

## March 17, 2024

# **Can one earn salvation?**

Introduction. The answer is an emphatic No.

There is absolutely no way man can meritoriously achieve salvation. The scriptures are replete with teaching to this end. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done," Paul writes, "but according to his mercy he saved us..."(Tit. 3:5). Salvation is a "gift of God" offered to man in his state of utter helplessness (Eph. 2: 1-8). Salvation is "not of yourselves...not of words, lest any man should boast" (2:9). Abraham and David exemplify the truth that one can not merit ("worketh") salvation (Rom. 4:1-8).

While man can not earn salvation, works are required. In Titus 3:5 where Paul affirmed we are not saved by works, Paul goes on to say we are saved...by the washing of regeneration..." Obviously, baptism is meant. In the text in which we are told "for by grace are ye saved," Paul says "through faith" (Eph. 2:8). Grace is God's part: faith is man's part. Active, obedient faith is required (Gal. 5:6, Jas. 2:24).

The Bible does not contradict itself in the matter of man's salvation. Religionists commonly array works (any kind) and salvation. The truth is man cannot be saved without obedience (Heb. 5:8,9). However, it is God's grace that saves. This is because man alone can never effect redemption (cf. Matt. 18:22-27). Nonetheless, man's obedience is indispensable in salvation (Acts 2:36-41).

**Conclusion.** Jesus summed it up when he taught: "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." (Luke 17: 10).

Excepts taken from biblequestions.org



Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Jalen S./Johnny H. Welcome & Announcements **Opening Prayer** 

> Sona # 421 -Sweet, Sweet Spirit (JH)

Sona # 490 -It Is Well with My Soul (JS)

> Lord's Supper Contribution

#### Kids 4 Kids (JH) **Bible Hour** 3 yr - 4th grade

**Prayer Requests** 

Song # 587 -Sing and Be Happy (JS)

> Scripture Reading -Revelation 3:7-13

### Sermon by: **Darryl Darden**

"Faithfulness Is All We Have"

Song of Invitation: Song # 909 -There's Is a Fountain Free (JS)

Song # 957 -This World Is Not My Home (JH)

### **Closing Prayer**



Schedule of Events



**Building Lock Up: Tony Rose** 

\*\*9:00 a.m. - Bible Class

### \*\*10:00 a.m. -**Sunday Worship**

\*\*10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de Adoracion (via Facebook Live)

Monday, Mar. 18, 2024 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2024 **Bible Study on Zoom** 7:00 p.m. -Bible Study "After-Life" 7:00 p.m. - En Linea **Clase Biblica** 

<u>Thursday, Mar. 21, 2024</u> 4:30 p.m. - Zoom Ladies Class Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman



### Pray For Our Military



Brandon Applegate; Matison Brown; Andre Canady; Zack Cantu; Danny Eickmeyer; Robert Farrell; Anthony Guess; Raymond Holguin; Jaehyeong Park; and Robert Rygoza.

### Grief Share begins Sunday, <u>April 7th @ 1 p.m.</u>

This class will meet every Sunday. It is a safe place for anyone who has lost a loved one or to help you learn how to console someone. For more info. please contact Strech Suba at (619) 251-5004.

#### Church of Christ Foundation Scholarships



invites you to apply for a scholarship by visiting

www.churchofchristfoundation.com

Applications are due by <u>4/30/24.</u> Additional info. located in the lobby on the Community Board.





Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins Barbara Tidwell; Tyson Crawford; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Christina Wityczak; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

> **General** Our congregation.

#### Health

Beckie Lindsey; Danelle Tess; Denise Mitchell and her daughter and grandbaby; Elisa; Ida Crawford and family; John Ryal; Kirstie; Marilyn Owens and Vanessa.

Thanksgiving Eva Wityczak and the McClellan's.

**Traveling** Brenda Strange; Leisa Pond; and Cy hante' Brewster.

For Their Losses Norm & Sharron Gainer and family; the neighbors; and the Gramling's with the passing of Ryan Gainer. Trisha Cantu's co-worker, Tayna who lost her step-mom, Diana.



### **Victor Valley Church of Christ**

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Elders - elders@vvchurchofchrist.org Darryl Darden Tony Rose Jake Tess

Ministers – eric.cimuchowski@vvchurchofchrist.org Eric Cimuchowski – Involvement Minister Darryl Darden - Pulpit Minister Carlos Orrala - Spanish Minister

#### Deacons

**Benjamin Lopez** - Spanish Ministry **Craig Beck** - Security **TBA** - Benevolence TBA - Greeters & Ushers

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint. TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief Mark Gruwell - Teens

#### <u>Audio Visual/Zoom</u> Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley Johnny Latham

Building Décor Tonja Patton

Carolyn Richardson & Eva Wityczak

Call Out Ministry M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski; T. Rose; & S. Suba

<u>Song Leading, Singing</u> Jeremiah Darden

#### Ministries & Coordinators

Children's Bible Hour Claudia Beck & Ga' Brielle Darden

<u>Grief Support</u> Strech Suba

<u>Historian</u> Kasie Schow

<u>Kitchen</u> Pauletta Hobson

Ladies' Ministry Kim Cimuchowski <u>Military</u> Pauletta Hobson & Leisa Pond

Bulletin Mailouts Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator Jeff Najera

<u>Savior's Kids</u> Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom Nina Sutton

Youth Group Mark & Renee Gruwell

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager Staff Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Andrea Barahona - Janitorial Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

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Last Week's Statistics				
<u>Financial</u>			<u>Attendance</u>	
Contribution 3/10/24	\$	3,306.76	A.M. Bible Class N/A	
Contribution 3/3/24	\$	4,311.16	A.M. Worship	
Special Contributions	\$	432.00	In Person IIO	
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$ 1	137,998.38	Via Zoom 34	
Teen Fund	\$	5,146.96		
Mission Fund	\$	3,450.82	Wed. P.M. Bible Class N/A	
Scholarship Fund	\$	1,661.09		
Kids 4 Kids	\$	77.00	Mid Week Bible Studies N/A	