

THE “ONLY” DOCTRINES

When we add the word “only” to what the Bible teaches – we create a false doctrine.

- ▶ **Westminster Confession** – Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine and very full of comfort.
- ▶ **James 4:24-26** ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

FAITH ONLY

- ▶ **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- ▶ **V. 2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

FAITH ONLY

- ▶ **V. 9** Much more then, having now been justified by His **blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
- ▶ **V. 10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the **death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by **His life**.

FAITH ONLY

- ▶ **Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)
- ▶ **Ephesians 2:8-10** 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. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

GRACE ONLY

- ▶ Many teach that salvation is totally of God; that man can do nothing to impact his salvation.
- ▶ "It is a scandalous and outrageous lie to teach that salvation arises from human activity. We do not contribute one whit to our salvation."
- ▶ "No effort on your part, no amount of good deeds, good works, trying, will ever fix your problem with sin. Fall at the foot of the cross and let the blood of the Savior touch you there."

GRACE ONLY

- ▶ **Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men
- ▶ IF we are saved by “grace only” then all men will be saved.

GRACE ONLY

- ▶ We must obey the commands of Christ.
- ▶ But salvation is not a check list
- ▶ God commands us to pray – how often, 2 times a day, 3 times?
- ▶ Acts 10 – Cornelius was not saved

WORKS ONLY

- ▶ Many Christians place all their hope of salvation on what they have done.
- ▶ What if we have not done enough?
- ▶ What are the minimum requirements?

WORKS ONLY

- ▶ **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ **Matthew 3:16-17** ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

JESUS ONLY

- ▶ It is a serious mistake to eliminate the Father and the Holy Spirit from our salvation
- ▶ The Bible clearly teaches a trinity (3 persons in the Godhead)

JESUS ONLY

- ▶ Some teach that the church should not help anyone who is not a member of the Lord's church.
- ▶ **Acts 11:29** Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

SAINTS ONLY

- ▶ **2 Corinthians 8:4** imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 9:12-13** ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*

SAINTS ONLY

- ▶ **Galatians 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- ▶ **Romans 12:20** Therefore *"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*
- ▶ **Matthew 5:47** And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others?* Do not even the tax collectors do so?

SAINTS ONLY

- ▶ Faith Only; Grace Only; Works Only; Jesus Only; Saints Only (and several more)
- ▶ All of these doctrines make the same mistake
- ▶ They take passages and add the word “ONLY”

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