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**THE SHURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison**

**IF . . .**

**IF** one is saved by “faith only” then why does the Bible teach, “You see then that a man is justified by works, and **not by faith only**” (James 2:24).

**IF** one is saved before and without baptism then why does the Bible teach, “The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us ....**” (1 Peter 3:21).

**IF** all works are excluded by grace, why does the Bible teach, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

**IF** it is impossible for one once saved to fall away and be lost, then why does the Bible teach, “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **if they fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:4-6).

**IF** the religious division that characterizes modern denominationalism is acceptable to God then why does the Bible teach, “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and **that there be no divisions among you**, but that you be perfectly joined together in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

**IF** “join the church of your choice” is good advice, then why does the Bible teach, “praising God and having favor with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church** daily those who were **being saved**” (Acts 2:47).

**IF** living together without being married is a good thing, then why does the Bible teach, “Nevertheless, to **avoid fornication**, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband” (1 Corinthians 7:2).

**IF** there is no such place as hell, then why does the Bible teach, “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to **destroy both soul and body in hell**” (Matthew 10:28-29).

**IF** you desire salvation then be willing to accept and apply all the Bible teaches and reject what it does not teach. Salvation depends upon both knowing and obeying the truth (John 8:32; Romans 2:8-9).

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