

THE CART AND THE HORSE



By George C. Peterson

You all have heard the expression, "putting the cart before the horse." This is the way some religionists try to get people saved. They put works, baptism, good morals, payment of honest debts, attending church services, and just about everything else, for the Hell-bound, Hell-deserving sinner to do before, or in an effort to get saved. This is "putting the cart before the horse." A person will work AFTER salvation, not BEFORE. We work because we love God!

If you can visualize in your mind's eye, a cart with a horse trying to move a well loaded cart up a steep grade, you will get just a little of the picture of "Works-Salvation." Picture in your mind, if you will, a cart with a sign on it reading, "I am working for my salvation." Then, picture again in your mind a sign on the horse reading, "I'll never make it this way." There will be your answer to works!

Perhaps some of you have heard Evangelist A.H. Stewart tell how, when greatly concerned about his soul, he was told to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

and trust Him as Saviour; but he thought that way was far too easy. He went about it according to his own idea — he joined a church, sang in the choir and became quite a worker. He hoped in all these things to obtain peace with God, but there was no peace!

One day, while he was reading in his Bible the parable of the sower, (Luke 8:4-12) he came to the words, "Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved," and Stewart threw down his Bible and said, "Will you look at that! Even the devil knows a man will be saved if he will believe!"

And that day he settled it and turned to Christ and trusted Him as Saviour. Yes, God saves men (and women, and little children at the age of accountability) when they believe; He saves all sinners, no matter what their condition is, when they trust His son.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
Acts 16:31.

SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS

Every Person Needs to be Saved. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

You Cannot Save Yourself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5

Jesus has provided for your salvation. "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." John 3:16

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD SHALL BE SAVED. Romans 10:13

Now is the time to be saved. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation," II Corinthians 6:2

Will you accept Christ?

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