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It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches.

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# Valley Tidings

**Set For The Defense of the Glad Tidings**

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## Shouldn't The Church Expect

- More dedication than you show your employer?
- More enthusiasm than you give to your hobbies?
- More diligence in your child's Bible study work than you expect of his schoolwork?
- More cooperation than you manifest to human endeavors?
- More diligence in the Lord's work than you demonstrate for your paycheck?
- More faithful and regular attendance than your club meetings?
- More financial support to the Lord than you give to pleasure?



***BLESSED ARE THOSE THAT NAUGHT EXPECT, FOR THEY SHALL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED. -WALCOT***

## Do You Feel Saved?

How do you feel when you “feel saved?” Do you feel good all over, and at peace with God and man in your heart? Are feelings alone the basis for believing you are truly saved? If there is nothing more than feelings, it is very dangerous to believe you are saved. Please just consider something contrary to the notion that you are saved because you feel you are saved. You might just come to realize that you have not really been saved and do something about it.

Human feelings run a wide range from glad to mad, sad, bad, -- even “had,” in a very brief time span. How could a thing as sure and important as salvation be based on nothing more than feelings? A case in the Old Testament will illustrate how wrong feelings can be. Take the case of Jacob. His favorite son, Joseph, drew out the envy of the other brothers. They deserted him to be sold into Egyptian slavery, but took his many colored coat, dipped in animal blood, and showed it to Jacob. They said to their father, “We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son’s tunic or not?” (Gen. 37:32). Jacob instantly concluded that Joseph was dead and he “mourned for his son many days” (verse 34). Jacob’s feelings told him he had lost his beloved son. His feelings were wrong.

Later, when Joseph repaid the evil of his brothers with kindness, Jacob was informed that “Joseph is still alive” and it was further explained to him, “he is governor over all the land of Egypt.” Notice Jacob’s reaction. “And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them” (Gen. 45:26). You see, his feeling was so deeply engraved on his heart, he would simply believe nothing else. This is the real crux of the matter. People, even Jacob, will believe error based on what they consider sufficient evidence. But when shown that the evidence is not trustworthy, they still believe the error. Then when they are presented with the truth, as Jacob was, they will not accept it. Isn’t that a strange turn of events?

Does the Lord expect us to feel good to be saved, or does He expect us to feel good because we are saved on His terms. Paul said, “because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba Father” (Gal. 4:6). Not in order to make us sons, but because we are sons, we have the Spirit of Christ in our hearts.

There are several things that take place when one is saved. Let’s look at them:

1. **When one is saved, all past sins are blotted out and forgiven.** Sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4). Sin is imputed to those who commit deeds contrary to God’s will. Listen to a beautiful beatitude. “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin” (Rom. 4:7-9). The opposite is equally true. The one who sins is condemned because his sins are imputed to him and are not forgiven. This implies that God has a record of the deeds of all men. We might think of it as God’s record book, in which all our deeds are recorded. Now to clear that record of sins we have committed, forgiveness must take place and those sins must be blotted out.

The way sins are erased from God’s record of our lives is through faith that obeys the Lord. We understand that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed “for many, for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). And to come in contact with that shed blood penitent believers must obey the Lord. That is why on Pentecost, Peter arose to preach and at a crucial point in his preaching

he was interrupted with the question, “What shall we do?” His reply was, “Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Notice that the same phrase “for the remission of sins” is found in both verses. The blood of Christ is “for the remission of sins” in a remedial sense. The penitent believer’s baptism is “for the remission of sins” in an application sense.

Forgiveness of sins takes place when one is saved. No matter how many thrills or sensational experiences we may have, the record of God is there and will not be altered until those who are guilty of sin comply with it. And when we obey Him from the heart, He graciously erases everything in our past. A new page is turned over and the old one is gone (2 Cor. 5:17).

2. **God’s remembers our sins no more.** The writer quoted the prophet Jeremiah. “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Heb. 8:12). It is God’s memory that is affected, and God’s part to either impute or forgive sin. It is in the heart of God that forgiveness occurs. It does not take place in our minds or hearts. But when God informs us we are forgiven and He has forgotten all our sins, we have genuine reason for true happiness, joy and peace.

Don’t listen to preachers. They don’t know whether you are saved or not. But, God does. Listen to Him. Don’t rely on human testimony; stand on God’s witness through the inspired word. And when you do that, you have more assurance than anyone could have in this life. Do you, or do you not, right now, have God’s testimony that will verify your claim to salvation? If you have any question about anything in this brief article, please contact us.

*If you want to be spiritually fed, go to church with a good appetite, not with a bad*



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

