

Dear JW member, your website JW.org tells me that ‘believing in Jesus’ is not enough for me to be saved because even the demons know that Jesus is the Son of God, and they will be destroyed. Your website tells me that in addition to believing that Jesus gave his life for my sins I must:

- Learn what the Bible really teaches
- Repent of my sin
- Get baptized
- Obey Jesus’ instructions
- Endure to the end

Is it not true that what these admonitions are saying is that: ‘Yes, Jesus died for your sins, but what really matters is not what God has done for you through Jesus, but what you need to do in response.’

Is this not just another expression of human religion, where humans in their pride (and fear) assert that they can at least do their bit in making themselves right with God (even if God does a fair bit by sending his ‘Son’ to die for our sins).

Does this not dishonour God the Father who sent his Son, and dishonour God the Son, by asserting that their saving work is insufficient.

Doesn’t a Jesus + good works mindset and approach to life, mean you miss out on the true joy, peace and life God means for you to have through resting in his complete saving work in Jesus Christ.

God’s Word is clear about who it is that saves:

- God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world. *Ephesians 1:4*

- He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:5*
- In Him we have redemption through his blood. *Ephesians 1:7*.
- In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it. *Ephesians 1:13*

Where in these verses is there any suggestion that people contribute to their salvation? Even our believing cannot be seen as a work as Ephesians 2:8-10 makes very clear:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Salvation is the gift of God! We do nothing, for how can a dead person do their bit in making themselves alive! – ‘And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked’ but now ‘God being rich in mercy.... made us alive together with Christ... and seated us with him in the heavenly places’. *Ephesians 2:5-6*

God has done it all. It is He who saves, not me.

Of course, God the Son did not save me just for me to continue in sin. He did not connect me to the Father to be in relationship with him, just for me to ignore that relationship and continue chasing after idols / false gods. Now that he has saved me, he means to grow me in ‘faith, hope and love’. He calls me to now cooperate with the Spirit he has placed

within me. He calls me to ‘keep in step with the Holy Spirit’ and not live according to the sinful flesh that still has a life and energy within me. In effect this is a civil war we have entered into. In Christ I am now a ‘new creation’, but the old Adam, the sinful flesh is still there that needs to be crucified daily. It is in this sense that the apostle Paul tells me that I am to ‘work out my salvation with fear and trembling’ (*Philippians 2:13*). God calls me to:

- ‘seek first the kingdom of God’ (*Matthew 6:33*).
- ‘make every effort to ‘supplement my faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self control, and ...’ (*2 Peter 1:5*).
- ‘offer myself as a living sacrifice’ (*Romans 12:1*).
- ‘pay much closer attention to what I have heard, lest I drift away from it.’ (*Hebrews 2:1*)
- ‘deny myself, take up my cross daily, and follow Jesus’. (*Luke 9:23*)

In all this however it is critical that I never see that I am somehow contributing to my salvation. I respond to the call of God in my life as a person who is already saved, and who will be saved by the power of God. He is the one who will grow his fruit (the fruit of the Spirit) in my life. He is the one who will bring me through into eternity with him. He is the one who foreknows me, predestines me, calls me, justifies me, and glorifies me (*Romans 8:30*).

There is something of a paradox here. On the one hand it is true that there is everything in front of me to do. There is a life God calls me to step into. There are ‘good works’ that God ‘prepared beforehand’ that ‘I should walk in’. But, on the other hand, it is also true that God has done everything for our salvation.

Consider for a moment the image of a coin. A coin of course always has 2 sides, and you can't have one side of the coin without the other. When it comes to our salvation one side says: 'There is everything to do', and the other side says: 'God has done it all, there's nothing left to do'.

If we are going to take up God's call on our lives, we can only do so if at the same time we 'know' (in our heart) that God has already done it all for our salvation. In other words, we need to be always seeing both sides at once.

Jesus invites all those who are weary and heavy laden to come to him, to learn from him, and he will give them rest. He says that his 'yoke is easy' and his 'burden is light'. How could anyone have an easy yoke and light burden if it is on them to do their bit to make sure they are saved? The only way we can truly rest as we take up God's calling on our lives, is to know we are already now safely positioned in the loving arms of God, destined for eternity with him.

"Truly, truly I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life'. John 5:24.

Dear JW member, George Russell, the originator of your organization seems to have been a hard working, zealous man who sincerely believed what he taught. But sincerity and zeal do not equal truth, and he actually deviated badly from the truth of who Jesus is (one with the Father and the Holy Spirit), and the truth of his all-sufficient salvation. George Russell sadly directed people away from the Biblical teaching upheld and defended by the

Christian Church over many centuries, with a resultant loss of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said that the gates of hell would not prevail against his church. Do you really think that the true church of God was lost all these centuries until George Russell and the JW organization?

George Russell acknowledged that he was not a Hebrew and Greek scholar, and yet he saw fit to make a judgment about the Greek text in John 1:1, that went against the consensus of two millennia of linguistic scholars who, understanding Greek grammar, clearly show that the Word (Jesus) was not a god, but The God. Is this not an arrogance and pride on George Russell's part, for him to believe that the Church had got it wrong for the whole of its history, and that he alone was now presenting the truth. That George Russell was a false prophet is also surely shown by all the wrong end time prophecies he made.

Dear JW member, you have a little Jesus and a corrupted gospel which is not gospel at all. You simply have just another form of human religion where people seek to climb their way into heaven.

If these words come across as harsh to you it is because I would have the truth shake you into reality. It may be that the Spirit of God does live in your hearts despite your teaching (it is not for me to judge if you are God's), but JW teaching is the 'wood, hay and straw' that will be burned up. Come to the true Jesus, the great 'I AM', the 'Alpha and Omega'; who receives the same honour and praise as the Father. His heart is open wide to you. His love will bring you to himself and incorporate you into the life and love shared between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus is our all-sufficient Saviour.



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