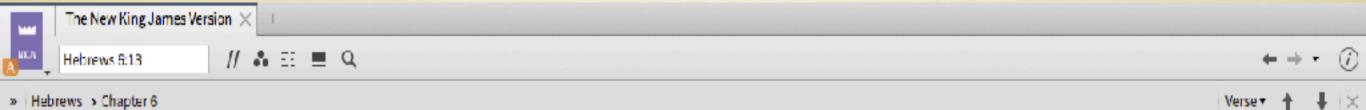
GOD'S WORD

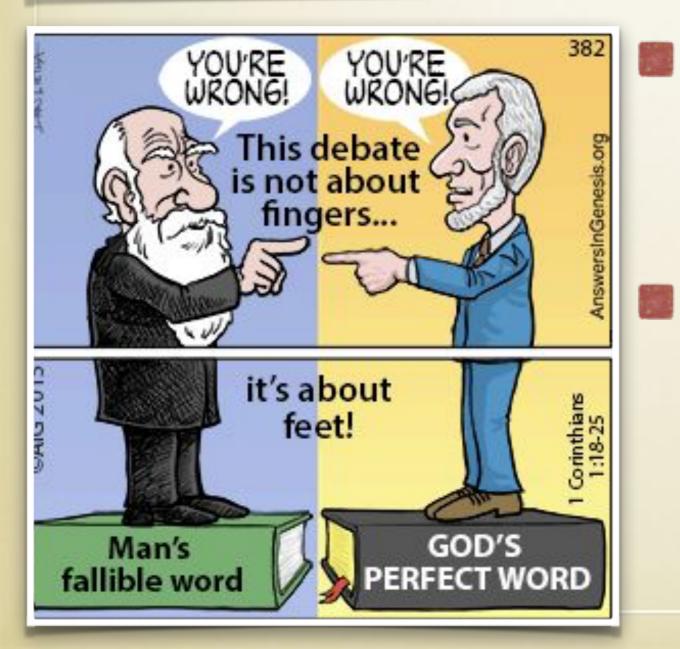
HEBREWS 6:13-20



¹³For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, ^qHe swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, ^r"Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the ^spromise. ¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and ^tan oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to "the heirs of promise "the ⁶immutability of His counsel, ⁷confirmed *it* by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two ⁸ immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to ^wlie, we ⁹might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope ^x set before us.

¹⁹This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, ^yand which enters the Presence *behind* the veil, ^{20 z}where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, ^ahaving become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

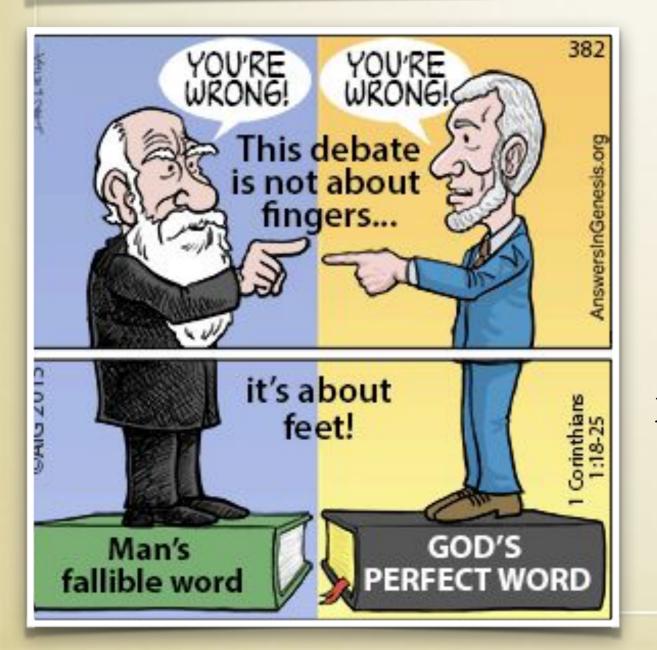




Abraham held onto hope in God's promise even though such hope was contrary to all natural expectation — Romans 4:18

