

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel:" 2 Timothy 1:9-10 KJV



Salvation "was given...before the world began," revealed by Jesus Christ. Men are saved "according to HIS own purpose and grace, not of works." Yes, men choose, but every choice was known from "before the world began" by the omniscient Jehovah! Jesus revealed Eternal Life through mortality and death; demonstrating Omnipotence in humanity. He assumed flesh to show the power of His Life over death, proving He IS "the Hope of Glory;" That glorified "Word made flesh" will continue for eternity, because "in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead, BODILY." Just as God in human form retained power over death, so shall any flesh in whom resides the Holy Spirit of the Living God! "For whom He did FOREKNOW, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son:" In His infinite foreknowledge, God foresaw every desire to repent and granted the gift of Eternal Life before they even existed! As a believer, I will not conquer death when it comes; Jesus Christ has already conquered it! "For our conversation is in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious Body." Death holds no threat for believers, because of Christ; it's worst threat is but the shadow it casts on our earthly sojourns, and though I may "walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." Men hear God speak when believers proclaim the Gospel and "Faith cometh by hearing...the Word" Men may not hear the "still small voice" of God, but they still hear your voice, and if you are silent, you leave them in condemnation. It pleases "God by the foolishness of preaching (public proclamation) to save them that believe." Believers are commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel" Don't be "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for IT is the power of God." The "preacher" of the Gospel is the Voice of the "Body of Christ." Why withhold the gift of Life from a dying soul? If the offer is rejected, your duty is complete and their guilt is their own. If not, you have bloody hands! "Go...and preach" is a command to the "Body of Christ," the Church. If you abdicate obedience in this area, you negate the benefits of any other obedience. Everything from Scripture is Truth. Earthly existence is the only "death" believers will ever see, and the only "heaven" of unbelievers! Believers have nothing to lose, because Death is "abolished" for them! "Absent from the body; present with the Lord." When my body falls away in death, I will instantly see my Saviour face to face for He is already waiting!

Death no longer frightens me,
For God dwells in me, you see,
His Life forever quickens me,
And like Him, I'll forever be! -CGP

Men obsessed with Christ's death, still find the tomb empty! The Shroud of Turin is not Christ's for it shows a face. Christ's head was wrapped with a separate cloth which He folded when He arose. Immortals should fear nothing! True believers are immortal through Christ!

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:55, 57 KJV