

THE PRICE HAS BEEN PAID... REGARDLESS

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The Abrahamic based (single God of bible fame) religions of this world, make up nearly half the worlds population. Christianity 2.1 billion, Islam 1.5 billion and the Jewish faith 14 million. Most Christians are apostate in the sense that they don't rely upon the power of God which Jesus made available in their daily lives. Islam agrees that Jesus lived, but don't respect nor understand the role that he offers this world; while the Jews comprehensively deny the person of Christ and the New Testament writings that resulted from his ministry. These religions offer many false choices when it comes to salvation and Godly living; but as a rule, they don't accept nor take advantage of the price Christ paid for them. The complete Bible offers Christians doctrine, in the same way that the Koran and Torah of the Old Testament, do for the Muslims and Jews. However doctrine without evidence or signs is merely a source of unproven opinions of historic origins. God's true church not only offers doctrine, but genuine, God given signs and wonders... this leaves man made doctrine exposed for what it is. As a rule, the three religious descendants of Abraham don't take advantage of the price Christ paid for them. Their church and faith is built upon doctrine without the visible power and working of the Holy Spirit... which power is still available regardless of their choices.

The New Testament viewpoint is clear and precise.

ACT 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom **God raised from the dead**... **&12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other **name under heaven** given among men, whereby we must be saved. *This is blunt and clear cut and leads to the knowledge of a provable salvation... not based on historic or popular doctrine alone.*

Jesus identified miracles and signs as being evidence of God given salvation.

MAR 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that **believeth not** shall be **dammned**. **17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **18** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. **[LUK 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **20** Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the **spirits** (*false doctrines and their speakers*) are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.] *Not literal snakes... metaphor for false beliefs. Jesus offers signs and wonders... false religion offers powerless promises.*

Jesus paid the price for all of us and patiently waits for us to take up the offer.

ROM 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. *Not only did he pay the price for our salvation, he also paid the price for our ongoing maintenance.*

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more** (*his interest is even greater now*), being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. *Jesus has paid for much more than your ability to receive the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus Christ has offered to pay the price for whatever it takes to complete our overcoming as well. This parable of the good Samaritan reveals the length that Jesus will go to, to secure our safety.

LUK 10:35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out **two pence** (*two days wages... the age of Christ is 2 prophetic days in length... 2000 years*), and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. *The Lord will make up any cost to recover whatever position you wish to escape from. Not surprisingly, Paul identifies the same example in his own life...*

2COR 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a **thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **8** For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **9** And he said unto me, My grace is **sufficient** for thee (*Christ makes up the difference when we are not able to succeed*): for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me**. *It is in our weakness or failing, that Christ's sacrifice is able to be exercised. Paul repeated the same principle to the Romans...*

ROM 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **23** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. *Christ has paid the price, regardless... don't let Satan get the victory over your life.*

Those who maintain the overcoming values offered by Christ... are part of the greatest fellowship on earth.

HEB 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he **ever liveth** to make intercession for them. *Never let our failings get in the way of the job before us... Christ has paid the price!!*