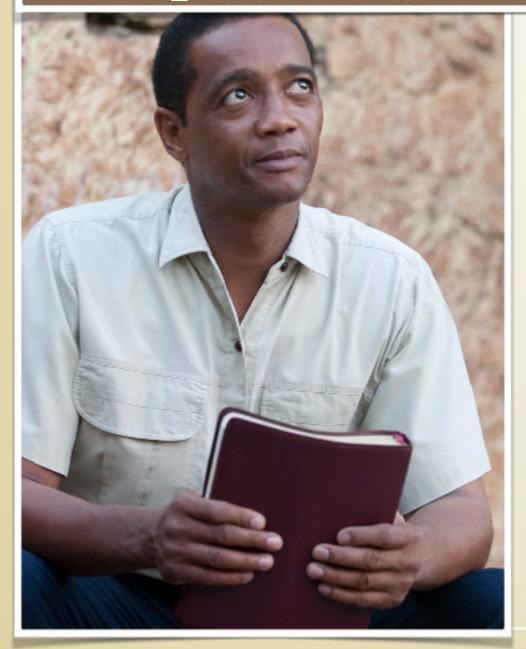
Too many do the opposite, they hold onto hope that God will NOT do what He has promised, or will do something other than what He has promised —2 Peter 3:9; Gal. 6:7-9; Mat. 21:24,25





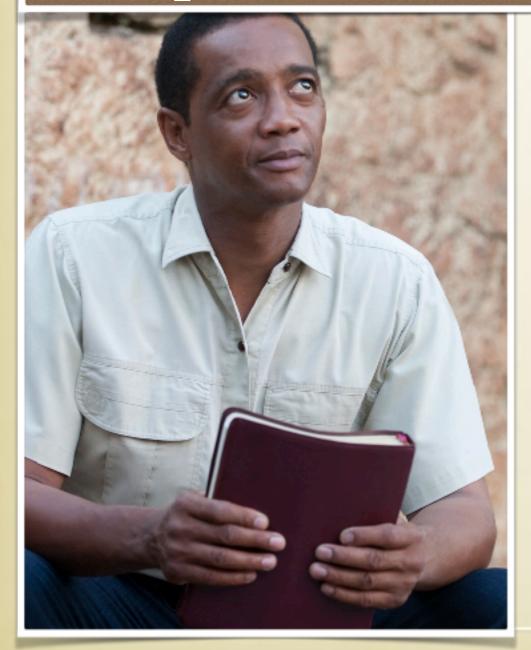
²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? — I Corinthians I:20 (NKJV)

Hope MUST be based on God's Word



Titus 1:1-3 (NKJV) ¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;





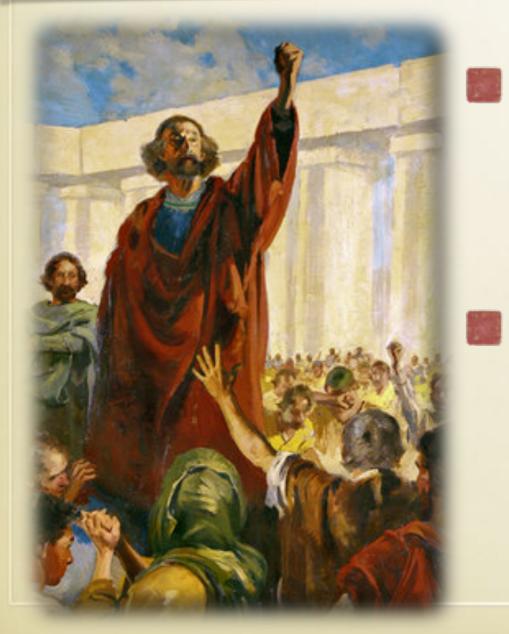
Romans 3:3-4 (NKJV) ³ For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

Holding Out Hope AGAINST GOD'S WORD ... Salvation apart from Christ?



