALLY HERE! NOT later after death!

9, “By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:” He even MADE IT to the land of Promise! What? You don’t mean he went to heaven here do you? NO! It was a literal land mass during his lifetime that he set up a tent and lived in. WORKS! Not for faith to get his soul out of hell fire? NO! Faith enough to believe what GOD SAID!

10, “For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” This is in type of our city New Jerusalem; but Abraham NEVER FOUND that city! He just LOOKED for it. WORKS!

11, “Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.” Not at the first, she laughed in doubt at the saying and even lied about it: Genesis 18:13, “And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?” (doubt) Genesis 18:15, “Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.” Arguing with GOD, and lied to His face! WOW lot’s of faith there huh? Genesis 21:6, “And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.” Now there we go, there’s that faith! It’s about time. So she finally believed God and received strength to conceive seed, and delivered a child, etc... WORKS! ALL PHYSICAL; nothing about after life, or being saved from HELL FIRE!

12, “Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.” Another promises by God that Abraham BELIEVED! The trouble with this is that it is NOT looking forward to Christ, the Cross, the New Testament at all! It was that Abraham believed God when God told him he would have nations brought forth from him and people as numerous as the stars and sand. ALL PHYSICAL ONCE AGAIN! No faith in Christ here? NOPE! No looking forward to a CRUCIFIXION? NOPE! No LIFE AFTER DEATH? NOPE! How about anything relating to ETERNAL LIFE? NOT ONE THING ABOUT THAT!

13, “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” Now we find that these all DIED in faith; but wait; NOT having received the promises!!! But having seen them afar off... what promises? The promised Land? That Abraham would populate the world with people more than the stars or more than the sand? They died not attaining these PHYSICAL THINGS? Where is BELIEVING IN CHRIST? EMPTY of that, sorry, all out today! “They were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” IN TYPE they were in a land that was NOT theirs but God gave it to them. Abrahams was from UR of the Chaldeans. This is in TYPE what we are in the New Testament: we are BORN AGAIN from ABOVE, our city is in the heavens, it is New Jerusalem. That is our promised land; it is NOT in the hear and now like Abraham’s was. Because he was the promised one, paradise in the underworld was called Abraham’s bosom; but that all changed after Christ rose from the dead. The promises to Abraham will be fulfilled during the Millennial Reign of Christ.

14, “For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.” The country of Israel; who’s capital is Jerusalem. It is BACK from the dead! As of 1948! The sign of the last days.

15, "And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned." Jacob LEFT that country for Egypt (a type of the world) and when the children of Israel left Egypt, they headed for the Promised Land once again. They were removed again for 70 years by the King of Babylon, and returned, then they were removed again by Titus in 70 AD; and were dispersed throughout all the nations; only to RETURN AGAIN in 1948. Do we see a pattern here?

16, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." "NOW they desire a better country..." Well I guess so; they have seen the underworld, and have been in the heavens for over 2000 years watching the Lord build New Jerusalem; of course they want a better country! They get it in the Millennial Reign of Christ.

17, "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son," Back to the BY FAITH they looked forward to the cross like we look back to... OH WAIT, that is just what no one here has done! Here Abraham offered up Isaac in type of God offering up Christ; however the type fails when God STOPPED Abraham from killing his son. So, there is still no looking forward to anything! There are tons of types in all this. But nothing here about salvation being the same as the New Testament! You kill your son, or even act like it now, and they will take you to jail or a mental institute! That saves NO ONE! Besides it is WORKS!

18, "Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:" Prophetic about Christ; but low and behold it is NOT CHRIST. So, it is NOT the SAME!

19, "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." And God COULD have raised him up; but stopped him instead because it is NOT the SAME! It is only a FIGURE of the TRUE. This still does not get Abraham born again; because the new birth can ONLY happen to those on THIS SIDE OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

20, "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come." Did you read that blessing? PHYSICAL!

21, "By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff." Did you read that blessing? PHYSICAL!

