

The Question

The Question is—It *Is* or *Ain't*, no *Maybe*—
Is you IS, or Is you AIN'T, God's Baby?

I. God's Baby

Ezek 16:1-9 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 3 And say, **Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem** [a metaphor for GOD'S ELECT CHILDREN, COJ]; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

4 **And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.** 5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but **thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.**

6 **And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live.** 7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare. 8 **Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.** 9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

A. GOD'S BABY is how God Himself pictures ETERNAL SALVATION BY GRACE.

1. The most complete Free Will & Works System for Eternal Salvation yet devised is the Roman Catholic System of 7 Sacraments. CAN IT POSSIBLY SAVE THE DEAD BABY? Let's see.

- 1) Holy Orders won't work, who ever heard of a dead baby priest?
 - 2) Holy Matrimony? Who would marry it? Everybody that knew it loathed it and threw it in the field to die.
 - 3) Penance? No—babies can't talk and dead ones can't repent, even if they knew how.
 - 4) Confirmation? What good would that do? The only thing to confirm is that the corpse is dead.
 - 5) Lord's Supper? Maybe the priest could chew it up and spit it in the dead baby's mouth? But it can't swallow. Force it down its throat with a stick? But the dead stomach won't work. Sorry, looks like a no go.
 - 6) Baptism? Roman Catholic Priests and Campbellite preachers tells us water dipping will give life to dead souls! Oh, but wait, we not only have a dead *soul*, but a dead *body* as well. In the 2 millennia since Christ was baptized, has anybody heard of a single dead *body* that was baptized and came alive? I haven't either. Baptism's a bummer. That only leaves...
 - 7) Extreme Unction, and Death is pretty extreme. Unfortunately, all the instructions we have are for the *dying*: Penance (if the *dying* person is physically unable to confess, absolution is *conditional upon contrition*); next, Anointing; finally, Viaticum (if the person *can* receive it). Sadly, since a *dead* person can't *never* do *nothin'*, it appears Extreme Unction and Last Rites are worthless...*for the Already Dead*.
2. Sadly, the Roman Catholic priest (and ALL OTHER Freewillers & Workers) must walk away from this Dead Baby.
3. **So, what does God do?** He speaks **Life** into the Dead Baby, He bestows **Love** that replaces loathing, He **spreads His Skirt** and covers its nakedness, He **swears a Covenant** to the Baby and **makes it His Own**.

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4. Now, let's make *absolutely sure* we've got this right.

Rev 20:12b,15 ...And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works... 15 And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

What about the Dead Baby? How was he judged? *He was in that Covenant*, thus written in the Lamb's Book of Life. So yes, we can be *absolutely sure* we've got this right.

B. *All Unregenerate People are just like that Dead Baby*—unless the Sovereign Grace of God GIVES them Eternal Life, they have no hope. *AND JUST EXACTLY SO, IS EVERY CHILD OF GOD.*

II. How can someone KNOW that they are God's Baby?

A. Regeneration comes *before* Faith; therefore, *FAITH PROVES REGENERATION.*

1. In General, Faith is made possible by God's Grace FIRST.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Eph 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2. Specifically, one must be born again (thus eternally saved) BEFORE they can believe. 5 passages that clearly prove it.

1 Jn 5:1a Whosoever believeth (present tense) that Jesus is the Christ is born (present tense passive) of God...

Note—Passive mood 'born' takes place in the past, *before* present tense 'believeth' and 'is'. In the Gk, 'is born' is present perfect tense, taking place *before* the present. 'Whosoever' means no exceptions. What does it *mean*? Faith AFTER Regeneration.

Act 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained (Gk and Eng, perfect tense passive) to (G1519 eis) eternal life believed (Gk, aorist tense active).

Note—The King James English plainly says "as many as were ordained (past perfect tense) to eternal life believed (past tense). The past perfect action takes place *and is finished* before the past action, because it's *even further* in the past. The *Textus Receptus* Greek plainly says, "as many as were ordained *into* (which is the Primary Meaning of *eis*) eternal life believed." They *already* had eternal life *when* they believed. Either way, the text plainly *means* Faith AFTER Regeneration.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Note—'Hear', 'Believe', and 'Hath' are all in the present tense, *all three happening at the same time*. But, 'Is Passed' is in the present perfect tense, meaning that *it happened some time before the present*. Obviously, *before* someone dead in sins can *have* eternal life, they must first *be passed* from death unto life. But, look what that does to *hearing* and *believing*—they are *first* passed from death unto life *before they do that, too*. Faith AFTER Regeneration, you see.

John 17:2-3 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should (subjunctive mood) give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that (G2443 *ina*) they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1) An example of the Conditional Subjunctive mood: God gave some people to Jesus Christ in the Eternal Covenant, *on condition that* He should then give them eternal life,

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which He did. And Jesus Christ had all the power he needed, over all the flesh there was, so that *not one* of them was lost ('as many as'—every single one).

- 2) The Gk word *ina*, translated 'that', is a conjunction—a word that connects other words to each other, in this case 'life eternal' connected with 'knowing' God and Christ. It is used to show the purpose for which something is done:

ina. "in order *that*" (denoting the *purpose* or the *result*).

[Strong's Greek Lexicon, G2443]

That, you see, is the Primary Meaning of the word *ina*. In addition to giving His People eternal life, according to His Eternal Covenant, God also wants His people to *know* Him and Jesus Christ. Having eternal life makes this possible (which is why atheists are fools and *don't* believe in God, Psa 14:1-3). This verse *states explicitly* that one of the reasons Jesus Christ gives us eternal life is so that *we can know Him and God*. Why? Because, if you don't *know* Them, you cannot *believe* in Them. We are *first* given eternal life by Jesus Christ, so *then* we can *know* and *believe* in Him.

- 3) There is a GRAMMAR GAME that is played here, to hide the fact Jesus Christ *first* gives us eternal life so that we can *then* believe in Him. *Verse 3 is explained away as if it were a definition of eternal life*. Such tricksters say, "This verse *defines* eternal life as 'knowing God and Christ'. IT DOES NO SUCH THING—it explicitly states the *REASON* OR *PURPOSE* for giving eternal life: "That they might know...God and Jesus Christ...". It is true, and I don't deny it, that *part* of eternal life is knowing God and Christ, personally and familiarly; but there is a lot more to eternal life than personal knowledge of God. Notice the GRAMMAR GAME: *It subtly denies the Primary Meaning of 'ina' (to show reason or purpose) by claiming that it shows 'definition' instead...which it does not—that is a grammatical error that would flunk you on a Greek 101 pop quiz.*
- 4) So you see, what this passage both *says* and *means*, in plain Greek and English, is Faith AFTER Regeneration.

John 1:12-13 But as many as **received** (Gk, aorist tense) him, to them **gave** (Gk, aorist tense) he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** (present tense) on his name: 13 **Which were born** (Gk, aorist tense passive), **not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

- 1) Some helpful definitions—note the *difference*:

receive. be given, presented with, or paid (something).

accept. consent to receive (a thing offered).

[Oxford American]

Note the *difference*: Everyone smacked hard in the face will *receive* it, but very few will *accept* it. See? "Receiving" Jesus in this verse does *not* mean "Accepting" Jesus—these people *received* Jesus when they were born of God...there was no *accepting* to it, any more than a fetus accepts mommy and daddy breeding it into existence.

- 2) The main clause of the sentence is v. 13, *not* v12. It declares as the dominant fact that these people "were born...of God", not of blood (sacrifices), nor will of the flesh (genetic inheritance), nor the will of man (free will, or Neo-gnosticism).
- 3) Aorist tense in Greek looks at a verb as a finished action, it is equivalent to past tense in English, which is why it was translated that way. *Note very carefully* that these people were born of God (and passive means *God* did it *to* them), thus they received the Redemption of Jesus (which is what that logically means, see Rom 3:21-26), and were thus given power to become the sons of God (Regeneration)—all some time in the past...*all before they believed* (in the present). Faith AFTER Regeneration. From now on, pay close attention to how most preachers *explain* this verse...now that you *know*, ask a few to see what they say, just for the fun of it.
3. In **summary**, these 5 passages *alone* are capable of refuting EVERY CONCEIVABLE FALSE RELIGION, even those that haven't been invented yet. You see, ONLY Patriarchal Worship (Adam to Moses), Christianity, and Mosaism (Judaism *until* 70 AD) teach Salvation by Grace. All other religions...

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including Occult Babylonian Talmudism (Judaism *since* 70 AD)...are based upon various systems of Free Will and Works.

III. Here is *How God Explains His Baby*:

Rom 9:11,14-16,18 (For **THE CHILDREN** being not yet born, neither having **done any good or evil**, that the purpose of God according to **election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth**;)... 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, **I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.** 16 **So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy**.... 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom **he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

Tit 3:4-7 But after that the kindness and love of GOD OUR SAVIOUR toward man appeared, 5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the HOLY GHOST;** 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made HEIRS according to the hope of eternal life.

Note Well...*The Trinity did it!*

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