- Atheism / Agnosticism / Eastern
 Religions / Islam / Judaism / Cults /
 Professed Christians but follow a
 different christ than the one in the Bible
 Mat. 7:13,14; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Cor 11:4
- Salvation is ONLY through & in Jesus
 Christ John 3:16-19, 36; 8:24; 14:6;
 Acts 4:12; Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27;
 Heb. 5:8.9; 12:1-3; Luke 6:46

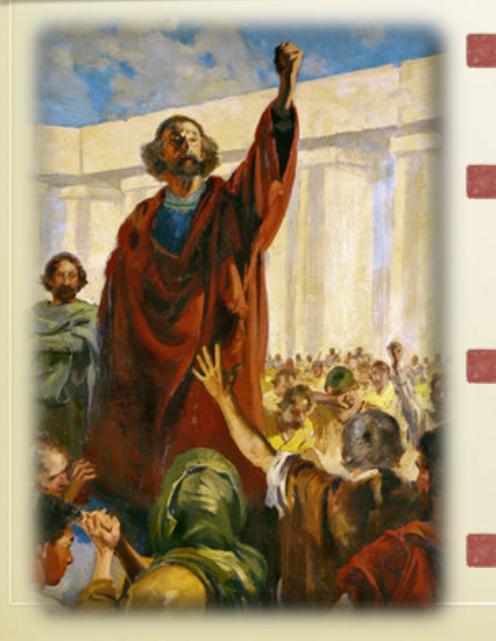
Holding Out Hope AGAINST GOD'S WORD ... Salvation without repentance?



Many current denominational and evangelical preachers teach "*Easy Believism*," which denies the necessity of a changed and conformed life.

They emphasize salvation by grace alone, apart from true, Biblical faith. They ridicule what they call "*Lordship Salvation*." — (They twist Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 10:9-13; etc.)

Salvation without repentance?



Jesus: "except you repent, you will all likewise perish" - (Luke 13:3,5)

Peter: "*Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins*" - (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 8:22; 1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2 Pet 3:9)

