

Howards Corner

The condition of man's soul

I have known for some time that the world of man is corrupt and that few have truly escaped the human spirit of man which has been corrupted by the spirit of the enemy of God and the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit which is Satan and his evil forces. The battle has been going on since the Garden of Eden when man was deceived by Satan and man fell to that deception and man's spirit was corrupted and the spirit of Satan became the spirit of the air for this world. That deception has been going on since that time.

Gen 3:14 ¹⁴ *The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life"* ¹⁵ *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

The battle for the spirit of man is then between the serpent which is Satan and the seed of the woman which is Jesus the Son of God. **Satan must destroy the works of Christ Jesus because Satan knows he will be defeated by Jesus!** So, Satan did bruise the heel of Jesus on the cross but Jesus although crucified was resurrected from the tomb and walked around in His resurrected body as a witness to all that He was raised from the dead and had a new body that had powers that are supernatural. Therefore, Satan did have Jesus crucified but he did not destroy Him and His works that He will produce through His message and the giving of the Holy Spirit to empower His disciples which are the Church He will build. The scriptures then tell us the result of this battle for the souls of man will end with Satan being defeated

Rev 20 *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

Mankind is lost in our natural bodies and spirit --

Therefore; all mankind is lost because the enemy has been given the title deed of this world.

Romans 3²³ *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Romans 3:10 *as it is written, " There IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;*

¹¹ *THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,*

THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

¹² *ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;*

*THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,
THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."*

Therefore, all are guilty of sin and cannot claim innocence. We then cannot reconcile ourselves to God by our works because we are guilty before God the creator of the universe and the verdict has already been given. That verdict is eternal judgement separated from God in hell.

Man's only way to reconcile to God-

God however has provided a way by His grace through faith for man's redemption. He sent His Son to earth to die on a cross for our sins, although He was innocent, for He lived a perfect life and fulfilled all the laws of the Old Testament and established a New Testament and He shed His blood as a sacrifice for our sins, so that those who have believed in Him by faith can receive forgiveness and reconciliation to God the father.

Therefore, the faith we are talking about is in the work of Jesus on the cross which He did by the shedding of His blood for those who will believe in this shedding of blood to reconcile us to our Father in heaven for there is no forgiveness of sin except by the shedding of blood.

A New Testament is established, and the Old Testament is superseded

Heb 9:11 *But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹² and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?¹⁵ For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. ¹⁶ For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.*

Read the word (Bible) from cover to cover for complete understanding but for this writing I suggest reading all of chapter nine of Hebrew for it will explain the need for the shedding of blood for forgiveness and the many other books of the New Testament will fortify your understanding.

The Old Testament has become obsolete for there is a New Covenant established by Christ Jesus. Those that profess to be Christians by still trusting in keeping the law for their salvation are still operating in an Old Testament set of Laws and regulations are not Christians for they are not living by Grace through faith gospel and maybe have joined a church organization and have put their trust in an organization called the "Church" but maybe are not the true Church and they have no power to save and change hearts and lives.

These church organizations have deceived many to think they are saved and therefore many in these churches have quit seeking the truth. Satan has deceived many for that is what he is –a deceiver and a liar.

Many today are still believing in the keeping of the Old Testament laws and regulations to save them from this judgement of God, but it is impossible for works, no matter how good you think they are, to save for the way given is only through the works of Jesus on the cross and by faith in His work to accomplish our redemption as our eternal promise. Church organizations cannot save nor can your works of keeping the Old Testament law and rituals for they are dead works by dead men which have not been made alive by the spirit of Christ Jesus. (I have written much about this subject-Please refer to howardscorner.org - Writings-Transparency Churches-Salvation by grace thru faith)

Eph 2 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

So if you believe this and believe that Jesus is the Son of God and is one with God and are sincere in your heart with this **belief**, confess to God our father through faith in knowing that you are guilty as all men are, being **convicted** in your heart of the truth of your lostness, and now **confess** all these things you will be saved. God will then verify this transaction by the **giving of the Holy Spirit as His seal of this transaction**. This is how you can be sure of your salvation and without this seal of the Holy Spirit you are not yet saved. Many are confused today in the churches because they are still trusting in their works and/or trusting in keeping the Old Testament law which is obsolete because it was replaced by the New Covenant established by Jesus' shedding of His blood on the cross. --

Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance--

Therefore, if you have received the Holy Spirit in your heart, you have been sealed with this pledge into Christ Jesus and are a member of the Body of Christ and will receive the promise of our inheritance given to those that are His eternal Church and will be with Him in His Kingdom. The giving and receiving of the Holy Spirit are what Jesus said in John 3 about being born again (born from above). Until you receive this Holy Spirit you are still dead in this body and have never received a new life in the spirit.

Acts 19:1-6 in Ephesus and found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” ³And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

So, it is today that many have been baptized into churches and church denominations but have never been born from above into the name of Jesus and received the Holy Spirit. I write these things in the spirit of Love. Please accept them in with love and a desire for the best for you.

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Some other things to read on Howardscorner.org - **Why you must be born again** - **Deposit guarantee** and many others that I have written for the last 7 years which came to my understanding after receiving the Holy Spirit 50 years ago and spending about 70 years of church membership and have witnessed the deadness of many churches today for I was one of the dead in the organization called church until I received life of the Holy Spirit in my heart. I am trying to reach those who will wake up and listen before it is too late, and it will be too late if you die without knowing Christ Jesus or Christ comes to Rapture the Church for remember there were 5 Virgins ready and there were 5 that were not ready and only those that were ready entered into the marriage super of the Lamb.