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THE SOUL WINNER'S ONE PAGE PAMPHLET (A real one this time – to hand out) HAS GOD CHOSEN YOU?

Because of the constant bombardment of “soul winner pamphlets”, and emotional pleas of “come get saved” on the part of big business churches over the last 50 years a rather non-Scriptural aura of false “salvation” has been laid upon God's people all across the world.

As amazing that the reader of this tract may find it, there is NO term in the Bible which says “*You need to choose and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.*” In fact the exact opposite is true because nobody tells the King of kings Jesus Christ that they are going to wait until they are good and ready then THEY will decide to choose and accept Jesus.

Jesus says, “*You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you*” (John 15:16)

That should be clear enough, but in case it isn't, the apostle Paul elaborates about this blunt truth: “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Master Jesus Christ – according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world – having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.*” (Ephesians 1:2-5)

So if, as the Bible says, Christ has already chosen His elect certain people for eternal salvation, then what is the purpose of our going to sinners to preach the Gospel as commanded in Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15? The reason is clear. God's Word tells us that the purpose of preaching the Gospel to sinners is to reach those who are chosen to be saved in order that they are “quickened” (made alive in their understanding) as to what great a salvation Christ has already achieved for them by going to the cross. This is what's known as “conversion”, namely, becoming aware of what Jesus has done to save God's chosen family because none of us can ever do a thing to save ourselves unto eternal life. Christ has done it all for us. And this wonderful news was all a predetermined exceedingly great gift from God Almighty. (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9)

How does one know if he/she is chosen for life everlasting? God's Word says there are signs or “fruits” that show how a chosen son or daughter of God reacts when they find out that Christ has paid divine judgment for our sins on His bloody cross. These signs include:

1. It is spiritually revealed to the true believer that Christ came only for one family (or kin) on the Earth, that being the Israelites descended from the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus declared, “*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel*” (Matthew 15:24) It can be readily evidenced that Israel is the white Christian race of people and is not talking about so called “Jews” of today or any other people. “Isaac's sons” are the Saacson or Saxons as the word evolved, and this is white Christendom. The “Gentiles” to whom Paul went were the dispersed Israelites in Europe at that time. The word Gentile is *ethnos* literally “*nations*” in Greek and means the “nations” where scattered Israel had gone. (James 1:1)

2. When the Holy Spirit deals with a chosen Israelite's heart about Jesus being crucified for him/her, the inner awareness and conviction is *overwhelming* even unto trembling and astonishment. (Acts 9:6) Think greatly on it

3. For conversion out of the world system and into Christ the chosen person **must** repent. “Repent” means to change your mind. True repentance means that we need to change from our thinking that we can do anything to save ourselves to obtain eternal life including doing “good works”, being water baptized, or by any other work act on our part. “*Trembling (he) said 'What must I do to be saved?'*” “*Believe on the Master Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house*” (Acts 16:31) Inner belief activates salvation awareness by a pure faith trust in only Christ's shed blood for remission of our sins. (Romans 3:24-26; Ephesians 2:13; Hebrews 9:22; Revelation 1:5) “*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us,*” (Titus 3:5)

4. In realizing what Christ has done for us, and **after** repenting from thinking that we can save ourself by works, the true chosen believer now has his/her heart on obeying God. What does this mean? Although God has explained that it is impossible for us to be saved **by** good works we are however saved **unto** good works since He has set us free from eternal damnation. (I Peter 3:9-12) The high power of **love** has entered. We now yearn to obey HIM not because we try to earn our way into the **Kingdom**, but because God's love moves in our heart toward Jesus: “*If you love me (Jesus) keep my commandments*” (Jn 14:15) This means loving to obey God's laws which are still in effect except for the altar sacrifices fulfilled in Christ. (Rom.3:31; Mat.5:17; IJn.3:4) Also, Paul warned us that habitual practitioners of repeated sin, including apathy to God's Word, are not chosen into God's Kingdom by evidence of their own protracted actions (I Cor. 6:9,10; Philip. 3:19). These have become a sign unto themselves and are described as “*servants of sin*” (Rom.6:17,18) unfit for God's Kingdom. What does your life sign say? Chosen for life everlasting? The chosen know. (I Jn 5:13) Has Jesus chosen you?