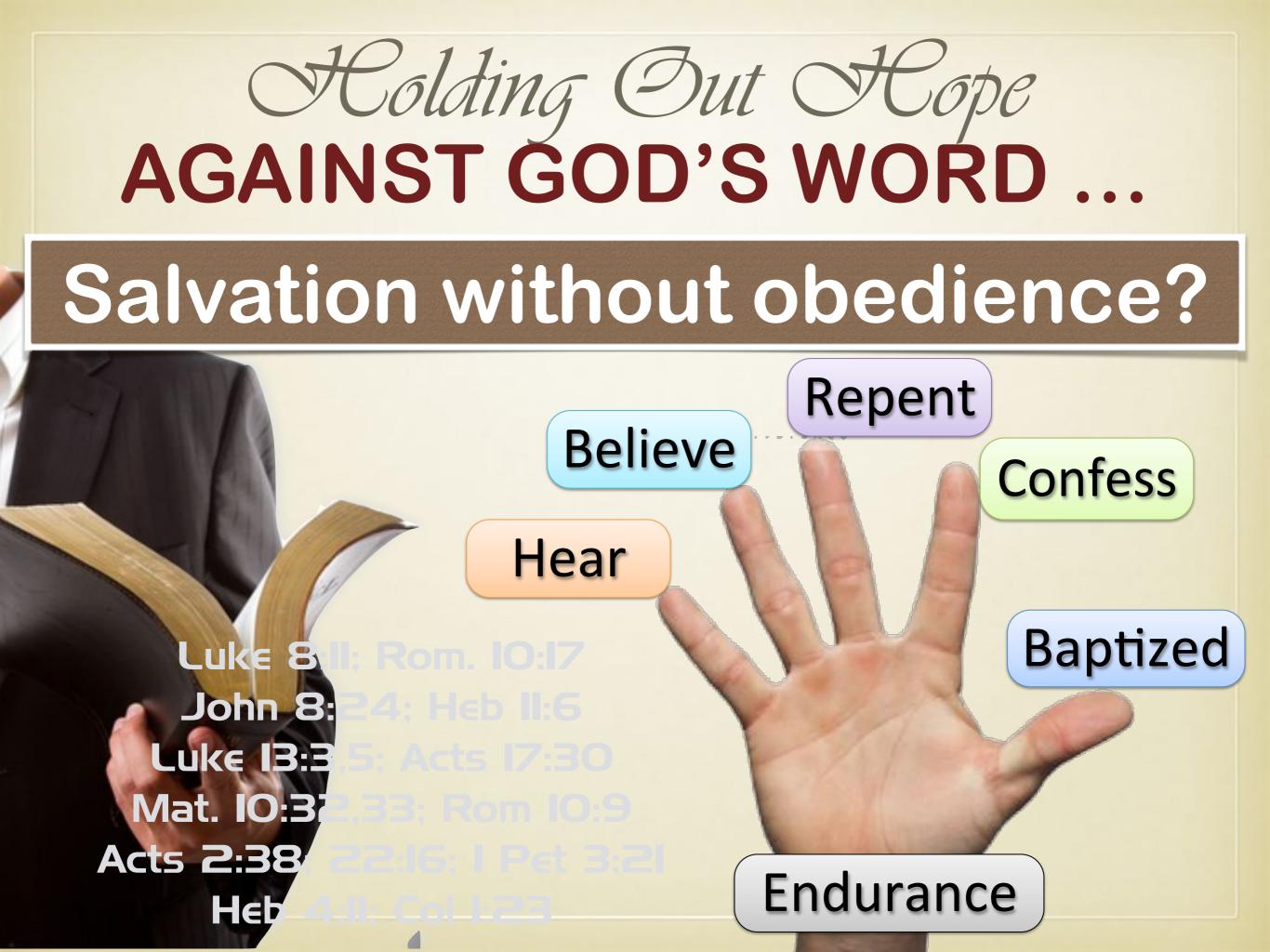
Paul: "God commands all men everywhere to repent ..." — (Acts 17:30; 26:20; Rom 2:4; 2 Cor. 7:10; 2 Tim. 2:25,26; 1 Co 6:9-11)

John: (1 Jn 1:5-2:2; 3:4-9; Rev. 2:5; etc.)

Holding Out Hope AGAINST GOD'S WORD ... Salvation without obedience?

- AS a result of misunderstanding passages such as Rom. 4:1-4; Eph 2:8,9; Tit. 3:5, many erroneously conclude that obedience is not necessary. (2 Pet 3:16)
- Obedience is the expression of genuine faith & repentance — (James 2:14-26; Eph. 2:10; Heb. 11; Acts 26:20)

Faith saves WHEN faith obeys — (Mat 7:21-23; Rom. 6:16-18; Heb. 5:8,9; Josh. 6; Heb 11:30; etc.)



Holding Out Hope AGAINST GOD'S WORD ... Salvation without worship?

- The sentiment that worship is optional is a popular one. (but John 4:21-24)
 - True worshippers will worship (John 4:23; Isa. 43:21; Phili 3:3; 1 Pet 2:9)
- We are to worship together and it is a sin to willfully forsake the assembly — (Act 20:7; 1 Cor 11:17-34; Heb. 10:24-31)

No man can honor God while disobeying Him — (John 4:24; Mat. 15:7-9; Ac 2:42; 20:7; Ep 5:19; etc)

Salvation apart from the Lord's church

Many advocate salvation apart from any church ... "I don't believe I have to be a member of ANY church!" ... "The church is not important" ... "The church doesn't save, Jesus does" ... etc.

