



Born to never Die

The question that should most attract us is: “What must I do to be saved”? This life is not to be our eternal end. We were created (born) to never die. There is a great life that is waiting for us. We must find out how to obtain that eternal life and how we might be saved from the consequences of our own sinful lives. Romans 3:23; 6:23

- I. The rich young ruler questions Christ. Matthew 19:16-22
 - i. “What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” Matthew 19:16
 1. The rich young ruler had kept all the commandments of God. Matthew 19:20.
 2. The rich young ruler still felt a definite lack. Matthew 19:20
 - ii. Christ’s answer was two fold.
 1. ‘...if thou wilt enter into life keep the commandments.’ Be obedient to God. Matthew 19:17
 2. “If thou wilt be perfect...come and follow me”. Matthew 19:21
Accept Christ and be His disciple.
- II. Christ’s answer to the rich ruler is true today.
 - i. No man, woman or child will be saved by keeping the law.
 1. “By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified...” Romans 3:20
 2. The rich ruler after keeping all of God’s commands still felt a lack. He knew the letter of the law and not the Spirit or the individual whose character was displayed in the law. Legalism in all its forms leaves a man empty. We cannot earn salvation or the right to eternal life by simply keeping the law, even though the law does

play a part. Jesus said, “If you love me keep my commandments”.
John 14:15

- ii. Christ explained to the rich Ruler if “that lack” in his life would be filled he must follow Christ.
 - 1. We obtain Salvation by following Christ, accepting His life. Acts 4:12
 - 2. Salvation is a gift. Romans 6:23
 - 3. Christ alone could ransom lost sinners. Romans 5:12, 18. When He cried on the cross, “it is finished” John 19:30, the plan of Salvation was completed.
 - 4. Because of God’s grace and His gift in Jesus, we establish God’s law in our hearts.
 - a. Romans 3:31 “Establish”
 - b. Ephesians 2:8-10 “Good works”
 - c. Titus 2:11,12 (Live...righteously)
 - d. James 2:20-16 “faith without works is dead”
 - 5. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” John 14:15

III. God’s theology vs. man’s theology

- i. God’s Theology
 - 1. Keep Commandments
 - 2. Accept Christ
- ii. Old Jewish Theology
 - 1. Keep Commandments
 - 2. Reject Christ
- iii. Modern Theology
 - 1. Reject Commandments
 - 2. Accept Christ

IV. You make the choice. Which theology do you think is the best choice?