

A letter to followers of Harold Camping

I've read Mr. Camping's message entitled "I hope God will save me". If you believe that his teaching is true I challenge you to study one of the foundational blocks of his thinking.

If I understand it properly, Mr. Camping's teaching goes like this:

Works do not aid, or contribute to, or are used in salvation in any way.

Faith is a work.

Therefore faith is not used in the process of salvation.

This is the fatal flaw.

This real truth is displayed best in Romans 4: 4Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

We can see here that believing is not regarded by Paul as a work. In fact, he regards it as just the opposite. His argument is an argument of work vs. faith. The whole argument makes no sense at all if one assumes what Mr Camping teaches.

Now, how can faith be regarded as not a work that adds to salvation? The answer is in Eph 2:8,9. 8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast.

The faith that is used in salvation does not have its origin in us. It was given to us by God.

Therefore we get no credit for it, even though its exercise does have our will's involvement.

Please study this for yourself and you will find that faith is the means God uses in our salvation.

This is part and parcel of the Gospel. A gospel without faith is not a gospel at all.

When this flaw is clearly seen in Mr. Camping's thinking, the rest of his building crumbles.

Suddenly it is seen that salvation is and always has been part and parcel of the true church. And the corner on the market he claims to have on true salvation is at least a colossal error in his theology. He is teaching error and the biggest problem with the error he is teaching is that it is exactly opposite of the only way of salvation.

Please study this one point for yourself and you will find that the truth that saves is not the truth he has been teaching.

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