Chapter 3 - Men

What we were, what we became, and the solution to renewal is what we will look at in this chapter. The LORD, the Creator of mankind, gives us freedom of choice and will allow our choice to stand.

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The Nature of Mankind

First of all, we are created beings. Adam, the first on earth from the hand of God, was called the “son of God” Subsequent generations were called the sons of men. Adam, the first man on this earth, was tested mentally by naming the animals. Then woman was created out of man. Adam accepted and named her. She joined him in responsibility over the living creatures of earth.

All of the creation was pronounced very good. Now a spiritual test was presented that included freedom of choice. Here we did not do so well. Eve doubted her creator, choosing to believe a treasonous angel who had also made a self-centered choice.

Genesis 3:22-24 (KJV)
22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Galatians 6:8 (KJV)
For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

John 3:16 (KJV)
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.
Men I: Subject to Death

When Adam sinned, he became subject to death. Spiritual death came on him at the moment of sin. This was seen in his behavior. He now blamed his wife and God for his fall. If it hadn’t been for believing in the promise of the coming Savior, he would have experienced the second death right then. Instead, because he believed the promise, he was granted spiritual rebirth. He still faced life in a world now governed by the devil. By believing the devil, rather than the Creator, he had sold his birthright for a piece of fruit.

Separation from the tree of life assured that their life span would gradually decrease and, without the intervention of the coming Savior, would self-destruct.

What happens to us when we die? Consider how we were formed in the beginning.

**Genesis 2:7** (KJV)

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**Psalm 104:29** (KJV)

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

God creates us in His own image, but if we destroy that image, we will die.

**Genesis 1:27-31** (KJV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Now we see that we have a body formed from the dust of the ground. Then the breath of the Lord adds life and intelligence, so now we have an invisible and a visible part. Plus, there is the spirit which is a separate creation.
Held in His Hands

We have three components: the body, which can be killed by anyone; the breath, which God can take; and the spirit, which God created in us and is in our care. We can kill our physical life; Injure or kill the spirit God formed within us, but God is the one that decides our ultimate destiny. The destiny of the spirit is our choice; based on God’s rules, but our time is limited.

Zechariah 12:1 (KJV)

1The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Matthew 10:28 (KJV)

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV)

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 5:6 (NLT)

6 But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead even while she lives.

Psalm 51:10 (KJV)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 32:6 (KJV)

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

John 4:23-24 (KJV)

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

2 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV)

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

John 5:24 (KJV)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 6:40 (KJV)

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
Men 2: God can Change Us

Yes, He can change us, in fact, the Lord is the only one who can change us for good. You can test this out in the privacy of your own heart. Think of something in your life that you know God hates and that you do not want to change. Because you know He hates this habit, you would like to be willing. Now tell God all about it. Give Him permission to change the way you think. Let him know you want to be willing to have the mind of Christ, then don’t worry about it. However, you must invite him in because, unlike Satan, He uses no force.

As time goes by, you will notice a gradual change in your mental attitude. The things you used to love are not as attractive as they used to be. Finally, they will become obnoxious and most undesirable.

John 1:29 (KJV)
The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)
Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Revelation 1:5 (KJV)
5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

John 13:9-11 (KJV)
9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

John 5:24 (NLT)
24 “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

Revelation 15:3 (KJV)
And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
Jesus Carried our Guilt, Too

Jesus took all our condemnation on Himself so he could say to the woman taken in adultery “neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more”. Here is a promise of forgiveness and restoration.

John 8:1-11 (KJV)
8 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Ephesians 1:9 (KJV)
Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Philippians 2:13 (KJV)
For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure

Hebrews 7:25-27 (KJV)
Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.
Men 3: Temporary Sleep in Death

Just as in a sound sleep, we have no knowledge of anything that is going on around us so it is for our spirits in death. The spirit that has accepted life everlasting from Jesus is resting in him. Those who have refused the life he offered are sleeping in the prison house of death.

The sentence of their judgment comes to all while they sleep. For everyone this happens before their resurrection. The difference comes in when they wake up. For the righteous this happens at the beginning of the one thousand years. For the wicked, their resurrection happens at the end of the one thousand years. For all mankind, both just and unjust, there has been no sense of the passing of time. Here is some of the evidence.

Psalm 13:3 (KJV)
Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

John 11:11-15 (KJV)
11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

Isaiah 38:18 (KJV)
For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 8, 10 (KJV)
5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.
6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.
8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.
10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.
Death and Judgment

If we want to find truth it will take serious searching of the scriptures. This will need to happen before we die. Anger when presented with a different idea only means that there is Satanic resistance to study of scripture.

Acts 17:11-12 (KJV)
11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

John 5:39 (KJV)
Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Isaiah 8:20 (KJV)
20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

John 15:26 (KJV)
But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 14:17 (KJV)
Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Everlasting life does not equal being aware or awake in the sleep of death. Judgment takes place while the dead are sleeping. This is based on the record books, without their bodily presence. The entire universe are witnesses.

