

The Life of Christ A-Z

Marvellous Messages (Matthew 6:1-18 and 6:1 Compared to 5:16)
You Don't Need to Be Afraid of Bible "Contradictions"

ANGELS ANNOUNCE (The Pregnancy)

Luke 1:26-38/Matthew 1:18-25

BIRTH in BETHLEHEM (ala Micah 5:2)

Luke 2:1-7

CARPENTRY CAREER (in Nazareth)

Matthew 2:23/Mark 6:3

DOVE DESCENDS (The Baptism)

Matthew 3:1-17/Luke 3:21-23

ENEMY ENTICES (The Temptation)

Matthew 4:1-11/Luke 4:1-13

FIRST FOLLOWERS ("Japan")

John 1:35-51

GREAT GUESTS (1st Miracle: Water to Wine)

John 2:1-11

HARSH HOUSECLEANING (of the Temple)

John 2:13-22

INCREDIBLE INTERVIEW (w/Nicodemus)

John 3:1-21

JIVE at JACOB'S WELL (w/Samaritan Woman)

John 4:1-42

KIN KICKOUT (of Nazareth)

Luke 4:16-30

LOCATION LATERALED (to Capernaum)

Matthew 4:13-16

MARVELLOUS MESSAGE (Sermon on

Matthew 5:1-7:29 the Mount)

NATURE NEUTRALIZED ("Sign" Miracles)

Matthew 8:1-12:13

OPPOSITION OFFERED (No More "Signs")

Matthew 12:14-45/Mark 3:22-30

PARABLES PROPHECY (InterAdvent Period)

Matthew 13:1-52

QUIZICAL QUESTIONS (Who Am I?)

Matthew 16:13-20

REALITY REVEALED (The Transfiguration)

Matthew 17:1-13

STONING STOPPED (Jesus Claims Deity)

John 10:22-42

TOMB TRAUMATIZED (Raising of Lazarus)

John 11:1-53

UNDERSTANDABLE UPSET (of t/Temple)

Matthew 21:12-17/Mark 11:2-18

VISION OF VICTORY (Olivet Discourse)

Matthew 24:1-25:46

WASHING and WISDOM (Upper Room

John 13:1-17:26

Discourse)

eXPIATORY eXECUTION (The Atonement)

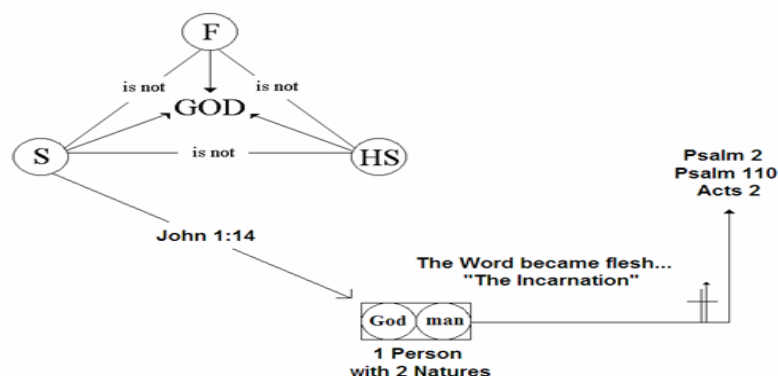
Matthew 27:27-66/John 19:17-42

YES! YEAH! (The Resurrection)

Matthew 28:1-15/John 20:1-21:25

ZAPPED from ZION (The Ascension)

