

More Bothersome Questions and Answers

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Q. Does the natural man have any ability to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation without God the Father graciously granting him that ability and effectually drawing him to Christ?

Answer. *No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. -- Joh. 6:44 (KJV).*

And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father -- Joh 6:65 (KJV).

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race unconditionally elected to salvation by God the Father in eternity past?

Answer. "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will" . . . "In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" -- **Eph 1:4-5,11 (KJV).**

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*But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
– 2Th 2:13 (KJV).*

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. – 2Ti. 1:9 (KJV).

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race given to the Lord Jesus Christ by God the Father in eternity past and designated as His sheep? Do all of Christ's sheep come to Him for salvation and follow Him as Lord? Were they His sheep before they repented and believed on Him?

A. All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. -- **Joh 6:37 (KJV).**

As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given" . . . "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word" . . . "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine" . . . "Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world -- Joh 17:2,6,9,24 (KJV).

*And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd" . . . But ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. --**Joh 10:16,26-29 (KJV)**.*

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race ordained to eternal life by God the Father in eternity past? Did their ordination to eternal life precede or follow their belief or faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? When were their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

***A.** Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. -- **Acts 2:47** (KJV).*

*And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. -- **Acts 13:48 (KJV)**.*

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. – **Rev. 13:8 (KJV)**.*

*The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. -- **Rev. 17:8 (KJV)**.*

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ when He shed His blood and died on the cross in their place for their sins?

A. I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" . . . I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. -- Joh. 10:11,14-15 (KJV).

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. -- 1Pe 1:18-19 (KJV).

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken. – Isa. 53:8 (KJV)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. – Mat. 1:21 (KJV)