22, "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones." ALL PHYSICAL BLESSINGS, NOT ONE TIME IS THIS FAITH THE SAVING FAITH TO GET THEIR SOULS OUT OF HELL FIRE! What got their souls out of hell fire is God's imputed righteousness; because they all believed what God SAID at that time. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ABOUT PHYSICAL THINGS AND PROMISES CONCERNING THE HERE AND NOW! Their faith was COUNTED for righteousness.

23, "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." Moses' PARENTS faith to HID HIM THREE MONTHS! PHYSICAL! Where is the spiritual faith in a future event where they have believed on a dead Jew on a Roman cross? BLANK! Just physical WORKS!

24, “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;” By FAITH Moses REFUSED! WORKS: pure and simply PHYSICAL WORKS! Notice the NEXT verse:

25, “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;” WORKS! WORKS! WORKS! Good works by choosing to NOT enjoy sin, but instead SUFFER AFFLICTION WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD! Where is he looking forward to CHRIST HERE? Sorry that is NOT what this is about!

26, “Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.” Now notice the New Testament likeness of the previous verse. Moses did NOT know about the reproach of Christ; but suffered the same. The writer is writing in light of this side of the Cross. NOT in the Biblical times of Moses. LOOK IT UP: Moses NEVER said this, never DID this. The likeness is to what WE should be doing. This does NOT say he was saved by looking forward to the cross of Christ; and the context of the life of Moses NEVER COMES CLOSE TO IT.

27, “By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.” Forsook Egypt: WORKS! PHYSICAL; where is the faith IN CHRIST. BLANK. You read reproach of Christ previous verse, but that is NOT FAITH IN CHRIST. You can suffer and esteem the reproach of Christ all you want NOW and it will do you NO GOOD, you will die in your sins and wake up in a devils hell fire. YOU MUST RECEIVE HIM!

28, “Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.” KEPT the PASSOVER: WORKS! (there is an element of Grace found here in the Passover lamb which was a type yet again of what Jesus Christ became eventually. However; the lamb could NOT TAKE AWAY SINS. IT IS NOT THE SAME: it is only a TYPE; a similitude of the REAL THING!

29, “By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.” Passing through the Red sea: is spiritual? NO! PHYSICAL!

30, “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.” Was Jericho a spiritual stronghold on the soul of lost man? It's a good type; but Back in those days? NO, it was a literal city that fell down just the way the Bible says it did! If you think it's the same, then you are just spiritualizing your whole Bible and not believing it.

31, “By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.” She believed the spies who told her about Jesus Christ shed blood on the cross, and that if she would believe on Christ she could be saved from hell fire and the wrath to come... wait; I thought they got saved the same, yeayah rright! Now I'm just poking fun.

32, “And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:” Yep pray tell... How they all received Jesus Christ as their savior and were born again Christians in the Body of Christ! NO? Awe...

33, “Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,” PHYSICAL, TEMPORAL, MORTAL things; not ONE spiritual thing like the saving of the soul!

34, “Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.” PHYSICAL, TEMPORAL, MORTAL things; not ONE spiritual thing like the saving of the soul! I have to admit here that we will fight the armies of the aliens one day and that is literal.

35, “Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection.” Now we are getting into some spiritual things: no wait, not salvation of the soul; but just that some were raised to life again, with a mortal body! Not immortal? Awe, and why NOT? Because the better resurrection was when Christ arose! He took captive those that were in captivity: Psalms 68:18, “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.” Ephesians 4:8, “Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”

36, “And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment.” Sounds a lot like Paul’s life story after he was BORN AGAIN! But they were NOT! Faith to withstand these things does NOT SAVE ANYONE!

37, “They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;” Faith to withstand these things does NOT SAVE ANYONE!

38, “(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.” The world was NOT worthy of these people: WHY? What makes them BETTER than all the rest? WORTHY? Some people think they are righteous while others are wicked? I thought all have sinned and come short of the glory of God! How then are they WORTH more? I can tell you why; they BELIEVED GOD, that is their imputed righteousness that gets them by judgment day. Imputation is a Grace of God.

39, “And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:” Now even though they obtained a good report; they RECEIVED NOT THE PROMISE!!! I received the promise already! I HAVE eternal life RIGHT NOW! They DIDN’T; that is WHAT IT SAID! They were promised something and NEVER SAW IT! But they WILL one day. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!

