SALVATION - THE FREE GIFT OF GOD



THE GIFT

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, It is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Eph. 2:8-9).

"being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23)

A true gift is freely given by the giver. A truly free gift means that there is no requirement for the recipient of the gift to do anything, or promise to do anything. He only needs to receive the gift. Jesus paid for this gift by dying in our place for our sins on the cross (1 Pet. 3:18).

RECEIVING THE GIFT BY FAITH

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:16)

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." (Acts 10:43)

, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, (Acts 16:31)

To "believe in Jesus" means to trust solely in Him and what He did for us. Never confuse conditions of discipleship (denying self and following Christ) with the sole condition of faith in Christ for eternal salvation. Discipleship comes after one is born again.

(All Scripture quotes are from NASB)

OUR SALVATION IS SECURE

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, <u>has eternal life</u>, and does not come into judgment [final condemnation], but <u>has passed out of death into life</u>." (Jn. 5:24)

"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and <u>believes in Him will have eternal life</u>, and <u>I Myself will raise him up on the last day</u>." (Jn. 6:40)

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." (Jn. 10:27-29)