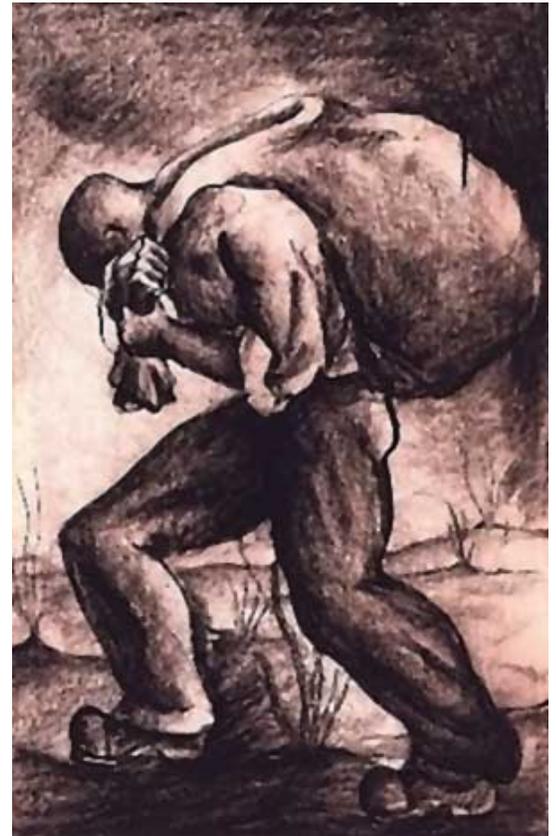


"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" Titus 3:5 KJV

Not one iota of human effort or will saves a man's soul! "But as many as received Him [God's Word], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, NOT of blood, NOR of the will of the flesh (deeds), NOR of the will of man (effort), but of God." Lazarus came forth from the tomb bound in death wrappings and stench, but NOTHING could stop the power of Christ's command, "Lazarus, come forth!" Faith is delivered to the dead through the seemingly foolish proclamation of God's Word. The dead come forth into the Light of Eternal Day. "The Gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The dead spirits of unbelievers cannot hear the Voice of God, but their souls can hear the Living Word preached by the faithful! Life-style, while necessary to lend veracity, isn't proclamation, it's demonstration. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching (vocal proclamation) to save THEM THAT BELIEVE. The preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the Power of God." God's Word is the power of resurrection! "In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God." Jesus finished forever the WORK of Salvation on the craggy hillside of Golgotha. God's Mercy was determined towards the penitent before the first "Let there be!" sounded in the void of Creation. "[God] hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, but according to His own Purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN." The unfailing character of Sovereign Grace purposed our salvation from eternity past to the eons of eternity future awaiting the redeemed! "Neither is there Salvation in any other: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME (Jesus) under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. No man is justified by the Law in the sight of God...the just shall live by faith." Nothing merits God's Grace, and His Word must be obeyed for faith to blossom. Through faith the stinking corpses of unbelievers can respond to God's Word delivered by believer's mouths! "As many as received..." Eternal Life is eternal! Salvation doesn't depend on deed or duty of men, but rests solidly on the "It is finished!" of Christ!



No work of mine can ere procure,
Eternal Life divine and pure,
Its price was paid, sin's debt undone,
By Jesus Christ and Him alone. -CGP

Once you're in God's hand, you're eternally secure!! Repentance is the return to obedience. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my Voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall NEVER perish, neither shall ANY MAN (including you) pluck them out of my Hand." All are invited!

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest – Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Matthew 11:28 - John 6:37 KJV