40, “GOD HAVING PROVIDED SOME BETTER THING FOR US, THAT THEY WITHOUT US SHOULD NOT BE MADE PERFECT.” BETTER for US; then what they had because our salvation IS PERFECT; but there’s was NOT! It has flaws in it. Yet they were saved, not as in a perfect way in which we are saved, because we get more than just imputed righteousness; the Spirit of God comes in, and divides the flesh from the soul, and merges with our spirit giving it eternal life, and that same Spirit NEVER LEAVES US like it did King Saul. We NEVER have to pray like David, not to take thy Spirit from me. We are sealed by that Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption (of the body)

SO in spite of all that faith, they STILL were NOT made perfect! WHY? Because they were NOT born again; they are NOT the sons of God, they were NOT made perfect while ALIVE. They were Old Testament Saints. Now let’s see WHY they were NOT MADE PERFECT:

Hebrews 10:1-4, “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, CAN NEVER with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually MAKE THE COMERS THEREUNTO PERFECT. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because

that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For IT IS NOT POSSIBLE that the blood of bulls and of goats SHOULD TAKE AWAY SINS." YET THEY WERE REMITTED FROM THEM. Hebrews 9:22, "And ALMOST ALL THINGS are BY THE LAW purged with blood; and WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION." The LAW provides GRACE by the PASSOVER. Yet they were not in heaven when they died. That did NOT happen until Christ's Passover and Resurrection from the dead. They are NOT the same.

Bottom line: NO Old Testament saint was "BORN AGAIN"; NO Old Testament saint was "absent from the body and present with the Lord"; NO Old Testament saint was "IN CHRIST"; NO Old Testament saint was "the Bride of Christ"; NO Old Testament saint was "In the BODY of Christ"; NO Old Testament saint was "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands". We are saying they were saved, but they were NOT saved the same WAY: They did NOT believe on Jesus Christ; they believed GOD, and the PASSOVER LAMB each year. They believed God and God counted their faith for righteousness, and they missed going to heaven when they died! They went to HELL in the side where Abrahams bosom was; which was vacated when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, He brought them OUT of captivity> WHEREAS WE NEVER GO THERE. King Saul LOST THE HOLY SPIRIT; if that is possible, then he lost his salvation: the HOLY SPIRIT CAME BACK: he regained that salvation and lost it again! David did NOT want the Holy Spirit to depart from him even though he knew he deserved to loose his salvation. The Holy Spirit did NOT MELD with their spirit; it did not make them a NEW MAN in Christ: they only had a TYPE of the new man in PHYSICAL CIRCUMCISION MADE WITH HANDS. There is NO QUESTION as to these things unless you are just ignorant of what happened to you when you got saved. If ignorance is bliss, some Christians are a blizzard!

In the New Testament Salvation of the soul takes place when the Spirit of God comes into the believer who was imputed righteousness by faith in what God said, i.e. "to believe on Jesus Christ to save your soul from hell fire" when the spirit comes in he does a spiritual operation called the circumcision made without hands: Colossians 2:11-12, "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." This circumcision made without hands is the operation of God on the SOUL of man, cutting the flesh away from the soul: putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, whereby the soul is no longer affected by what the body does in the matter of SIN. This is NOT what happened to any Old Testament Saint EVER. Their soul's were stuck to their bodies till death and that is why they went DOWN and NOT UP! Their faith in God was the only thing supporting their salvation because it is by faith in what God said that God imputes His righteousness. That is imputation and that is the ONLY thing that is the same in salvation across the board. It is always by Grace through Faith; that is NOT the debate here. It is NOT of WORKS EVER: that is NOT the debate here. The SOUL in the New Testament is SAVED: NEVER BORN AGAIN! The SPIRIT of man in the New Testament is BORN AGAIN: NEVER SAVED perse. (John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." And Hebrews 10:39, "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.") The body is the third part (Romans 8:23) that will be raised immortal (1 Corinthians 15:53, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.") as the SONS OF GOD (1 John 3:1-2, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."); NEVER is there a HUMAN in the Old Testament called the SONS OF GOD! That is reserved for the Church age Saints

ONLY as we are to replace the sons of God of the Old Testament who lost their first estate being angels that cohabitated with women. (Genesis 6:1-5; Job 1:6; Job 2:1; Job 38:4-7.)

