

## WE CONTROL RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE AND GOD'S REWARD

Whosoever believeth in Jesus will be saved. John 3:16; Romans 5:17b; 10:13

Have a readiness of mind to receive godly wisdom. Acts 17:11 Exodus 18:14-27 NLT

Obey His commandments and abide in His love. John 15:10 1 Thessalonians 5:11-23

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2 1 John 1:9

1 Thess. 5:11-23 Transformation into the image of Jesus Christ is our goal for self and others.

Here are ways to obey His commandments and be transformed.

- 11 Point out a quality you appreciate in a person.
- 12 Look for ways to cooperate with church leaders.
- 13 Hold back critical comments to leaders. Say "thank you" for their efforts.  
Search for ways to get along with other people.
- 14 Challenge someone to join you in some activity. Encourage the timid.  
Think of circumstances that try your patience, and plan ahead of time how you can stay calm.
- 15 Don't plan to get even with those who mistreat you, do good to them.
- 16 Be joyful remembering that even in the middle of turmoil, God is in control.
- 17 God is always with you. Talk to Him continually.
- 18 Give thanks for every circumstance, remembering this is God's will for you.
- 19 Cooperate with the Holy Spirit.
- 20 Receive God's Word with a readiness of mind.
- 21 Test all things by God's Word. Know what is evil and know what is good accordingly.
- 22 Keep away from every kind of evil. Avoid situations which draw you into temptation.
- 23 Keep letting God make you holy and blameless.
- 25 Pray for the evangelist.
- 26 Greet and encourage each other with love.
- 27 Share God's love at every opportunity in word and deed.

All who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:17b

They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Acts 17:11b

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophet, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus says there is one condition for us being chosen for salvation. Whoever believes in Jesus will be saved.

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

## **WE CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT WE DO THE WORKS OF GOD.**

John 6:28,29 What must we do to perform the works of God? Jesus said, This is the work of God, that you believe on Him who He hath sent.

Ephesians 2:10 He created us in Christ Jesus so that we can do good works.

Faith is based on evidence with a foundation to build upon. Hebrews 11:1

The evidence comes from the Bible, nature, human experience, and the working of the Holy Spirit who convicts all people and indwells believers.

Faith is not believing in something in the absence of evidence. Evidence is available.

Believers can do righteous acts as they are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. These righteous acts are the only thing we take with us to the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Revelation 19:8      1 Corinthians 3:13,14

