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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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I Know I'm Saved

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:15-16**)

Some people contradict this by saying, "But I know I'm saved before I was baptized." Really? How? Scripture says:

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
(**1 John 2:3-5**)

No one can "know" they are saved, unless they have believed and been baptized in order to be saved.

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### **Who Honors God?**

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.  
(**John 5:22-23**)

God does not judge anyone without His Son Jesus Christ. And Jesus says no one honors God who dishonors Jesus!

"And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." (**John 8:46-47**)

Jesus has said:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:16**)

No one honors God who avoids this teaching! Claiming salvation before baptism dishonors God!

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Turning Good Into Bad

Through Isaiah, God pronounced a "woe" to:

... Those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
(**Isaiah 5:20**)

There have always been people who condemn what is good and approve of what is evil. David said, his enemies would:

"All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil."
(**Psalms 56:5**)

Jesus Christ said of the Devil, "there is no truth in him,"

"But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me" (**John 8:45**)

Paul preached Jesus in Thessalonica, but envious Jews cried out,

"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."
(**Acts 17:2-3, 6**)

Preaching Christ turns worldly morals right-side up, not the other way!

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**Love and Baptism**

And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.  
(**1 John 3:23**)

"Love one another" is about the only statement some people think is in the Bible! They then object to any other "commandment" as "legalism," not to be obeyed. John said God gave the "commandment" to "love one another." Was God commanding "legalism?" Jesus said,

"That the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do" (**John 14:31**)

Was Jesus a "legalist" because He kept God's "commandment" to "love?" Was Peter a "legalist" when:

He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.  
(**Acts 10:48**)

Why is keeping the commandments of God "legalism," but not keeping the command to love?

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Salvation is Not Miraculous

Salvation is not a miraculous act of the Holy Spirit upon a sinner's heart. After Jesus was raised from the dead, He stated:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:16**)

No one can be saved without hearing and obeying what Jesus said. Saul of Tarsus was making "havoc of the church" of Christ (**Acts 8:3**) when Jesus appeared to him and said:

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (**Acts 9:4**). Saul asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Jesus told him to "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." (**Acts 9:6**)

Jesus did not tell Saul what to do. Saul was not saved on the Damascus road. Saul had to believe and be baptized to be saved! And so must you.

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