But - The Lord built His church - Mat 16:18; The Lord added the saved to it - Acts 2:47; The Lord purchased the church with His own blood - Acts 20:28 - The Lord will save His church - Eph. 5:23-25

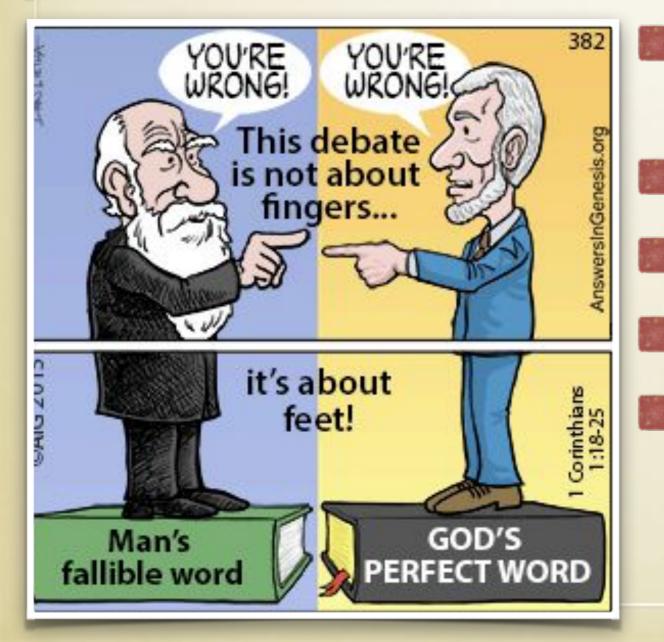
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Universal - all who are saved in Christ - Acts 2:47; Eph 4:4; 5:23

Local - saved in a location - united by the truth to worship and serve God collectively - Eph 4:11-16; 1 Cor 1:10

To follow the Lord's pattern in organization, worship & work - Phili 1:1 -(*Elders / Deacons / Saints*) - Autonomous -Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:2,3; (*Edification/ Evangelism / Benevolence*) - 1 Tim 5:16

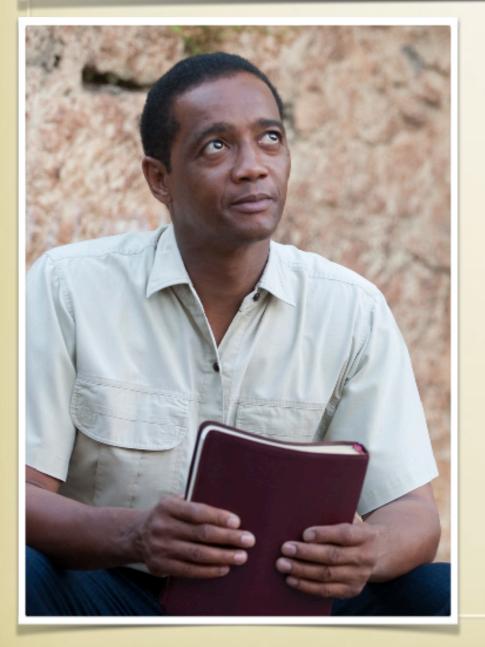




- Salvation IS ONLY by FAITH IN Christ
- REPENTANCE is REQUIRED
- **OBEDIENCE** is **ESSENTIAL**
 - WORSHIP is a MUST

There is NO salvation apart from the LORD's CHURCH (and the body, [church] must submit to the head)





- Is our hope in what God has said or is it in what He has NOT said?
- > Have we submitted to the revealed plan of salvation? (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38)
- Are we worshipping & serving God in spirit & truth? (Jn 4:24; Heb. 10:24,25)
- Ae we faithful members in the Lord's body? (Eph. 4:11-16; Heb 10:24,25)

Ret Us Embrace OUR HOPE IN GOD'S WORD HEREWS 6:13-20

HEBREWS 6:13-2

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EPHESIANS 5:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling aroma. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

EPHESIANS 5:1-7 (NKJV) ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.