

DENYING THE WORD OF GOD

Unbelievable as it may sound, the Word of God is denied by many, if not most, of today's professing Bible believers. Although there is a plethora of false doctrine as taught in today's church, the problem can best be summed up as a denial of one or both of either the permanence of salvation or the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Currently there appears to be no solution to this oversight.

The Permanence of Salvation

The best example of true doctrine regarding the permanence of salvation (or the lack thereof) can be found in the Baptist churches of today. The Bible is amazingly clear that salvation is a permanent solution which need not be repeated nor even can be repeated by the believer.

The problem however that becomes evident is when many who profess salvation later find themselves in a state of denial. In fact, such have never truly experienced salvation.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come (i.e. the born again), if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:4-6)

To "fall away" here would be tantamount with losing one's salvation if it were indeed possible. But such would require that Christ be crucified again in order to "renew them again unto repentance." Such would be required for them to be born again again. Such would be a folly, putting him to an "open shame." The entire scenario is deemed as "impossible".

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Still in Effect

The gifts of the Holy Spirit (prophecies, tongues, and knowledge) are still in effect today, but are destined to retirement.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

The question is when is this retirement. It has been weakly suggested that it was at the canonization of the scriptures, an event never alluded to in scripture, but the event that marks this retirement is much later, at a time when we will know as we are known.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Where the Word of God is Taught

As seen above, the permanence of salvation is held by the Baptists and the gifts of the Holy Spirit still in effect today by Pentecosts and the Assembly of God. Both doctrines are denied in most churches today. There is a small denomination known as the Bapticostals which adhere properly to both.

The reader is urged to search the scriptures himself to find accuracy in these two doctrines.