Luke 24:50-53/Acts 1:6-11



In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1 and 1:14

The Sermon on the Mount at a Glance

The Prologue 5:1-16

Believers Are Spiritual Salt/Light...So Be Bright and Salty

The Theological Purpose Statement 5:17-20

Human Beings Need a Righteousness (+R) We Can Not Produce Ourselves

The Body of the Sermon: What True +R Really Is 5:21-7:11

+R > Mere Behavior Modification-Obeying Rules/Performing Rituals by Rote

The Practical Purpose Statement 7:12

+R Men/Women Treat Others with Positive Respect

The Epilogue 7:13-27

Religion Can't Make Human Beings +R before God

The Structure of Matthew 6:1-18

The Big Principle _{v1}

Example 1

Give to Please
God Not to
Impress Other
People

v2-4

Example 2

Pray to Please
God Not to
Impress Other
People

v5-15

Example 3

Fast to Please
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v16-18

Matthew 6:1 Compared to Matthew 5:16

You Don't Need to Be Afraid of Bible "Contradictions" ...
...but hold it Bible-Breath, doesn't Matthew 6:1 contradict Matthew 5:16?

Matthew 6:1

Beware of doing your righteousness (good works) before people

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works

A Closer Look at Matthew 5:16:

Let your light shine before people **in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.**

This is an exhortation for believers to live godly lives including doing good-good works motivated to please God/Christ in visible/practical ways/areas such they (and/or their effects) will be seen such that God/Christ not the do-gooder will be praised. One implication: we should NOT limit the areas in which we express our faith to only devotional/private good-good works (personal prayer for example) instead we should be involved in and a blessing to the "real world" (as spiritual salt/light)

A Closer Look at Matthew 6:1: Look at the Whole Statement in Context:

Beware of doing your righteousness (good works) **before people to be noticed by them** otherwise you have no reward with your Father in Heaven.

This is an exhortation to believers to be motivated to do the good works we do by ONE goal: to please God/Christ NOT to impress other people. If/when we do "good works" to impress other people, those "good works" are actually bad-good works (and non-rewardable, see 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:5, with an emphasis on 4:5).

Take This To Heart

Big Question:

Who Do You Expect To Get Credit/Praise for Your "Good" Works?

Good News:

**You Don't Need to Be Afraid of Bible Contradictions
If You Will Actively Unpack Them**

By 1: Contextually Interpreting the Verses/Passages in Question

By 2: Correctly Correlating the Meaning of the Verses/Passages Together

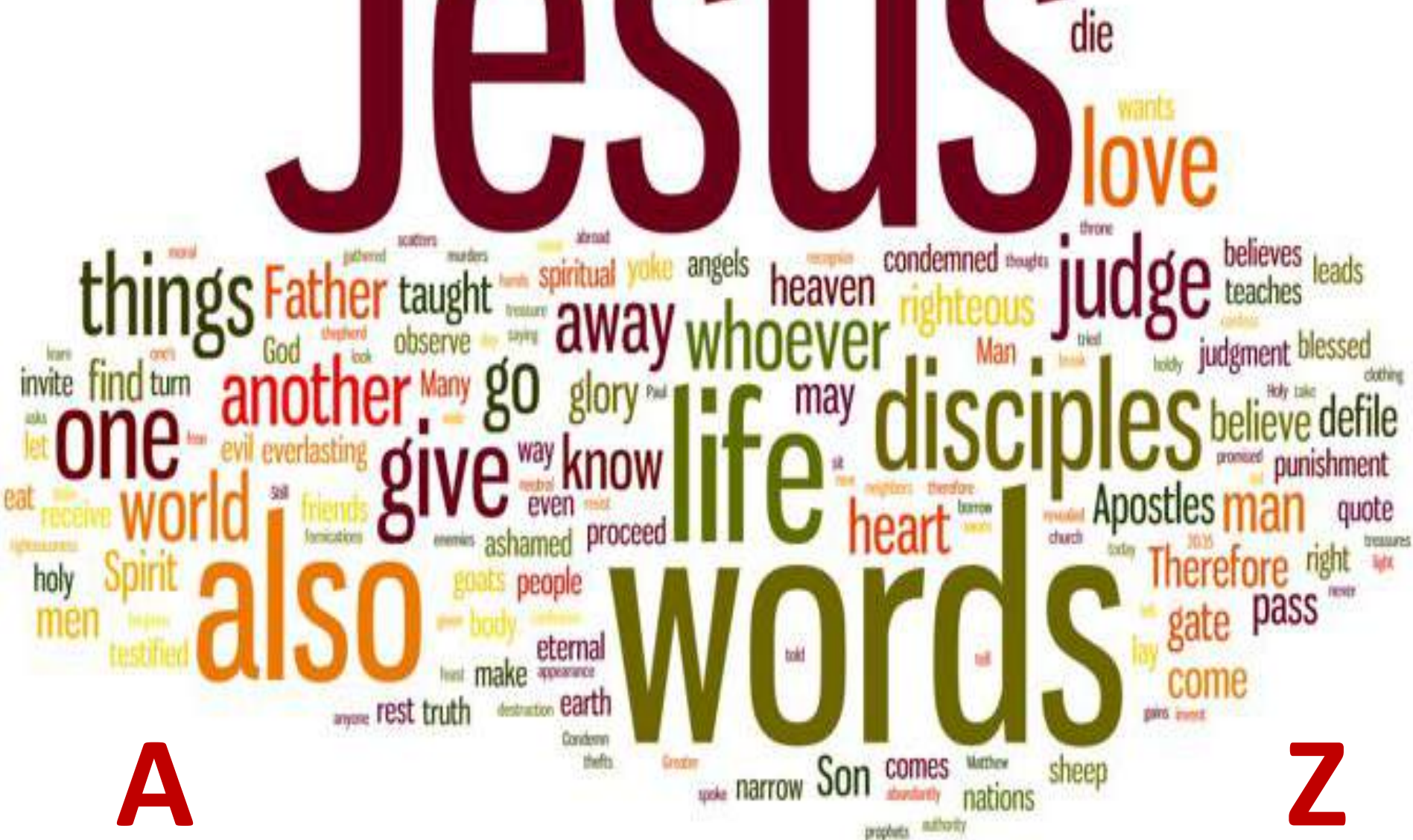
Follow Up on this Topic: Wed PM Adult Bible Study in October

We will look at a plethora of Bible "Contradictions" to demonstrate how we should approach them and actively unpack them.

Matthew
Chapters 5-7

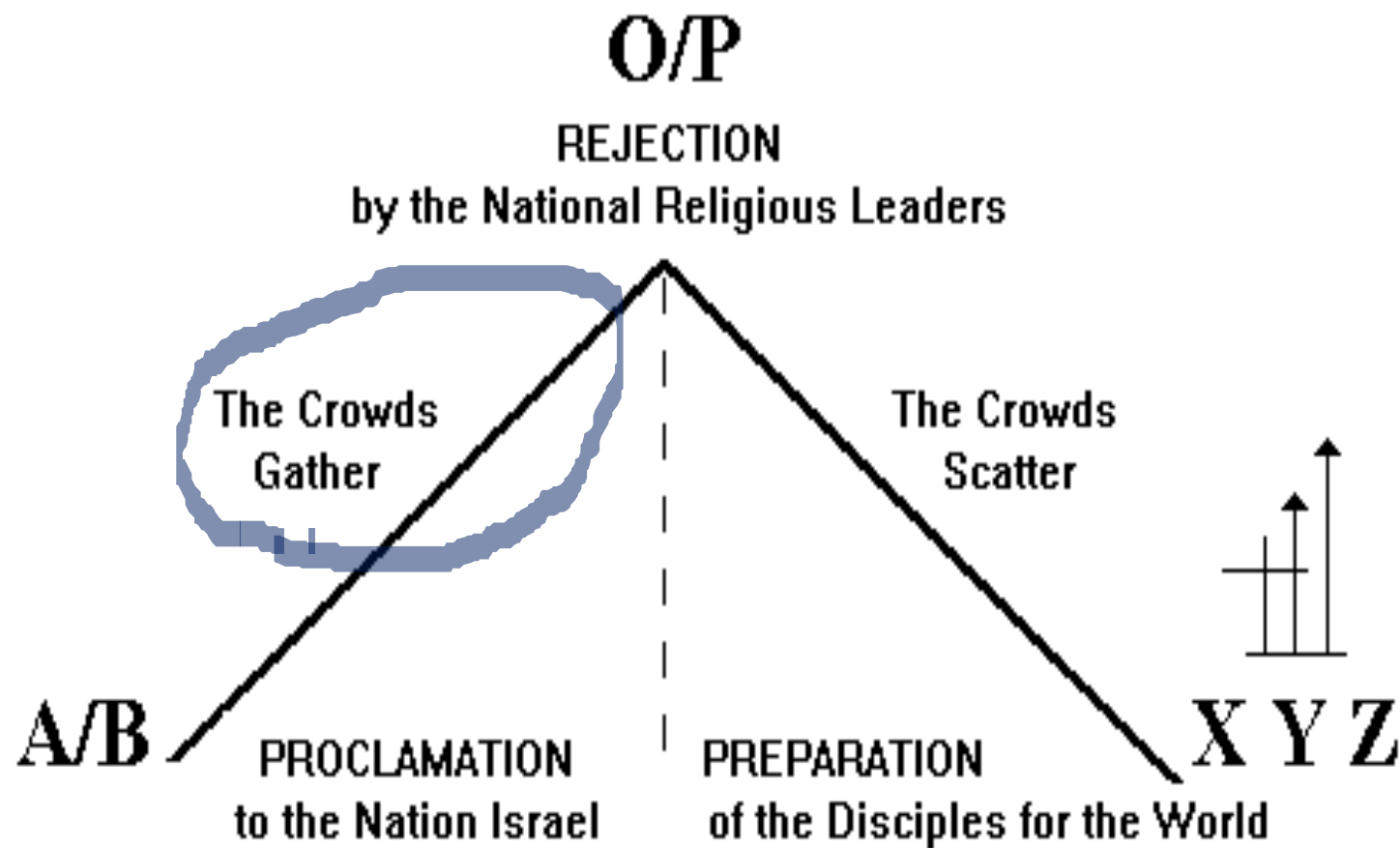
Marvelous
Messages

Jesus



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Z



THE MESSAGE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

(1) Evangelism: COME TO ME: Believe on the Christ and His Cross!

(2) Discipleship: COME AFTER ME: Deny Self, Take Up Your Cross and Follow the Christ!

Who Gets The Credit
for Your Salvation?

Who/What
Are You Trusting In?

Who Do You Expect
To Get Credit/Praise
for Your “Good Works?”

WHY Do You Do The
Good Things You Do?

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Giving v2-4

Example 2
Praying v5-15

Example 3
Fasting v16-18



Big Principle 6:1

Example 1

Example 2

Example 3

The Relationship Between Residence vs Rewards

CITIZENSHIP in Heaven

Not Based on What We Do

****Titus 3:5****

**No Condemnation
of Any Christian
Romans 5:1; 8:1**

**College Graduation
All > 1.999 GPA**

COMMENDATION in Heaven

Based on What We Do

****Revelation 22:12****

**Evaluation of the
of Every Christian's Life
1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**Special Recognition
Only Those = 4.0 GPA**

The Relationship Between Residence vs Rewards

CITIZENSHIP

Not Based on What We Do

****Titus 3:5****

**Not by works of
righteousness which we
have done but according to
His mercy He saved us**

Salvation of Sinners

COMMENDATION

Based on What We Do

****Revelation 22:12****

**My reward is with Me to
give to every man
according what he has
done**

Evaluation of Saints

SALVATION

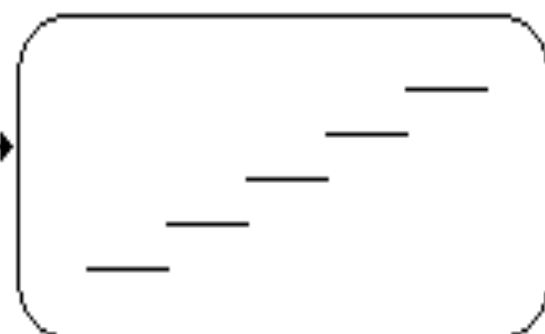
EVALUATION

Eternal Destiny

Eternal Rewards

All Believers

Salvation
ALWAYS by
Grace Through
Faith in the Work
of Christ/Cross



Heaven: New Heaven/New Earth

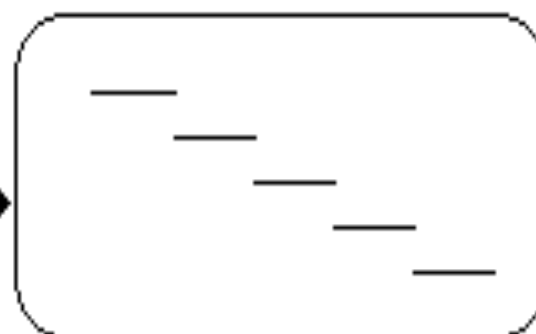
Judgment According to Works

Resulting in Various Levels
of Commendation/Reward

I Corinthians 3:11-15

II Corinthians 5:9-10

All Unbelievers



Hell: The Lake of Fire

Judgment According to Works

Resulting in Various Levels
of Condemnation/Reproach

Mark 12:40/Lk 20:47

Revelation 20:11-15

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

If any Christian's work remains (after Jesus evaluates
WHAT we did and WHY/WHEN and HOW we did
what we did) s/he will receive **reward** (μισθός)

If an Christian's work which s/he has build on it remains
s/he will receive **reward**

If any Christian's work is burned up
s/he will suffer loss _____

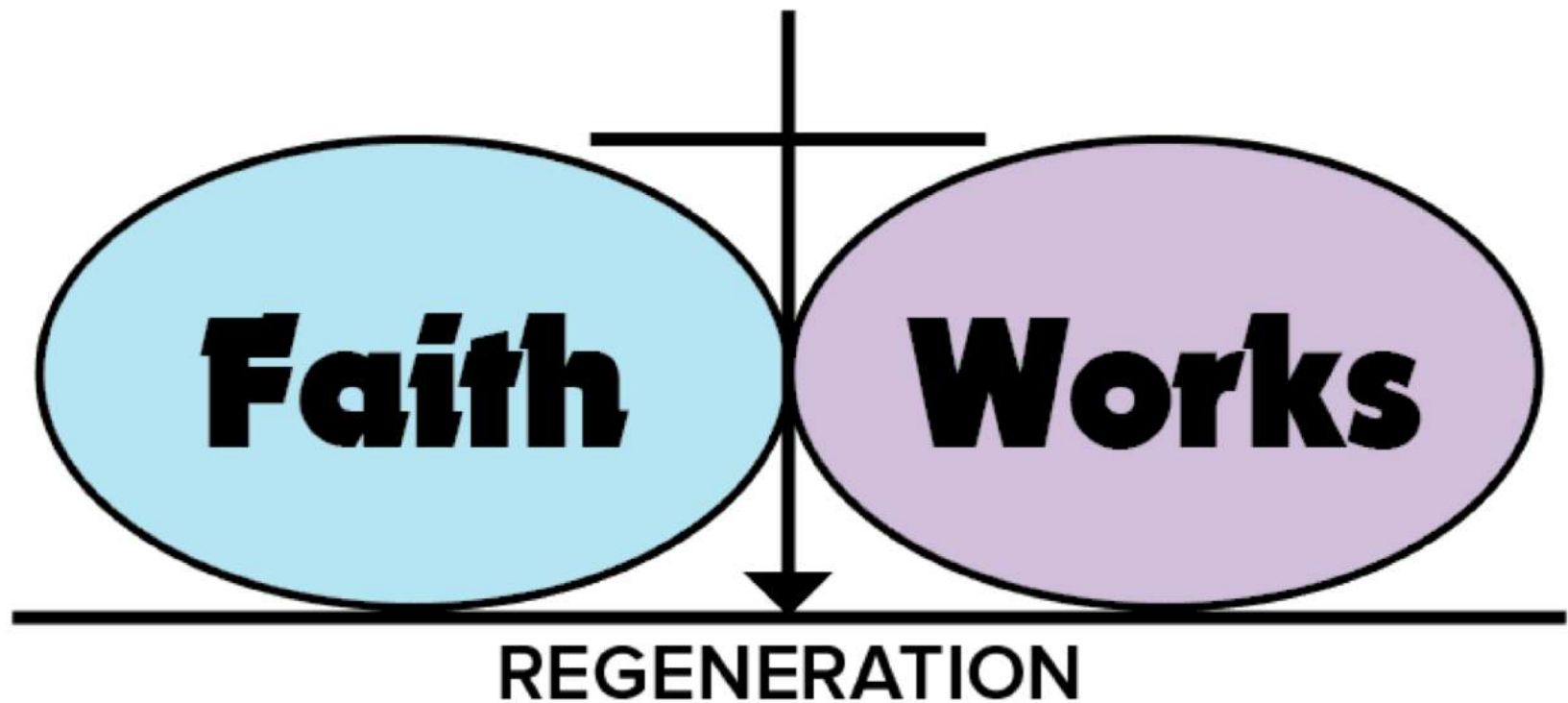
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s/he will receive reward

