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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

THE BIBLE SAYS IT! DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

It is amazing that folks who claim to believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God will reject what it so clearly teaches. Many folks will say that one is saved by faith only without any kind of works. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches, “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, **and not by faith only**” (James 2:24). The Bible says it! Do you believe it?

Some will say that baptism has nothing to do with salvation, that one is saved before and without being baptized. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches “The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:” The Bible says it! Do you believe it?

Some say that the Ten Commandments God gave to Israel are still in effect today and therefore the Sabbath should still be observed today. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches, “Having **abolished** in his flesh the enmity, even **the law of commandments** contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace” (Ephesians 2:15). 2 Corinthians 3:7 reads, “But if the ministration of death, **written and engraven in stones**, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **which glory was to be done away.**” “And upon the **first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). The Bible says it! Do you believe it?

Some say that one does not have to be a member of the church to be saved. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches, “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). Ephesians 5:23 reads, For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head **of the church**; and He is the Savior **of the body.**” The Bible says it! Do you believe it?

When one rejects what the Bible clearly teaches, then he rejects any hope of salvation. When the Bible says it, we must believe it. “For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:” That You may be justified in Your words And may overcome when You are judged.” (Romans 3:3-4).