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### From Cover To Cover!

By Mark Legendre

You can search the Bible **"from cover to cover"** and you will always discover that it takes an **"obedient faith"** to find acceptance with God. That was true of Adam and Eve and it is still true today! God blessed Noah because he had an **"obedient faith"**(Gen. 22:16-18). The reason that the gospel continues to be preached to people today is so that they might come to have an **"obedient faith"** in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 16:25-26) Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, **"Not everyone who saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in Heaven."** It takes more than simply believing in Jesus as the Son of God to be saved, for the scriptures say in Hebrews 5:9 that Jesus is the **"... author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him ..."**

### "Worry"

Said the robin to the sparrow,  
"I should really like to know  
Why these restless human beings  
Rush about and worry so."

Said the sparrow to the robin,  
"I know not unless it be  
That they have no heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me."

### Answers to Last Months Bible Questions

1. Mark 16:9 tells us that it was Mary Magdalene who was the first person who saw Jesus after His resurrection.
2. In Acts 13:6-12 we read about Elymas (Bar Jesus) who was struck blind by the Lord through Paul for trying to turn the deputy Sergius Paulus away from the truth.

## Questions For Next Month

1. What Old Testament prophet speaks of the betrayal of Jesus by one of His closest friends? (Give the scripture and it's fulfillment.)
2. What two men in the New Testament did Paul name as being Guilty of teaching error concerning the resurrection of Christ? (What was the error that they were teaching?)

## **"Once Saved, Always Saved, But Never Really Saved!"**

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Many of our religious friends and neighbors believe in a doctrine known as "once saved, always saved." This doctrine says, "Once you are saved, you can never be lost regardless of what you do or how you live. "But in order to teach this doctrine as though it was found in the Bible, you must pervert a number of scriptures. The truth is that those who teach the doctrine of "once saved, always saved" have a real problem; they have never been saved in the first place!" The reason that I say this is because those religious groups that teach this doctrine also teach the doctrine of "salvation by faith only", which likewise is not found in the scriptures.

James 2:24 says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, AND NOT BY FAITH ONLY." This scripture by itself refutes the doctrine of "salvation by faith only". However, there are many other scriptures that refute this doctrine as well. (Jms. 2:19; 2 Pet. 1:5, etc.) And there are many, many scriptures that strongly and clearly refute this doctrine of "once saved, always saved." Passages such as 2 Peter 2:20-22, Revelation 22:19, and Galations 5:4 teach emphatically against this doctrine. Just listen to what Jude 5 has to say: "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not."

Neither the doctrine of "salvation by faith only", or "once saved, always saved" is taught anywhere in the scriptures. Don't be deceived by those religious groups that teach these doctrines. They are man-made doctrines that do not save anyone. In order to be "truly saved", you "must obey the gospel of Jesus Christ." Paul says in Romans 1:16 that the gospel of Christ is the "... power of God unto salvation ..." and Hebrews 5:9 tells us that Jesus is the "... author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."