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What does the Bible say About Accountability

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

(13) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

(14) For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Luke 12:2-3

(2) For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.
(3) Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

John 5:28-29

(28) Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
(29) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Romans 14:10-12

(10) But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
(11) For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
(12) So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Everyone is accountable to God (Romans 14:12).

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
The young are innocent, only those who sin are guilty (Ezekiel 18:20).

We are accountable for:

- for what is said (Matthew 12:36).
- for what is done (2 Corinthians 5:10).
- for what is owned (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).
- for what can be done (James 3:13; 4:17).
- for what is thought (Matthew 5:28).
- for what is known (James 4:17).

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED ?

Both Jesus and the apostles (guided by the Holy Spirit) taught that to be saved, it is necessary that one:

Hear	Romans 10:13-17 Revelation 1:3	John 6:45
Believe	John 2:30-31 Acts 16:31	Hebrews 11:6
Repent	Luke 13:3-5 Acts 17:30-31	Acts 2:38
Confess	Matthew 10:32-33 Romans 10:9-10	
Be Baptized	Mark 16:15-16 Acts 2:38	1 Peter 3:21 Acts 22:16
Live Godly	Titus 2:11-14	Romans 12:1-2 2 Peter 1:5-11

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:1-5)

MEETING UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK
Listen on AM Radio 880 KKMC in Salinas, California
2nd Friday of each month @ 1:30 pm

Bible Classes..... 9:00 A.M.
Assemblies..... 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Singing, & Prayer..... 6:30 P.M.

Welcome

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters!



This Week's Sermon's

A.M. - Prophecies Fulfilled - 3

P.M. - Prophecies Fulfilled - 4

MORALITY ALONE CANNOT
AND WILL NOT SAVE!

Raymond Elliott



Wind Chime

There is the tendency among many people to equate morality with being a Christian. While it is true that every devout Christian is a good moral person, it does not follow that every good moral person is a Christian. The moralist, separate and apart from Christ is a sinner. The apostle Paul, quoting an Old Testament passage, stated that "There is none righteous, no not one." He further declared, "for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10, 23). It isn't that a man is born a sinner; he simply becomes one through violating the commands of God (I John 3:4).

The moralist may be known for his sweet disposition, his kind words, his charitable deeds, his good citizenship and his participation in community affairs. But, if he has never obeyed the gospel of Christ he is in a lost condition. When a person as previously described passes from this life, his peers are apt to say, "Well, he was not a member of any church but he certainly was a good man, worthy of salvation."

The basic difference between a moralist who is not a Christian and a Christian is morally clean is found in their relationship with God. The moralist exclaims that he deserves to be saved upon his own meritorious goodness. This attitude was found in the Pharisees "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others"; and, is found in the words of a self righteous individual as recorded in Luke 18:9 - 12), "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess'. The Christian admits his inability to save himself and submits to the will of God. He cries out, "God, be thou merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). If one moralist can be saved without the blood of Christ, then it must be concluded that all moralists can be saved. If this be true, Christ died in vain. There was no need for his crucifixion on Calvary.

Surely, if any moralist could have been saved without the vicarious death of Christ, the man Cornelius would have been. It is rather doubtful that any living person would have been more moral in character than Cornelius. He was a centurion in the Roman army. This meant that he was a Gentile. He was a devout man and one that feared God. He was a benevolent individual and was habitual in his prayers to God. He is

referred to as a righteous man and one who enjoyed an excellent reputation, even among the Jews (Acts 10:1, 2, 22). In spite of such high standards, Cornelius was instructed by an angels of the Lord to "Send to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house" (Acts 11:13, 14). This morally upright person needed to hear the gospel of Christ in order that he might be saved. It is no different today. God is no respecter of person. He saves all men alike and in like manner - through the blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 10:34; Ephesians 1:7). God requires faith, repentance, and baptism on the part of the alien sinner in order to receive remission of sins (Hebrews 11:6; Acts 17:30; Acts 2:38). If we are saved, it is not by our own goodness but by God's grace (Ephesians 2:5, 8).

Self-Control

An Old Chinese proverb goes like this: "If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow." I'm not sure about the number of days, but the basic idea is certainly true.

Any of these sound familiar? "I wish I hadn't said what I did." "I would give anything if I had kept my mouth shut." "I wish I could take it back." Most of us have been forced to use one or more of these, or similar, expressions.

What about the determination to keep ourselves under control? Some brag that they speak their mind. Those who have to hear them know that is not a good thing.

The rest of us need, in calmer moments, to resolve that we will speak with poise, even when provoked. Each of us needs to say, "I am determined, with God's help, not to let anyone make me angry enough to lose control of my temper. When we lose control, we lose. Remember the words of Proverbs 16:32, "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."

Announcements

1. Brother Kerry will be giving the invitation this Wednesday evening.
2. Wednesday evening class, "Christian Evidences". Be prepared - bring your notebook!

~ On the Prayer list

Kerry Johnson - healing from his leg and knee injury.

Judy McCollum - for knee pain due to arthritis..

Beverly Pereria- healing from her stroke.

Bobby Glover - to successfully teach others about Jesus while in prison.

Michael White - for helping others as he serves his time.

Our country - and President Trump and our leaders.

All the saints - and the knowledge and zeal to teach those who are outside the body of Christ.

Have a blessed week!

GOOD MORNING