

LOST IN RELIGIOUS RITUAL?

Do you have victory in your "Religious" life -- or are you lost in all the "Ritual?" This is a very serious question that demands a truthful answer and will determine your "hereafter."

What we believe and cling to now in this life -- regardless of how we arrived at this juncture -- seals our future in regard to our relationship with Almighty God.

Many people in the world today are following a set of man-made rules or laws -- or even falsehoods when it comes to their "Religion" -- believing with unquestioning obedience without solid, concrete basis for their faith, handed down from generation to generation without fully understanding with open heart and mind exactly what, who, or why they are following.

I remember a question that was brought up years ago that made me wonder about my future -- that is -- suppose I (unquestionably) follow a well-worn path handed down to me by my parents or ancestors and in the end I find it to be hopeless for eternity? Suppose I was misled by not digging through it to find the truth? There comes a time in our lives when we must personally take hold of our destiny and know for sure where we are headed, *"It is appointed unto man once to die, but after that the Judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27).

But now another question comes up -- where should we look for the answers? We must have a solid basis for our search -- and I found mine in the solid foundation of the Bible -- God's Holy Word.

You can study secular history or philosophy -- you can research the past writings of the many different religions -- you can travel the world and ask questions of the various cults and ism's -- but never really find a sure solid base for answers.

On the one hand you may follow man's writings and ideas and end up in an eternity of despair -- or you may accept the tried and true writings of the Bible -- *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable"* (2 Timothy 3:16) -- and end up with an eternity of bliss -- it all depends on your willingness to have an open mind and be prepared to give serious thought to your future.

IF you follow a man or "religion" and find out after you die that it was all wrong -- you have missed God's richest blessings. IF, on the other hand, you follow the tried and true Word of the Bible, and find one day that it was the correct path -- you have gained Eternity in Heaven with all the benefits.

No one can make a decision of this magnitude for you -- you're on your own in making this life-changing decision while you still have breath. One second after death is too late -- you seal your eternity while you still have a heart beat.

Are you living by laws, rules and possibly lies? Do you have full assurance of a personal relationship with the God of Heaven and his Son Jesus Christ? Do you have Peace in your heart that you are on the right path that leads to Heaven?

True Christianity is a know-so Faith -- not a hope-so religion -- not doing my best and hope I'm on the right track, *"Except a man be Born Again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God"* (John 3:3). You can have that "Blessed Assurance" we sing about in our meetings -- you can know without a shadow of doubt that you have made real peace with God by accepting the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross -- that His blood sacrifice has cleansed you from all sin and made you a new creation in Christ -- YES -- YOU CAN KNOW FOR SURE!

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you WILL be Saved" (Acts 16:31). Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life -- no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus said, "I am come that they might have Life, and that they might have it more Abundantly" (John 10:10).

WHAT IS IT WITH YOU?

HOPE SO? -- TRYING YOUR BEST? -- or the -- BLESSED ASSURANCE?

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