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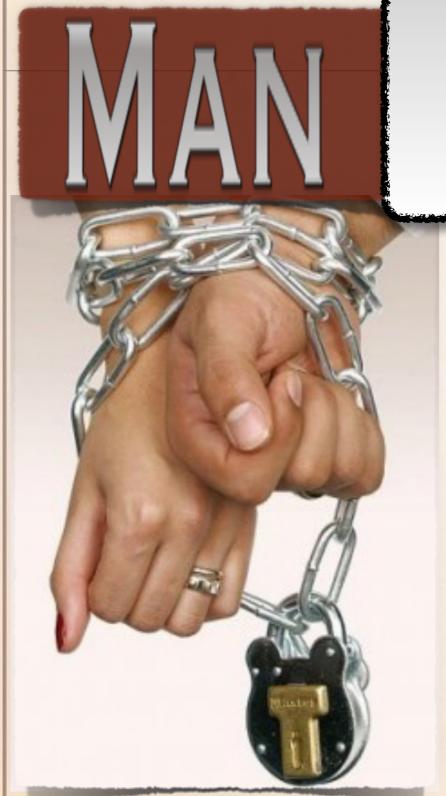
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M ATTHEW 19:5-6 (NKJV)

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- God is the author of marriage between a man and a woman Gen.2:18-24.
- Scriptural marriage is a sacred & holy union Heb.13:4; 1Cor.7:2,9,28.
- Scriptural marriage is to be one man & one woman for life Mt.19:3-6; Ro 7:1-3; 1 Cor.7:10,11a; Cf. 7:5,39; Ro 7:1-3
- Only one exception to the rule Mt.19:3-9; 1Cor.7:5,10,11. Emphasize Mt.19:6.

MAN

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M ALACHI 2:15-16 (NKJV)

15 But did He not make *them* one, . . . "Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. <sup>16</sup> "For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, . . ."

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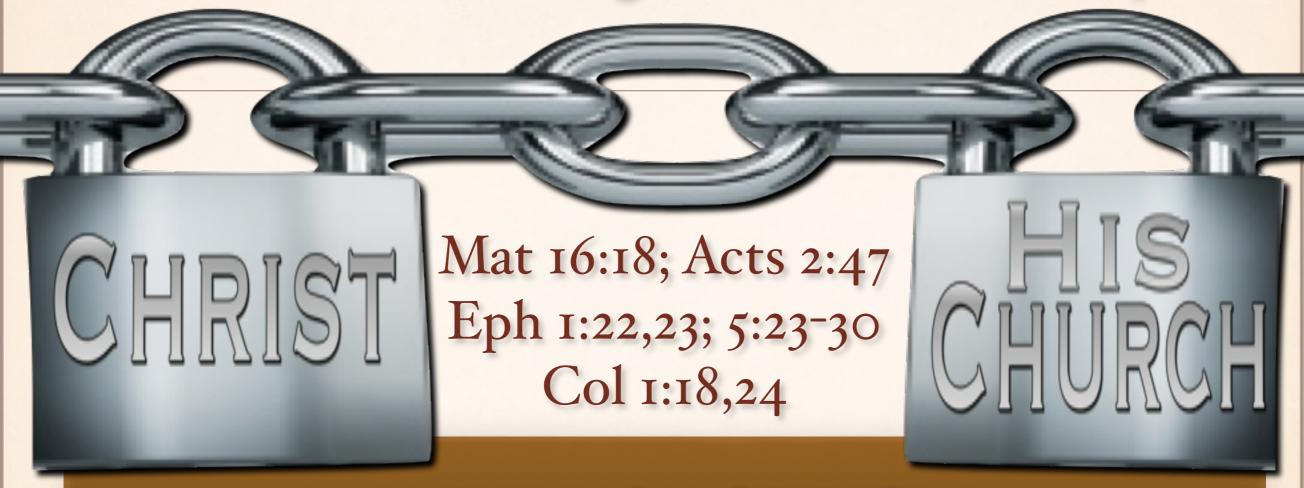
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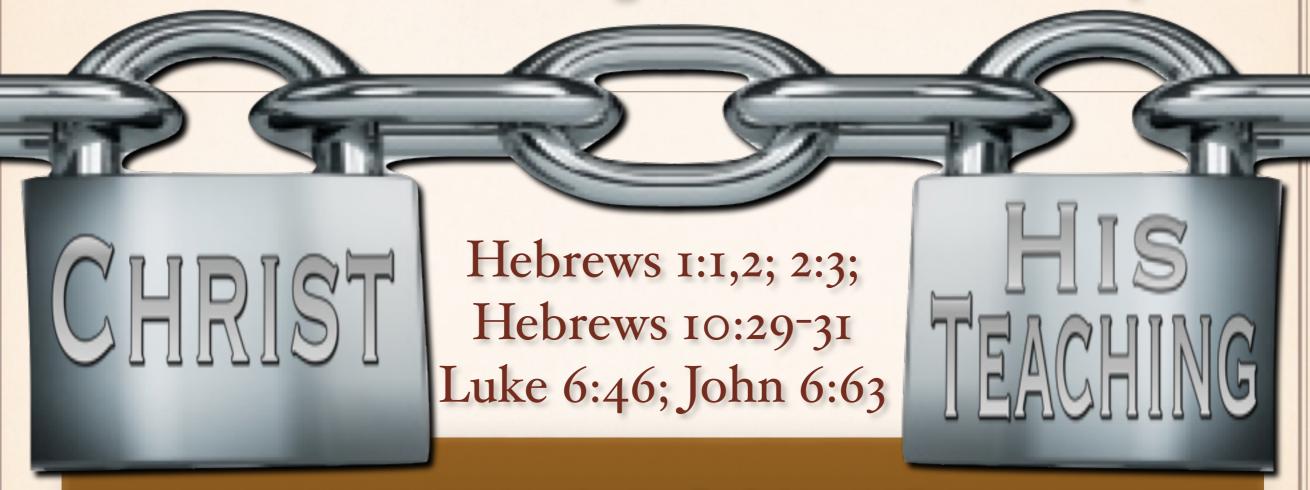
1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-11 (NKJV)

Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. <sup>11</sup> But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.



A c 7 5 9:1 -5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, . . . "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. . . ."



JOHN 12:48 (NKJV)

<sup>48</sup> He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.



Wherefore, that we are justified by faith, only, is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort - *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, 1972 Edition, p. 55.



JAMES 2:24 (NKJV)

You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

## FAITH

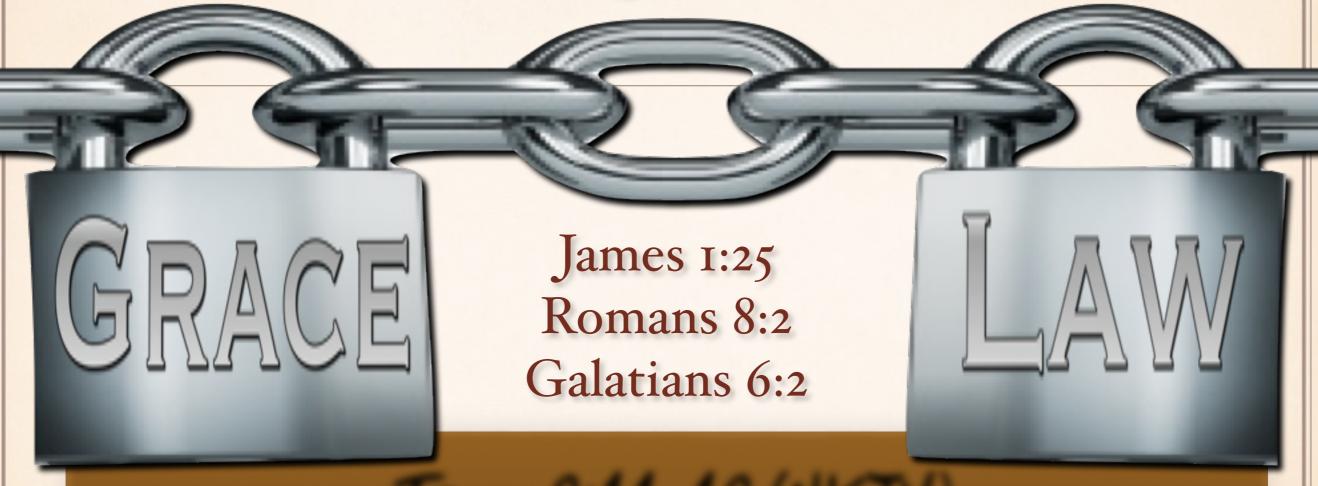
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### WORKS



- God has separated salvation from the Law of Moses & meritorious works Rom 3:23-8:13; 11:6; Gal 3:10; 5:1-4; Eph 2:8,9; Tit 3:3-5
- Dut God has ALWAYS required BOTH faith & obedience in order to be justified before Him & receive His blessings Heb 11:6,30; Jos 6; Rom 4:12-25; 10:13-17; 2 The 1:7-9





