

The Word of God – 18

We see the substitute again in - Ex 12:12 *'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

Please understand that this was the means by which Israel was redeemed – God looked for the blood of the lamb that was killed in the place of the firstborn.

All Israel was required to do to receive this redemption was to put faith in that which God had provided for their redemption by putting the blood of the slain lambs on the doorposts and lintels of their houses.

All the firstborn of Egypt and Israel died that night – the difference was that God accepted the death of another, the Passover lambs, in the place of the firstborn of Israel.

Having faith in God's provision for redemption is all that is required by anyone to be eternally saved.

This was true for all the OT saints who put faith in God's provision for their redemption, which in the OT would be the sacrifice of animals, leading to the Passover lambs.

And for the NT saints who put faith in God's provision for their redemption – the death and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ – 1Co 5:7For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

1Co 15:3 *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

In the Book of Acts the Philippian Jailer asked Paul and Silas how he could be eternally saved - Ac 16:31 *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

And I want you to see very clearly what they said in answer to his question – Ac 16:31 *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,*

'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ' – put faith in God's provision for your eternal salvation – 'and you will be saved'.

Please see from God's own words that all we have to do to be eternally saved is 'believe'. It really is that simple, and does not require us to do anything else – Eph 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Eternal salvation is the gift of God and is based on the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary and there is nothing we are able to do to be saved other than believe.

You do not have to repent
Say the sinners' prayer
Join a church
Be baptized
Dress in a certain way
Just believe.

Also, please see this - Ro 11:29 *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*

In other words, once God has given a gift, He does not take it back again.

Joh 19:30 *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

When Jesus said 'It is finished' he meant exactly that – He had done all that was necessary for unredeemed man to be eternally saved and there was nothing else that remained to be done. This work was completed in

time past and continues in this finished/completed condition into the present and into the future – it can never cease to be completed.

What I want you to see is that once you are eternally saved you can never again be unsaved, irrespective of what you do. As we could do nothing to be saved, we cannot do anything to become unsaved again.

If you could lose your eternal salvation, then Christ's work on the Cross was not finished as there would remain something more to do and God would be a liar when He says that His gifts are irrevocable – Is God a liar?

The Firstborn has died, and He cannot die ever again.

The Red Sea did not open again to let Israel through it to go back to slavery in Egypt – there was no way back.

Now let us ask the question, 'What has been eternally saved?' and 'What does it mean?'

Well, the answer to our question will have to wait until next time.