There is a tripartite nature of man that most “Christians” ignore and do this without knowledge: 1 Thessalonians 5:23: there is a spirit, soul and body that most are not taking into account. The spirit is not the soul, (Hebrews 4:12) but are very different even though both are “spiritual” as opposed to being “physical”. The regeneration for each is different, and the regeneration for the Old Testament is way different than the New Testament. Different does not mean there are not similarities, it does not mean they are lost, that shows a bit of stupidity on the person that said that. If they are SAVED albeit in a DIFFERENT way, how can they be considered LOST? Somebody is NOT thinking. Difference does NOT imply they were saved by works, nor does it imply they were saved by the law of works; nor does it imply that it is not by Grace, nor does it imply that it was not through faith. That is NOT all that happens to the New Testament believer unless you are still just sucking the bottle of milk all the time and have not eaten strong meat of the words of God. Having found out the intricacies of what a man IS; and what the DIFFERENCES ARE, you’d think it would be of importance to realize more has taken place in the New Testament as it is a BETTER (Hebrews 8:6) testament than the Old; moreover: IF there is NO DIFFERENCE in Old Testament salvation and New Testament salvation; then what is the POINT of the New if the Old is good enough to save the soul like the New? Why must Christ DIE in the New Testament if they were saved the same way and the Old Testament was good enough to save LIKE THE NEW TESTAMENT? The answer is IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH! (Hebrews 8:7, “For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.”)

They were NOT saved the SAME WAY as in the New Testament. (Hebrews 8:13, “In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.”) They were NOT looking forward to anything: Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him (Abraham) for righteousness: (Genesis 15:5-6, “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”) but WHAT was it that Abraham believed? Was Abraham told about Jesus Christ finished work on the Cross? NO! What foolishness would that be it had NOT been accomplished yet! Was Abraham told to RECEIVE Jesus by Grace through faith? NO! He was TOLD that he was going to have a SON and his genealogy would be more than the stars even in his old age and believed God! Now get this or don’t get it; God requires of every man to believe what God has given to YOU to believe. For Abraham it was to believe that he would have a son in his old age and HE DID! God gave Abraham the land grant that same day in that covenant (Genesis 15:18).

God imputed his righteousness to him because of HIS FAITH! NOT WORKS! The imputation was the Grace of God; and God’s reason was because of Abrahams FAITH in what God SAID in the CONTEXT. Abraham was never born again, washed in the blood of Christ, given the circumcision made without hands: in fact he was given the sign of circumcision IN THE FLESH because of his faith: a TYPE of what we now get SPIRITUALLY, because it is the flesh that matriculates a NEW SON; yet now we are born again in a supernatural way; and not by the flesh. That is how we are Abrahams seed through FAITH and not physically. Wherefore we are adopted, into the family of God.

Now for those of you that have read this: I have heard this line from many groups: “people are saved in the Old Testament the same as in the New Testament: the Old were looking forward to the cross, and the New looking back at the cross.” Or something like this statement; and those groups are: Catholics, Calvinists, Campbellites (Church of Christ), Mormons (believe it or not), JW’s, 7DayAvts,

Pentecostals, Charismatics (non-denominational), and Baptists (usually mixed up in one of the above cults) The Bible Believer will NOT be deceived by this unbiblical phrase, nor the sophistry used to permeate this into the Body of Christ. It is an UNSOUND Doctrine, false from top to bottom; and if pushed to the point: There would be no need for the New Testament, and it has been refuted many times over. The Bible needs to be reread not rewritten! YOU must alter YOUR misconception of what the Bible SAYS or YOU will continue in this Laodicean milk toast infantitus unfounded unbiblical magpie; complete with NO STUDY necessary to state. It takes STUDY to know how WRONG that statement IS. If you are a lazy Christian and don't like to study, you will be blank all your life. You will swallow this doctrinless christiology and churchanity all the way till you are full of your Laodicean lukewarm apostasy.

The Bottom line:

Propitiation: Redemption: Justification: Imputation of Righteousness.

Romans 3:24-26, "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."

Ephesians 1:6-10, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:"

Colossians 1:12-17, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Hebrews 9:11-15, "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

The Old Testament Saints were redeemed when Christ rose from the dead. The New Testament Saints are redeemed in the hear and now SPIRITUALLY with both soul and spirit making the transition and the body will make that transition at the rapture of the Church (which will be quite different than the Old Testament Saints) Moses and Elijah are not resurrected with bodies that can not

die thus they are still MORTAL: they come back in the tribulation and have their heads cut off and DIE!

New Testament Saints in the Church are two fold, in that there are the Saints that have already died in the flesh, and those that are alive at his coming (before the tribulation) where by both the dead IN CHRIST will be raised incorruptible (because they were corrupted by physical death: and those of us that are alive will be raised immortal (because while we are mortal we can die) This is NOT true of any Old Testament Saint! Because not ONE Old Testament Saint got BORN AGAIN! They NEVER God the spiritual circumcision, therefore THEIR salvation is NOT the SAME (exactly) as New Testament Salvation; it would be impossible for it to be the same! Most of what the Old Testament shows are TYPES of the New Testament but TYPES are NOT the ACTUAL THING! The blood of the lamb only lasted for a year; Christ blood last forever. The sanctuary was physical and was ON THE EARTH; God's sanctuary is heaven, and in the hearts of men SPIRITUALLY, and Christ is our Great High Priest who washes our sins away COMPLETELY which no Old Testament Saint EVER got while they were alive!

There are similitudes and parables in the Old Testament because that is how God chose to hide the truth from the Devil and unbelievers: Hosea 12:10, "I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets." Why? Matthew 13:3; Matthew 13:10, "And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" Matthew 13:13, "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." (Matthew 13:35) And again: Mark 4:2, "And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine," Mark 4:11, "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:" Luke 8:10, "And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." The answer is: 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Righteousness is ALWAYS imputed by God throughout the Old and New Testaments: however it stops there in the Old Testament.

NO ONE in the Old Testament was BORN AGAIN
NO ONE in the Old Testament Had his SINS REMOVED
NO ONE in the Old Testament DIED WITHOUT HIS SINS ON HIM
NO ONE in the Old Testament was IN THE BODY OF CHRIST
NO ONE in the Old Testament went to HEAVEN when they DIED
NO ONE in the Old Testament had their SINS PROPITIATED
NO ONE in the Old Testament were totally RECONCILED TO GOD
NO ONE in the Old Testament were REDEEMED in THAT hear and now (BACK then)
NO ONE in the Old Testament ever RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST
NO ONE in the Old Testament were ever THE SONS OF GOD
NO ONE in the Old Testament were ever totally SANCTIFIED or made HOLY
NO ONE in the Old Testament were ever totally JUSTIFIED
NO ONE in the Old Testament were IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
NO ONE in the Old Testament BELIEVED THE GOSPEL PAUL PREACHED
NO ONE in the Old Testament GOT COMPLETE REMISSION OF SINS

NO ONE in the Old Testament WERE CIRCUMCISED WITHOUT HANDS
NO ONE in the Old Testament GOT THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE
NO ONE in the Old Testament KNEW WHERE THEY WERE GOING AT DEATH

You Said: "God is always consistent concerning salvation." Chapter and Verse?

You Said: "Remember Lot...righteous man is what God called him and he was living in sin." Chapter and Verse? Where does it say Lot was LIVING IN SIN? The Bible says about Lot: 2 Peter 2:7-8, "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;" Called him JUST and RIGHTEOUS because he was in God's eyes. THAT IS ONLY imputed Righteousness and NOT personal righteousness because ALL HAVE SINNED. NOW show me the passages from the Old Testament that vindicates your statement.

