

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land”

(Isaiah 1:19).

“Ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you”

(John 15:14).

These verses are just a couple that the “Limited Predestinarians” and “Conditional Time Salvationists” use to support their “obligated duty” to obey the Lord’s commands so that they would be blessed with God’s grace and divine favor. The “Conditional Time Salvationist” attempts to make DUTY WORKS the means that God’s blessings are bestowed, and this DUTY the effort of the creature by devotion and obligation.

It is quite obvious that most base the Ten Commandments as the benchmark to appease the God of heaven and earth and merit His divine favor. In my years of studying the Scriptures, I have determined that Christ brought to light more stringent commands than that of the Ten Commandments. For instance, “But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her HATH COMMITTED ADULTERY with her already in his heart” (Matt.5:28). This statement of our Lord Jesus far exceeds that of the Old Testament command. Therefore, those only caught in the physical act were pronounced guilty and stoned to death under the Old Covenant.

What man can say that he has NEVER looked upon a woman with such intent in mind? What man that accused the woman caught in adultery could cast the first stone?

If, in fact, “TIME SALVATION” is dependent upon our “Duty obedience” and “obligated devoted works,” please consider the following NEW TESTAMENT commands and admonitions inspired of the Almighty see how you line up daily in your Christian walk. These items MUST be adhered to in order to be blessed with the favor of God per the teaching of the “Conditional Time Salvationists.”

Keep in mind, these are ONLY New Testament Commands, no Old Testament Law.

The believer in Christ Jesus is commanded to:

- 1) *Walk after the Spirit*
- 2) *Flee fornication*
- 3) *Glorify the Lord in your body*
- 4) *Flee idolatry*
- 5) *Cleanse yourselves from all uncleanness*
- 6) *Perfect holiness*
- 7) *To love your enemies*
- 8) *Pray for those who use you*
- 9) *Not to be weary in well-doing*
No corrupt communications
Grieve not the Holy Spirit
- 10) *Put away all malice, bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor*
- 11) *Walk in love*
- 12) *Let not coveting, filthiness, foolish jesting be named among you*
- 13) *No fellowship with works of darkness*
- 14) *Walk circumspectly*
- 15) *Redeem the time*
- 16) *Be filled with the Spirit*
- 17) *Submit one to another*
- 18) *Love your wife as Christ loves the church*
- 19) *Obey your masters of the flesh*
- 20) *Put on the armor of God*
- 21) *Pray without ceasing*
- 22) *Esteem others better than yourselves*
- 23) *Love your wives as yourself*
- 24) *Do everything in moderation*
- 25) *Be careful for nothing*
- 26) *Think on things that are true, honest, just, lovely, good report, virtuous*
- 27) *Seek those which are above*
- 28) *Set your affections on things above*
- 29) *Mortify your members*
- 30) *Put on charity*
- 31) *Whether work or deed, do all in Christ's name*
- 32) *Put on bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness,*
longsuffering
- 33) *Forebear one another*
- 34) *Comfort the feeble minded*
- 35) *Support the weak*
- 36) *Be patient*
- 37) *Rejoice evermore*
- 38) *In everything give thanks*
- 39) *Study to show yourselves approved*

- 40) *Turn aside from vain jangling*
- 41) *Don't give heed to fables*
- 42) *Endure hardness*
- 43) *Preach the word in season and out of season*
- 44) *Watch in all things*
- 45) *Speak things which be sound doctrine*
- 46) *Avoid strivings about the Law*
- 47) *Exhort one another daily*
- 48) *Be a doer of the word, not hearer only*
- 49) *Have not respect of persons*
- 50) *Be not a friend of the world*
- 51) *Resist the devil*
- 52) *Eschew evil and do good*
- 53) *Draw nigh to God*
- 54) *Sanctify the Lord in your hearts*
- 55) *Speak the oracles of God*
- 56) *Feed the flock of God*
- 57) *Be ye examples as ministers*
- 58) *Cast all our cares upon Christ*
- 59) *Walk in the light*
- 60) *Humble yourselves before God*

HOW SHALL THE HEIR OF GRACE ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH HE IS COMMANDED IN THESE NEW TESTAMENT ADMONITIONS ?

If you sincerely are convinced and persuaded that "Time Salvation" depends upon your duty, devotion and performance, please see how you do on fulfilling ALL the commands listed, and how many blessings shall God shall bestow upon you this day for your obedience to the list. If the Ten Commandments are not enough to teach you that YOU by your DUTY, DEVOTION and OBEDIENCE shall NEVER appease God's demands, and these additional sixty-two New Testament commands and admonitions do not convince the "duty work salvationist," then deception of creature righteousness has overtaken your understanding.

May God cause you to see the REST from "duty works" has been made the responsibility of our Saviour, our Good Shepherd, the Captain of our salvation, "How to perform that which is good I find not...Being confident of this very thing, that HE which has begun a good work in you SHALL PERFORM IT until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). Do you believe Christ shall perform that which he has started? Or do you believe He has started something YOU are required to finished?

Who is responsible for conforming the believer into the image of Christ? Who is the one who shall adorn a bride without spot nor wrinkle?

I contend the SAME grace that sought the depraved alien sinner from the ruin of nature's sin curse shall be the ONLY means that can CAUSE the heir of grace to both WILL and to DO of God's good pleasure. For Christ in you the hope of glory by the might of his SPIRIT shall be the power and means that cause the elect believer to emulate and appear Christ-like in this mortal world. There is NO PART of the creature that is capable of performing anything apart from its natural love of sin and self, EXCEPT the new man, quickened, Born Again, Regenerated and cause to walk in a NEW WAY, a LIVING WAY. Therefore, sin shall not have dominion over those who have been made partakers of the kingdom of God's darling Son. Sin has been minimized in its power and force to dominate the believer.

Christ is my expectation and sufficiency for any appearance of holiness in this time world. Therefore, beloved I say, To God be the glory for great things he hath done and continues to do in us. For GRACE alone can cause gospel obedience, the SAME grace that called you from a life of sin and death shall CAUSE you to walk in paths of righteousness for HIS name's sake.....grace, grace, how great a debtor.

Salvation in time and in eternity is ALL the work of divine grace and mercy, not of any work lest the creature boast, lest they gaze upon a pile of filthy rags along with the wood, hay and stubble.

Beloved brethren, WE NEED A PERFORMER! The scriptures have recorded that we have ONE.

"For HE PERFORMETH the thing that is appointed for me" (Job 23:14).

"I will cry unto God most high; unto God that PERFORMETH all things for me" (Psa.57:2).

Oh! what a glorious PERFORMER !! as Christ our righteousness CAUSES us to manifest the evidence of the fruit of his Spirit.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to WILL and to DO of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

All blessings incurred by such a one as I, have NO merit through my effort nor try, Any goodness virtue found within, shall only be the result of HIM, Christ - my righteousness.

*Respectfully submitted,
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