

#374 *BY WORKS ARE YOU SAVED*
(false teaching)

This is basically what the religious churches are emphasizing today. It stems back to the Levitical priesthood, God gave Martin Luther the revelation that it was by **GRACE** that you are saved, **THROUGH FAITH**. It is the **GIFT** of God, you cannot earn it nor can you buy it. Those that still believe in the Priesthood, still teach this **TODAY**.

Many of the descendants of the Reformation, have gone overboard the other way. It doesn't matter what you do, it's by God's Grace. You have no choice! The bible says;

Ephesians 2:8* For **by grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

James 2:18* Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy **faith without thy works**, and **I will shew thee my faith by my works**.

Most evangelical churches, whether they believe it or not, emphasize some sort of works, like you have to pay tithes to the church, you have to listen to this church's instruction, even if we don't believe the bible is true and for today, and many other things.

Tithes and offerings, reading the bible, fellowshiping together, **ARE** in the bible and **IS** God's will for us. It is, for our benefit and if we don't, we will continue to be babies in Christ we will never mature and be able to experience God's best for us.

1Corinthians 3:1* And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto **babes** in Christ.

But tradition of man that has been passed down, has a bit of the law in it, like you have to appease an angry God, this totally **FALSE**. All of God's wrath was poured out on Jesus, Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the **chastisement** (God's wrath) of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

God does not look nor evaluate us on our performance, but rather our faith.

Hebrews 11:6* 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.

Why do you think that our Lord would mention the pitfalls of man's tradition and his biggest example was the religious Pharisee's? There are so many untruths that we have come to believe as true. I will name just a few,

1/Jesus was crucified Friday afternoon and rose Sunday;

Matthew 12:40* For as Jonas was three days and **three nights** in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and **three nights** in the heart of the earth.

2/Jesus was in Bethlehem for two years;

Luke 2: 22* And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; **(Purification was 40 days, so Jesus was 40 days old)**

23* (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24* And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

39* And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, **they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.**

3/The wise men were at the stable in Bethlehem;

Matthew 2:9* ¶ When they had heard the king, they departed; **and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. (Nazareth)**

10* When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11* **And when they were come into the house,** they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and **(this again was in Nazareth and Joseph was not there)** worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh

4/Angels cannot reproduce;

Matthew 22:30* For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are **given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.**

If you love the Lord, then **ALL** you do you do willingly.

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