

BEWARE OF FALSE SALVATION

INTRODUCTION:

It is very easy for human beings to think that something is reality that is not. Our perception affects our reality. Our desire for things to be one way can cause us to see them another. A prime example is with children. People often see their children in the best of lights. They see all of their potential, their appealing qualities and those things that they want them to be. However, they often neglect to see the more unappealing qualities that are viewable by everyone else.

The same can be true in the Christian Life for individuals. We often fail to see where we are missing the mark. We think we are living out our salvation the way God desires, when in actuality we are missing the mark. There are various causes to this, but the net result is that we fail to show forth what God desires to see from us.

Today, we want to examine false salvation in initial and present tense and identify how the Believer can avoid false salvation.

I. FALSE INITIAL SALVATION

A. The Explanation

1. One's false belief of salvation based on an incorrect object of faith - Rev. 3:14
2. Salvation not based on the facts of the Gospel are is in vain - 1 Cor. 15:2

B. The Source

1. Incorrect Presentation
2. Incorrect Witness

C. The Problem

1. One's belief that they are saved and they are not
2. Perpetuating of false Gospel for Salvation

II. FALSE PRESENT TENSE SALVATION

A. The Explanation

1. One's false belief that they are adhering to the gospel for present tense salvation
2. Paul mentions the Galatians adhering to another kind of gospel for salvation - Gal. 1:6
 - a) This cannot be initial salvation due to the evidence that the Galatians were already saved
 - b) The doctrine for present tense salvation is different then the one Paul taught (cf. Rom. 16:25)

B. The Source

1. False Teachers - Gal. 5:7
2. The Sin Nature - Gal. 5:20

C. The Problem

1. The false assumption that actions are pleasing to God
2. The inability to accomplish God's purposes due to deception

III. FALSE SALVATION TO TRUE SALVATION

A. The Carnal Believer can find him/herself in a position of false present tense salvation

B. Self-Evaluation - 2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Cor. 11:28

1. Combats Self-Deception
2. Allows for Restoration

C. Use of Gospel for Present Salvation - Rom. 16:25

1. How the Gospel for Salvation empowers the Believer's salvation
2. The implication of the work Christ accomplished to the present salvation -
cf. Gal. 2:19, 20; Phil. 3:9

CONCLUSION: