

The Gospel Has to be Obeyed

We trust you with your possessions. That's how it was with the 3,000 at Pentecost. They didn't bring their possessions in a wheelbarrow before they got saved. Acts 2:38,41 — Because they were willing, our Father gave them understanding that He was speaking to them.

There are two ransoms, two beliefs, two wills. Mk 8:37 — *Exchange* is the reality of *ransom* (Mk 10:45). Will a man give up his rotten, stinking life for eternal life? His possessions, children, loved ones, house? It has to hurt. It hurt our Father. He knew He couldn't accomplish His purpose righteously with one Son. He needed many sons to rule the universe. He didn't want to rule the universe by just being a spirit. No one can see God. He didn't want to rule the universe with just one human — no, He wanted many humans.

God's house is human beings, redeemed human beings, so He can rule the universe, ruling over the Righteous of Rev 22:11. They are righteous, not holy. Holy is set apart for a special purpose — holy as He is holy. He is set apart for us; we for Him. We only live for Him, for nothing else. We gave up living for anything else besides Him; we gave up our old life. Our Father gave up His own Son so He could have us.

Our children will be learning those things in training. From now on they'll make reports on this, and also on the Three Eternal Destinies. They'll know the gospel. They'll know it better than the first Edah. We have the recorded word. It was compiled after they were dead. Now we have the Holy Spirit to make it comprehensible, able to be understood. If our children understand it, the whole world can understand it.

We barely know it. We hardly understand it. It's all scrambled up in here. It has to be unscrambled to become like a polished arrow. We hardly know where anything is.

There is no way we can work for our salvation, for eternal life. There is no amount of work that we could do in order to earn eternal life. It doesn't matter how much we obey — we can't merit salvation through our obedience either. Salvation is through our Father alone. Our obedience shows whether we genuinely have faith. Then He can entrust Himself to us. He wants to know and we also want to know before a person is baptized that he truly understands the good news.

It's required of us to obey the gospel. It's required of us to do what it says in order to make the good confession.

I need to know what I must do in order to be saved. I know I must obey the gospel. He is the perfect sacrifice, but He doesn't entrust Himself to us unless we have faith.

The rich young ruler, the jailer, and the 3,000 at Pentecost all asked: "What must I *do*?" The whole word had to be spoken to them. They were willing. Our Father didn't have any reservation to entrust His Holy Spirit to them after they heard the many other words. Christianity calls that *works salvation*. But He won't entrust Himself to us unless our belief is true.

That's why so many people leave after a while — Joel and Sandra [*Jews from Israel*] left. Our Father couldn't entrust Himself to them. They still loved the world. He loved Jerusalem [*in Israel*], that wretched city, *So dom*, Jerusalem.

We're a new Jerusalem. We don't go there [*to Jerusalem in Israel*] with our heart throbbing. There are discos going on even on Shabbat night. An earthquake is going to wipe that out.

We are going to learn more and more about the gospel so we understand. I barely understand it myself. But our children will understand this.

A covenant is when we know each other's heart. We know our Father's heart. He knows our heart. Even a covenant among human beings is like that. They know they'll be with each other forever.

Jn 2:24-25 — Our Master Yahshua knows what's in every person's heart. Nobody had to tell Him.

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