You Said: "Also, they were looking towards a saviour even if they didn't call him by Jesus yet." Please quote that verse: I would like to see in the Old Testament this Chapter and Verse. Just ONE will do.

You Said: "Remember God is called I AM and Jesus is also called I AM." WOW, what insight there is in that! You do know that Plato said "I think, therefore I AM" you did know that everybody who is can say about them: "I am"? Run the words I AM in your concordance to see how many people said I AM. I know that Jesus made the DISTINCTION by saying: John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." This is a direct reference to Exodus 3:14, "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." But apart from the NEW revelation that the NEW Testament has about this NO ONE in the Old Testament knew anything about THE I AM showing up in the form of a MAN. Please give that Chapter and Verse FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

You Said: "Remember the 4th person in the fire with the 3 Hebrew boys in Daniel. That was the Son of God....hmmm...JESUS!" Did anybody receive him as their personal savior to save their souls from hell in Daniel? NO! IT was not a fire in HELL they were saved from at all. You only know it is Jesus because of the NEW TESTAMENT.

You Said: "Ruckman may have honestly been studying his Bible but his theories on the dispensations are wrong when he says works and faith are required or just works in the Millennium." Why? Because YOU say so? I really could care less about what Dr. Ruckman teaches that is NOT the issue. If you choose NOT to believe what the Bible SAYS that is up to you. Let's recap for a moment the IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS as a TYPE of OUR OWN, to Abraham: 1. Abraham believed God. 2. because he believed God his faith was counted for righteousness. 3 he believed God's words about looking forward to the cross... ups, no; he believed what God told him about having a son and that he would be the father of many nations. NOW how does THAT fit into how YOU were saved? If you want to discuss the ISSUE please do, I can talk about what the Bible SAYS. My Pastor Dr. Ruckman is NOT the issue and never was, if you have a gripe with HIM please take it up with him FACE TO FACE.

You Said: "James is not talking about works saving a man either. It merely refers to good works should be evident in a person truly born again with the Holy Spirit of God residing in them or of course if backslidden they may be less evident but they will be convicted of sin." Nicely put, but that is NOT what the Bible says. James IS talking about JUSTIFICATION: Paul talks about justification too: Romans 3:28, "Therefore we conclude that A MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY FAITH WITHOUT THE

DEEDS OF THE LAW.” And Romans 5:1, “Therefore being JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:” And yet again: Galatians 3:24, “Wherefore THE LAW was our schoolmaster TO BRING US UNTO CHRIST, that we might be JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.” And one last time: Galatians 2:16, “Knowing that a man IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, but by the FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST, even we have BELIEVED IN JESUS CHRIST, that we might BE JUSTIFIED BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST, and NOT by the WORKS OF THE LAW: for by THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED.” Also see: Romans 9:32; Galatians 3:2; Galatians 3:5; Galatians 3:11; Galatians 5:4. And now JAMES says in: James 2:21, “Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?” James 2:25, “Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?” CONTEXT: James 2:24, “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.” NOW WHO is James writing to? The CHURCH? NO! James 1:1, “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.” He is writing to ISRAEL and NOT to the Church. ISRAEL is JACOB, the Hebrew to English word Jacob comes out from Hebrew to Greek to English as JAMES! Jacob’s trouble is the great tribulation; that is the NATURE of THIS BOOK in many places. IF IT DOESN’T MATCH PAUL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT IS FOR THE TRIBULATION SAINTS, THE MILLENNIAL SAINTS OR AFTER THAT ETERNAL DAY. Now if you want to use James to define DOCTRINE for YOU in the CHURCH, then please explain PAUL who was WRITING TO THE CHURCH when JAMES was NOT. Romans 3:28, “Therefore we conclude that A MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY FAITH WITHOUT THE DEEDS OF THE LAW.” Or James 2:24, “Ye see then how that BY WORKS A MAN IS JUSTIFIED, and NOT BY FAITH ONLY.” Two statements that are NOT THE SAME can NOT be EQUAL!