Malachi 3:16 (KJV)
Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Psalm 56:8 (KJV)
Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

Daniel 7:10 (KJV)
A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Revelation 20:12 (KJV)
And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
In our court system, the word “judgment” has different applications. One judgment determines if there is enough evidence to warrant a trial. Another establishes guilt or innocence. Then there is sentencing followed by the execution of the sentence that was determined. Sequencing is important.

The judgment we are considering is of mankind. The blessing of sleep in death is not granted to heavenly beings or their offspring, which are the source of evil spirits, who are confined to earth. See the book of Enoch for clarification.

Hebrews 9:26-28 (KJV)
27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Romans 5:12 (KJV)
Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

1 Timothy 5:24-25 (KJV)
24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.
25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

John 5:24 (KJV)
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Malachi 3:16-18 (KJV)
16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Revelation 20:13 (KJV)
13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

1 Peter 1:16-19 (KJV)
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,... 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
A World at War

Our world is divided into two sides: One that serves God and one that doesn’t. God’s kingdom is based on love and service in which the strong serves the weak and take joy in it. This can’t be legislated. Satan’s kingdom is based on dominance wherein the strong use the weaker to serve themselves. Satan uses lies and coercion while God uses only truth and care for each other. The side that allows freedom of choice will win. Satan’s law, “do what thou wilt” does not allow others the same privilege.

Mark 10:42-45 (NLT)
42 So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.

43 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV)
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Isaiah 59:17 (KJV)
For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.
Men 5: Justification and Judgment

The first judgment of all is the one that determines if we will be called in the first or second resurrection. Will we live with the LORD or sleep through the thousand years? For the ones to be called in the first resurrection, how does justification work? Justification must precede judgment.

1 Timothy 5:25 (KJV)
Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Revelation 20:4-6 (NLT)
4 Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
5 This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.)
6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

1 Corinthians 4:3-5 (KJV)
3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.
4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.
5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Romans 3:19-23 (KJV)
19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
Righteousness of God Justifies by Faith

Justification happens by faith in Jesus by the power of God. It doesn’t happen by our efforts, either by getting rid of God’s laws or through power he gives to us. It only happens through faith in Jesus which he gives to us. All the Praise is His!

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 (KJV)
16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV)
And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God

Acts 13:37-44 (KJV)
37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 3:27-29 (KJV)
27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

Romans 8:30 (KJV)
Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified, them he also glorified

Isaiah 54:17 (KJV)
No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Romans 8:18-19 New Living Translation (NLT)
18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.
Men 6: God’s Judgment Stands

God will be judged by the judgment He gives. God needs to be vindicated in the judgment He renders. His people will witness for Him, but they also need to be vindicated because they are being called to join in the judgment of the wicked during the thousand years.

Revelation 14:6-7 (KJV)
6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Psalm 119:160 (KJV)
Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Matthew 12:36-38 (KJV)
36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Romans 3:4 (KJV)
3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Psalm 19:9 (KJV)
The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Psalm 51:4
Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Luke 7:28-30 (KJV)
28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.
29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.
30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

Luke 7:35 (KJV)
But wisdom is justified of all her children.
God Justifies Us

Acts 13:39 (KJV)
And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Exodus 23:7 (KJV)
Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

Isaiah 43:9 (KJV)
Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

Isaiah 43:25-27 (KJV)
25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

Isaiah 45:25 (KJV)
In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Romans 3:23-25 (KJV)
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV)
And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 5:1 (KJV)
Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Kings 8:32 (KJV)
Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

Isaiah 53:11 (KJV)
He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
Law has its place and work, but it is not salvation. Law keeping is the result of salvation and we will be blessed by obedience. No, “obey” is not a bad word! It is one of God’s gifts. Obedience is sort of like a chick breaking out of its shell at hatching. The very exercise strengthens both body and mind.

Galatians 2:16 (KJV)
Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 3:11 (KJV)
But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:24 (KJV)
Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Romans 3:20 (KJV)
Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Titus 3:5-8 (KJV)
5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)
And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Titus 3:7 (KJV)
That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 1:77 (KJV)
77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,
Law and Faith Work Together

Neither can do the work of the other. Salvation comes from Jesus gift of faith then works result from salvation. Unless salvation and faith beget works, they are dead. A chick, well hatched, is lively even if not fully grown.

James 2:23-25 (KJV)
23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Acts 4:12 (KJV)
Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Romans 2:13 (KJV)
(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Romans 2:13 (KJV)
26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:31 (KJV)
Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Psalm 119:155 (KJV)

Psalm 119:166 (KJV)
LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

2 Chronicles 6:41 (KJV)
Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

2 Chronicles 20:17 (KJV)
Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

Isaiah 25:9 (KJV)
And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Acts 13:47 (KJV)
For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.
Conclusion Chapter 3

We lost life by our choice. Jesus bought it back for us with his very life. He offered to live in us, by His Spirit, to make us holy. He also paid for the right of choice that had been taken from humanity. Now we can choose life eternal.