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Lost By Faith

The scriptures clearly teach that our faith can save us. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9) Sadly the opposite is true that your faith can cause you to lose your soul because your faith is in the teaching of someone other than God. "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (John 8:24)

One cannot say boldly, "I believe in Jesus", then not believe His word. "They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules" (Mark 7:7). Example: the LORD said "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16) yet most religious leaders today boldly say, "that is not true!" The LORD said this of religious teachers then—who just like religious teachers today teach in error the rules and

doctrine of men, in place of the Word of God. One such was a man named Eleazar Wheelock (1741) who started the whole movement of the adult confession for salvation. When you teach that salvation comes through "faith alone", you are not quoting the Word of God but you are quoting: James Kennedy (1990s), who quoted Billy Graham (1950-90s), who quoted Bill Bright (1950s), who quoted Billy Sunday (early 1900s), who quoted R. A. Torrey (1899), who quoted Dwight Moody (1860s), who quoted Charles Grandison (1835), who quoted a minister named Eleazar Wheelock (1741).

Our LORD said: "...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:33) The faith that causes one to lose their soul is the faith one has in the teaching and following of men.

Here are some simple truths: (1) The only place in all of the scriptures that use the words "faith" and "alone" is in the book of James where he said: "You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone." (James 2:24) (2) Jesus plainly said: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16) and the denominational religions of men have changed

the Word of the LORD to say, "Whoever believes and you don't have to be baptized to be saved. (Man)" (3) Jesus taught, "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad." (Matthew 12:30) Clearly there can only be two directives in faith, the wide gate and the narrow gate (Matthew 7:13-14), the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:33), everyone who believes may have eternal life in him (John 3:15) and those who will not believe (John 6:63-69).

When faced with choice, the word of man, or the Word of the LORD, how is it that good, honest, caring, and sincere people can choose the statement of men "you are saved by faith alone", which is clearly not taught by Jesus or His apostles, over the command "he who believes and is baptized shall be saved" which is commanded by The LORD, and taught by the apostles? (Mark 16:16, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:14-41, Acts 8:5-13, Acts 9:17-18 and Acts 22:16, Acts 10:34-48, Acts 16:30-33, Acts 16:13-15.

The LORD said, "I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? It is

much easier for one to accept the word of men whom they see, hear and touch and love personally than the old words of the Bible. When someone reads the truth of God's Word to such, they listen to their teachers who they believe and trust to know more than the one quoting scripture. Do you believe the Words of the LORD or of man?

Again Jesus taught, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." (John 12:26) Let us follow the LORD: He was baptized and it pleased the Father: (Matthew 13: -17). He taught baptism: (John 4:1-2). He commanded baptism and that it be taught to all: (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was baptized, taught others the same and then He commanded men everywhere to believe and be baptized then to teach others also. "As for God, His way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him." (Psalms 18:30) Peter and John where commanded not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus and all of us should heed to ourselves what they said in reply to the leaders of men saying, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!" (Acts 4:18-19) Repeating what other men have taught in error over time has gotten so that most today only know the teaching of men but "LORD, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for

them to direct their steps." (Jeremiah 10:23) We must believe God and let every man be a liar (Romans 3:4).

Jesus told of the account of two men one rich, the other a poor beggar named Lazarus. They both died and the rich man in torment wanted Lazarus to be sent from the grave to warn to his sons to follow after God and not after himself. Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." We have someone the rich man didn't have, one who has risen from the dead and His name is Jesus. He is speaking to you right now through His Word, the Bible, and has said plainly and clearly stated what you must do to be saved. Will you be saved by faith in the Words of the LORD or lost by faith in the words of false religious leaders? The choice is yours I hope you chose The Word.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1Timothy 1:17)

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- One of two cities of the plain, S_____ was destroyed (Gen. 18:20)
- Rahab's family only survived the fall of J_____ (Josh. 6:24-25)
- G_____ was a city of evildoers (Hosea 6:8)
- Jonah went to preach against N_____ (Jonah 1:2)
- God used B_____, a wicked city, to punish (Jer. 39:6)
- Fire and sulfur rained down on G_____ (Gen. 18:20)
- A Philistine city, G_____ was where they put Samson (Judges 16:21)
- In His ministry, Jesus pronounced woes on C_____...
- ... and on B_____ for being unrepentant (Luke 10:13)
- The city of S_____ was to the north of Israel (Acts 8:5)
- The ark was carried to E_____ by the Philistines (1 Sam. 5:10)