You Said: “Men look at works to based our faith, God looks at our heart.” Chapter and Verse? I don’t do that. No Born Again Bible Believing Christian would do that. (Verses are above quoted from Paul)

You Said: “James looks through the eyes of man.” Chapter and VERSE? I see, NONE! So, you just arbitrarily make a statement like the one you first started with, and everyone is supposed to bow to it with no regard for what the Bible SAYS?

You Said: “Matthew 24 Enduring to the end is a physical salvation not a spiritual salvation.” WAIT, you think salvation is only spiritual? Let’s see for ourselves what this is about: The whole passage is about the end of the world: Matthew 24:3. And the context is Daniel’s 70’th week (see Daniel 9:27) Matthew 24:15, “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)” It is therefore a physical salvation because this takes place during the tribulation and NOT the Church age. I have never said this was about a spiritual salvation only. Even our salvation is not just spiritual: Romans 3:20, “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no FLESH be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Notice it is the FLESH’s justification that is sought for here. Notice that we are waiting for the redemption of the body just like everyone: Romans 8:23, “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” But ours is a more sure word of prophecy: 2 Peter 1:19, “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:”

Please read these passages very carefully and very prayerfully: Hebrews 9:14-28, “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause HE IS THE

MEDIATOR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, that BY MEANS OF DEATH, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the FIRST TESTAMENT, they which are called might receive the PROMISE OF ETERNAL INHERITANCE. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon NEITHER THE FIRST TESTAMENT WAS DEDICATED WITHOUT BLOOD. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he THE BLOOD OF CALVES AND OF GOATS, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is THE BLOOD OF THE TESTAMENT which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are BY THE LAW PURGED WITH BLOOD; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the PATTERNS of things IN THE HEAVENS should be purified with these; but the HEAVENLY THINGS THEMSELVES WITH BETTER SACRIFICES THAN THESE. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, WHICH ARE THE FIGURES OF THE TRUE; but into HEAVEN ITSELF, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet THAT HE SHOULD OFFER HIMSELF OFTEN, as the high priest entereth into the holy place EVERY YEAR WITH BLOOD OF OTHERS; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but NOW ONCE IN THE END OF THE WORLD HATH HE APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

Hebrews 10:1-14, “For the LAW having a SHADOW of good things to come, and NOT THE VERY IMAGE OF THE THINGS, CAN NEVER WITH THOSE SACRIFICES which they offered year by year continually MAKE THE COMERS THEREUNTO PERFECT. For then would they not have CEASED TO BE OFFERED? because that the worshippers ONCE purged should have had NO MORE CONSCIENCE OF SINS. But in those sacrifices there is a REMEMBRANCE again made of sins EVERY YEAR. For IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND OF GOATS SHOULD TAKE AWAY SINS. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; WHICH ARE OFFERED BY THE LAW; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. HE TAKETH AWAY THE FIRST, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH THE SECOND. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE FOR ALL. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, WHICH CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY SINS: But this man, after he had offered ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS FOR EVER, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”

NOW READ: Hebrews 8:1-13, “Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. BUT NOW HATH HE OBTAINED A MORE EXCELLENT MINISTRY, BY HOW MUCH ALSO HE IS THE

MEDIATOR OF A BETTER COVENANT, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED UPON BETTER PROMISES. For if that FIRST COVENANT HAD BEEN FAULTLESS, then should NO PLACE HAVE BEEN SOUGHT FOR THE SECOND. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; BECAUSE THEY CONTINUED NOT IN MY COVENANT, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A NEW COVENANT, HE HATH MADE THE FIRST OLD. NOW THAT WHICH DECAYETH AND WAXETH OLD IS READY TO VANISH AWAY.”

You Said: “Study this with an open heart.” My heart is only open to what the Bible SAYS. There are at least 2 dispensations of time according to the Bible and they are NOT the same. One is OLD and the other NEW; they are both the testimonies of God, and how God deals with man. The New Testament is so very different I must ask: IF THEY WERE THE SAME IN REGARDS TO SALVATION; WHY MAKE A NEW ONE IF THE OLD IS GOOD ENOUGH? IF IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH; THEN IT IS NOT THE SAME!

This study was taken from a debate between me and someone whom I have removed their name from this study for their anonymity.

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