If any Christian's work is burned up
s/he will suffer loss of reward
but s/he will be saved

ATONEMENT



Root Cause

Ephesians 2:8-9

*Not by Works
Come to the Light*

➔ **Fruit Effect**

Ephesians 2:10

*But for Works
Let your Light Shine*

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Money Box

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6:15 neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. This is not to suggest that God will withdraw justification from those who have already received the free pardon He extends to all believers. Forgiveness in that sense—a permanent and complete acquittal from the guilt and ultimate penalty of sin—belongs to all who are in Christ (cf. **John 5:24**; **Rom. 8:1**; **Eph. 1:7**). Yet, Scripture also teaches that God chastens His children who disobey (**Heb. 12:5–7**). Believers are to confess their sins in order to obtain a day-to-day cleansing (**1 John 1:9**). This sort of forgiveness is a simple washing from the worldly defilements of sin, not a repeat of the wholesale cleansing from sin's corruption that comes with justification. It is like a washing of the feet rather than a bath (cf. **John 13:10**). Forgiveness in this latter sense is what God threatens to withhold from Christians who refuse to forgive others (cf. **18:23–35**).

Salvation: Judicial Forgiveness

Jesus Gives the Sinner Who Believes the Bath of Salvation

Given by God as the Righteous Divine Judge (Hebrews 12:23)

Based on the Work of Christ (Romans 3:24)

Once for All/Not Repeated (Psalm 103:12/Ephesians 1:7)

Received by Faith in Christ (Romans 5:1)

Brings Us into God's Family (John 1:12)

Remedies Separation from God in Eternity (Rev 20:11-15)

Justification by Faith (Rom 3:21-5:21)

Christian Life: Fellowship Forgiveness

Jesus Gives the Regenerate Believer: a Spiritual Foot Washin'

Given by God as Our Heavenly Father (Luke 11:2-4)

Based on the Work of Christ (1 John 1:5-2:2)

Repeated (Proverbs 28:13)

Received by Confession to God (1 John 1:9)

Returns Us to Fellowship within God's Family (John 13:8-11)

Remedies Relational Separation from God Now (Ps 32; 51; 66:18)

Sanctification by Faithfulness (Romans 6:1-8:30)

Matthew 6:1 & Matthew 5:16

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...and glorify your Father who is in Heaven

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The public versus private contrast is a good test of one's motives; the person who prays more in public than in private reveals that he is less Interested in God's approval than in human praise.

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Matthew in the EBC Series

