"FOR WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?"

Romans 4:3

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INTRODUCTION

1. Paul appeals to the scripture in Romans 4:3 to prove his point that Abraham was justified by faith and not by the works of the law.

2. The Scripture he gave was Genesis 15:6: "And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness".

3. This is a question that every sincere person needs to ask if he is interested in knowing what God would have him do to please Him.

4. We need to ask, "What saith the scriptures ABOUT...":

I. SIN

1. All have sinned -- Rom. 3:23


3. Sin brings spiritual death or separation from God -- Rom. 6:23; Isa. 59 - 1:2

4. If we die in our sin we cannot go where Jesus is -- John 8:21.

5. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" -- I John 1:8.


7. Without shedding of blood is no remission of sins -- Hebrews 9:22.

8. His blood cleanseth us from all sin -- I John 1:7; Rev. 1:5.

9. We receive the remission of sins when we are baptized -- Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4.


II. WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT CHRIST?

1. His is the only begotten Son of God -- John 3:16.


3. He tasted death for every man -- Heb. 2:9.

4. He built the church -- Matt. 16:18.

5. He is the Head of the church -- Eph. 5:23.

6. He is the Savior of the body, the church -- Eph. 5:23.

III. WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE CHURCH?

1. There is ONE -- Eph. 4:4.


4. The saved are added to it -- Acts 2:47.

5. We are baptized into it -- I Cor. 12:13.
IV. WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT HELL?

1. Hell is prepared for the devil and his angels -- Matt. 25:41.
2. Hell is a place of torment -- Rev. 20:10.
3. In hell sinners are separated from God -- II Thess. 1:9.
4. In hell the fire is not quenched -- Mark 9:48.
5. Hell is everlasting punishment -- Matt. 25:46.
6. Some things not found in hell:
   (1) No light -- Matt. 25:30
   (2) No mercy -- Luke 16:24
   (3) No water -- Luke 16:24
   (4) No love -- Rom. 2:8-9
7. In Hell there is wailing and gnashing of teeth -- Matt. 13:42

V. WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES ABOUT BAPTISM?

1. There is ONE baptism -- Eph. 4:5
2. The SUBJECT of baptism:
   (1) One who is taught -- Matt. 28:19
   (2) A believer -- Mark 16:16
   (3) One who has repented -- Acts 2:38
   (4) One who has confessed -- Acts 8:37
3. The ACTION of baptism:
   (1) A burial and resurrection -- Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12
4. The DESIGN of baptism:
   (1) Salvation -- Mark 16:16; I Pet. 3:21; Acts 28:16; Acts 2:38

CONCLUSION

1. Have you obeyed what the scriptures SAY for you to do in order to be saved?