

GRACE, FAITH AND WORKS

Isaiah 53:1-10



GOD IS IMPARTIAL - ACTS 10:34

- All have sinned and fallen short – Romans 3:23
- The wages of sin
Romans 6:23
- The same standard will apply to all men.
- God chose to forgive sin, but He will not justify by different methods.



SINFUL MAN IS HELPLESS - ROMANS 2,3



- The Jews were given the Law and yet sinned. - Romans 3: 9,20
- Gentiles did not have the Law and also sinned. - Romans 2: 12-16
- The purpose of the Law was not justification.
- God gave the Law to identify sin. - Romans 3:20
- Neither Jew or Gentile merited salvation (Romans 3: 9, 23) therefore man was *helpless*. - Romans 5:8

GOD EXTENDED GRACE TO MAN

- God is not willing that *any* should perish. - 2 Peter 3:9
- He provided a means of justification for all!
- THIS IS GRACE!
- All who are condemned will be condemned by the same standard.
- All who are justified will be justified by that same method.
- He extended mercy by His goodness and not our merits. - Romans 5: 6,7.



THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

ISAIAH 53



- Jesus lived without sin before God.
- He alone was righteous.
- The chastening of our well being fell upon Him. vs 4-6
- He became our propitiation.
- vs. 10
- His righteousness was imputed to us.

WHAT OF FAITH ??

- Faith is not mere belief; it implies action.
- Hebrews 11:1
- It is the intellectual, emotional
MOTIVATION TO ACT.
Hebrews 1:4,5
- Without **ACTION** it would not be
FAITH. - James 2.
- Without **FAITH** we cannot be saved. -
Hebrews 11:6
- Baptism is the action which validates
our faith in the work of Christ
therefore Baptism is necessary!! (James
2:22)
- Baptism is not the payment for
Salvation!



WHAT OF OBEDIENCE?



- The Jews did not earn salvation.
- Their faith demonstrated their acceptance of God's atonement for their sins.
- Our obedient works will not merit salvation.
- Baptism demonstrates that we accept God's atonement for our sins.
- By accepting His work, we accept *imputed* righteousness and the mediation of Jesus Christ.
- Disobedience demonstrates our rejection of the work of Jesus Christ.
- Apostasy is a desertion from God's atonement for our sins.

CONCLUSION:

- **QUESTION:** If the Jews were given the Law and could not follow it can we follow the law given to us?

