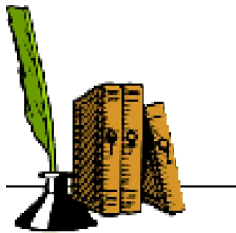


THE THIEF ON THE CROSS!

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To comprehend the subject clearly, it is recommended that you read Hebrews 9:1-28 & 10:1-39 It really pulls together the subject of purification in the Law and Grace time periods.

Now, concerning the thief!

In Hebrews 9:14 we read that through the eternal Spirit Jesus offered himself without spot (sin) to God. When the woman wanted to touch him he said; ***"touch me not for I am not yet ascended to my Father."***.....John 20:17

Therefore until he ascended into heaven the Law was still in effect! The thief died under the law dispensation which did not require the believer to be baptized. The penalty of sin was covered by the High Priest entering in once a year for sin with an animal blood offering. The Jew had to keep the law and have faith in it. The statement by the sinner on the cross was a confession from his heart and accepted by Jesus.

We know this because; Isaiah 11:3 teaches that Jesus discerns by the heart. We read; ***"And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:"*** In the Law period, there were many Jews cut off because; they worshipped with the lips, but their hearts were far from God. Isaiah 29:13 and Matthew 15:8 ***This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.***

Something from the heart of the thief touched Jesus, and He forgave him and rewarded him! Jesus in the law period had the power to forgive sins! Matthew 9:6 He is God! ***I and my Father are one!*** John 10:30

In Hebrews 9:22 the scripture; ***'without shedding of blood is no remission.'*** But until the blood of Jesus was presented to God there was no remission given and man was still in the Law period. So the thief would have been saved by his confession of faith from his heart under the law!

Now after the start of the dispensation of time (after the death of the testator) we are in which is called the Grace Period, we must be baptized in a way that the Blood of Jesus Remits our sins. We then become connected to Him through the blood and by His Spirit we receive power. Acts 1:8

Peter who was given the keys to heaven said we are to be baptized into or in the Name of Jesus for the Remission of our sins, meaning, pardon, washing away the guilt in our conscience giving us faith to receive the Power. Acts 2:38-39.

Hebrews 10:16-25 is a wonderful powerful Scripture concerning the washing away of our sins by the blood of Jesus. Vs. 18...***the remission (pardon) of our sins.***

We too can now enter into the Holiest of Hollies by the blood of Jesus having our bodies washed by burial into water in the Name of Jesus which applies His blood to wash away our sins.

Romans 6:3 ***Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.....***read to end of verse 11.

The teachable hungry soul can by the Words of God HEAR and they will be baptized into Jesus Christ!

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