

DIRECTION 7
(NO PREPARATION REQUIRED FOR SALVATION)

SUMMARY: Do not think that your heart and life must be changed from sin to holiness in any measure, before you are allowed to trust in Christ for *the sure enjoyment of Himself*, and His Salvation. p. 101
(NOTE: Some language included from the original in italics)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. MAN IS NATURALLY PRONE TO BASE HIS SALVATION ON HIS OWN WORKS. EVEN IF HE DOES NOT TRY TO EARN HIS SALVATION BY HIS WORKS, HE AT LEAST TRIES TO MAKE HIS WORKS THE THING THAT PREPARES HIM TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND HIS SALVATION BY FAITH. P. 101
- B. THE ARGUMENT OF THE LEGALISTS. P. 101
- C. THE TERRIBLE RESULTS OF LEGALISM. PP. 101-102
- D. 3 REASONS AGAINST THE ERRONEOUS IDEA THAT A MAN MUST AT LEAST TRY TO MAKE HIS WORKS THE THING THAT PREPARES HIM TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND HIS SALVATION BY FAITH: pp. 102-104
 - 1. THIS ERROR RUINS SALVATION AND HOLY LIVING IN THE SAME WAY THAT I DISCUSSED IN CHAPTER 6. IT CAN BE OVERTHROWN WITH THE SAME REASONS THAT I GAVE IN THAT CHAPTER. p. 102
 - 2. THE WORD OF GOD AND THE GOSPEL NEVER REQUIRE ANY ONE TO CHANGE THEIR HEART FROM SIN TO HOLINESS BEFORE HE IS ALLOWED TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND HIS SALVATION BY FAITH. pp. 102-103
 - 3. IF YOU RECEIVE CHRIST WITH A SINCERE FAITH, YOU WILL NEVER LACK A WEDDING GARMENT TO ADORN YOU IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. pp. 103-104

PROPOSITION: 5 TRUTHS THAT SHOW THAT WHAT PEOPLE THINK THEY NEED BEFORE THEY COME TO CHRIST IS REALLY FRUITS AND RESULTS OF FAITH. PP. 104-110

LESSON:

- I. THEY THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO REPENT BEFORE THEY BELIEVE ON CHRIST FOR THEIR SALVATION, BECAUSE REPENTANCE IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO SALVATION, CF., LK. 13:3; Mk. 1:15, pp. 104-105

NOTE: Point I, III refutes Neonomianism/Lordship position, p. 54

- II. REGENERATION IS ALSO NECESSARY FOR SALVATION (JOHN 3:3). THEREFORE, YOU MAY TRY TO PRODUCE REGENERATION IN YOURSELF BEFORE TRUSTING IN CHRIST FOR YOUR SALVATION. p. 105
- III. THEY THINK THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS THEIR LORD AND LAWGIVER, BY SINCERELY SUBMITTING TO HIS LORDSHIP AND RESOLVING TO OBEY HIS LAW, BEFORE THEY CAN RECEIVE CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR. pp. 105-106
- IV. SOME THINK THAT SOME GOOD WORKS ARE NECESSARY BEFORE ONE CAN SAFELY TRUST IN CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF ONE'S SINS (E.G., MATT. 6:12, 15). pp. 106-107
- V. I WILL MENTION SEVERAL OTHER SUPPOSED QUALIFICATIONS YOU MAY THINK YOU MUST HAVE IN ORDER TO BE PROPERLY PREPARED FOR CHRIST AND FOR HIS SALVATION. pp. 107-110
 - A. LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS, PP. 108-109
 - B. OVERCOME LUST, P. 109
 - C. FREE FROM CARELESSNESS, P. 109
 - D. TRUE HUMILITY, P. 109
 - E. GODLY SORROW FOR SIN, P. 109
 - F. GENUINE CONFESSION, PP. 109-110
 - G. AUTHENTIC PRAYER AND PRAISE, P. 110

CONCLUSION:

THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE LAID DOWN IN CHAPTER 7: "If you ask, 'What shall we do that we may do the works of God,' or get any saving qualifications? I must direct you to faith, the work of works. And, I must point you to Jesus, who is the one who saves you before you have any good qualifications at all...John 6:28-29." p. 110

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