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## SALVATION THEOLOGY

— The Remarkably Incredible Extremes —

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From #sal-2—

Human nature (i.e. the Sin nature) forces even the sincere folk in both extreme camps to argue and debate issues like the "Law v. Grace" thing. But the pertinent scriptures (Old and New Testament) are very consistent – even surprisingly clear. Objective collaboration could easily yield consensus for those who would remove those debilitating sectarian blindfolds from their eyes.

Later in the series, we will disclose just how clear and easy-to-understand those pertinent scriptures are. But how can we be *sure* that the Master won't look at us on Judgment Day and say, "Go away—I never knew you."?

Jesus knew that question would burn within those of us who seek Truth. He answered it specifically in the two quotes that follow. His *depart from me!* command is to all who work iniquity. But the Greek words the KJV translators rendered, *iniquity*, are different, as you will see.

Adherents to one of those extreme Salvation theories insist that, once you've gotten "saved," all you have to do is believe! Many people have (consciously or subconsciously) bought-in to a more-extreme version of that: "Even if you stop believing, you can never lose your Salvation."

Such unfortunate fantasy fools the uninformed. But it does yield *The Warm Fuzzies*...

Example #1—

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven...And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work INIQUITY<sup>G-458</sup>."

—Jesus, at Matthew 7:21-23

The KJV word, "iniquity"<sup>G-458</sup>, here, is from the N.T. Greek word transliterated, *anomia*. Per Strong's...Concordance of the Bible, it is used to indicate "the condition of without law because ignorant of it;...violating it; contempt and violation of law; wickedness."

Per Thayer's Greek Lexicon, it is "the condition of one without law,—either because ignorant of it, or because violating it."

Example #2—

"Then said one unto him, Lord, ARE THERE FEW THAT BE SAVED? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master

of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us...But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of INIQUITY<sup>G-93</sup>. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth..."

—Jesus, at Luke 13:23-28

The KJV word, "iniquity"<sup>G-93</sup>, here, is from the N.T. Greek word transliterated, *adikia*. Per Strong's...Concordance of the Bible, it is used to indicate "injustice, of a judge; unrighteousness of heart and life; a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness."

Per Thayer's Greek Lexicon, it is "injustice, of a judge; unrighteousness of heart and life; ...deceit which unrighteousness uses;...spec. unrighteousness by which others are deceived..."

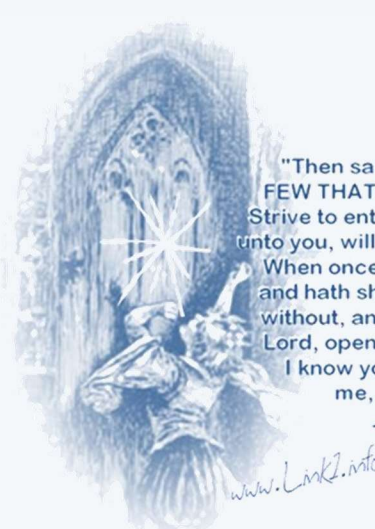
It is a heart-felt faith we enjoy, for sure. But we are to

follow Jesus' example of thinking and acting; not how He *felt* while here. Never did He permit his feelings to interfere with his thinking. He chose objectivity over subjectivity. A study of His post-wilderness experience temptations will leave no question in your mind about that: Matthew 4:1-14.

Several scriptures tell us to put on the MIND of Christ. Not even one instructs us to put on His HEART. The only way we can come to understand God is to diligently seek Him, via an ongoing prayerful study of His written Word. —2 Tim. 2:15

**To understand how and what Jesus thinks, we must first comprehend what He said.**

Most believers apparently seek only *The Warm Fuzzies*. That makes them easy prey for those who seek followers and followers' dollars...and sugar-coated versions of the Gospel message of Salvation. Paul said such folk are babies, only able to tolerate scriptural milk.



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