TITUS 2:11-12 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,



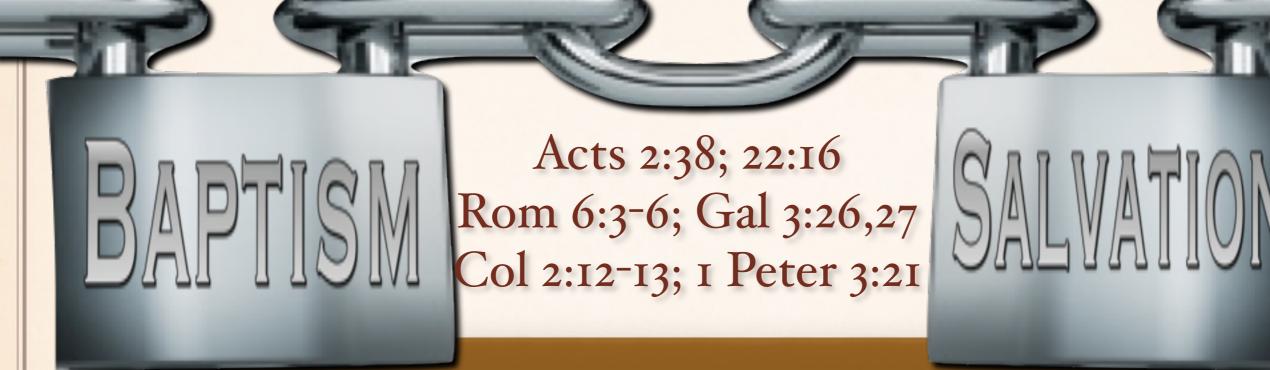
John 15:10-14
1 John 2:3-5; 5:2,3
Galatians 5:6

OBEY

JOHN 14:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.





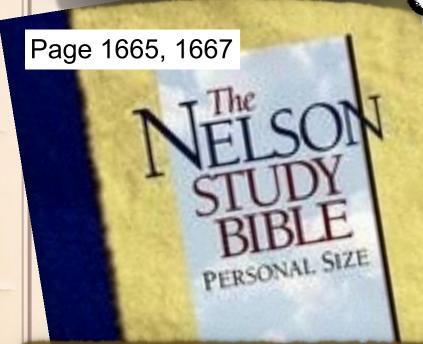
M ARK 16:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

### BAPTISM

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SALVATION



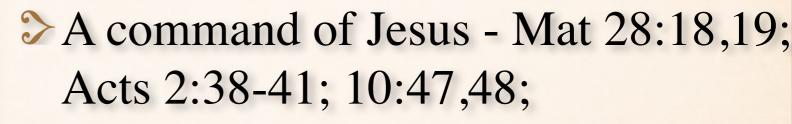
Note a few footnotes, taken from the King James Study Bible, published by Nelson:

- Mark 16:16. "Only faith, not baptism, is essential for salvation, as the omission of baptism from the last clause shows."
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:21. "Baptism doth also now save us" does not mean that water baptism is essential to salvation."
- Acts 2:38. "For several reasons be baptized should not be joined with for the remission of sins."

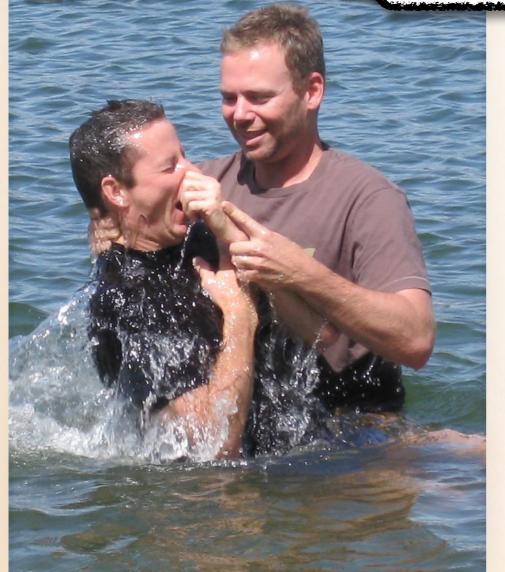


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- For (unto) remission of sins Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col 2:12,13
- Into Jesus Christ Rom. 6:3-6; Gal 3:26,27; 1 Cor 12:13
- Saves us Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Exemplified Acts 8;9;16;18;19;22



Examples	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – 2:14-41	Implied	<b>√</b> 37,38	Implied	<b>√</b> 38,41
Samaria – 8:5-13	<b>√</b> 12	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 12,13
Eunuch – 8:35-39	<b>√</b> 36,37	Implied	<b>√</b> 37	<b>√</b> 38
Saul - 9,22,26	Implied	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 9:18
Cornelius - 10:34-48	<b>√</b> 43	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 48
Lydia – 16:13-15	<b>√</b> 14	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 15
Jailor – 16:30-34	<b>√</b> 31	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 33
Corinthians - 18:8	✓ 8	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 8
Ephesians - 19:3-5	Implied	Implied	Implied	<b>√</b> 5



JOHN 4:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."



Revelation 2:10

Colossians 1:23

1 Corinthians 15:58

HEAVEN

HEBREWS 3:12-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ... <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,



HEBREW 5 3:18-19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

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- Scripturally Married Husband & Wife
- Christ & His Church & His Teaching
- > Faith & Works of Obedience
- Grace & Law of Christ / Spirit
- Love & Obedience To God / Christ
- Scriptural Baptism & Salvation
- Spirit & Truth In Worship & Service
- > Faithfulness & Eternal Life
- Unbelief (Disobedience) & Condemnation

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<sup>1</sup> Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again. <sup>2</sup> The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" testing Him.



<sup>3</sup> And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her." 5 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.



<sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. 11 So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."