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ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION

Will everybody be saved? That question divides the Christian community into two groups. Why do some say yes and some no? What difference does it make? And what has our own Bible study revealed?

Will everybody be saved? It is according to what you mean by everybody! If you mean every BODY, the answer is NO. If you mean every SOUL, then NO. If you mean every SPIRIT, then YES.

Christians who have not yet learned the difference between SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY must first read my book THE THIRD SALVATION, 1,2,3, or listen to the tapes before they will be able to receive the depths of this lesson on ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION.

Yes, every SPIRIT has already been saved. Every SOUL and every BODY is not going to be saved.

BELIEVERS ARE SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR

Timothy said, "We trust in the living GOD, who is the Saviour of ALL men, SPECIALLY of those that believe" (I Tim. 4:10). In case you are wondering if the translator did that right, here is what others say.
Phillips - We place our whole confidence in the living God, the savior of ALL men, and PARTICULARLY of those who believe in him.
Moffatt - The Saviour of ALL men, of believers in PARTICULAR.

SPIRITS

When JESUS was resurrected He saved the SPIRITS of everyone on the earth.

We cannot find any scripture in the Bible that says the devil has any power over the SPIRIT of man since the resurrection.

JESUS said, "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" (Matt. 10:28).

It was not an oversight when JESUS left out the word SPIRIT. It was intentional.

UNIVERSAL SALVATION

UNIVERSAL SALVATION is not the same doctrine as ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION. The UNIVERSAL SALVATION message teaches that sometime in the future everything and everybody will be saved. (Saved means delivered from sin and death.) I don't believe that. The message of ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION teaches that sometime in the future every SPIRIT will be reconciled to GOD. Reconciled means - returned to their former position. I do believe that (for the SPIRIT, not the SOUL and not the BODY).

Some even go so far as teaching that even the devil will ultimately be saved. I don't think so. The devil does not need to be saved. He is not human. He was created by our GOD for a purpose. When his purpose is finished, then the devil will be destroyed. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:10,14). Someday the devil, and death, and even hell itself shall be destroyed, terminated, annihilated.

The book of Revelation makes me believe that our GOD has plans for us throughout all eternity. He'll never be finished with us. HALLELUJAH!

WHAT'S THE BIBLE SAY?

I found that at death, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the SPIRIT shall return to God who gave it" (Ecc. 12:7). I must conclude that the O.T. says that the SPIRIT shall return to God. That is ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION for the SPIRIT.

But I could not find any O.T. record of a time when any SPIRIT actually did what that prophecy said it would do. The answer was in the N.T. "Jesus Christ was quickened by the SPIRIT: By which also he (Jesus Christ)

went and preached unto the SPIRITS in prison, which sometime were disobedient" (I Peter 3:19-20). And he, "Led captivity (prison, hell) captive when he ascended upon high" (Eph. 4:8). To me that means that JESUS preached to formerly disobedient SPIRITS in hell and led them back with Him into heaven. They went to hell in the O.T. and JESUS took them out in the N.T. Then I noticed that I could not find any N.T. scriptures about SPIRITS ever going to hell again after the resurrection of JESUS. Yes I could find SOULS and BODIES going to hell in the N.T. after the resurrection, but not SPIRITS.

That is when I began to see that ultimately all SPIRITS shall be reconciled (brought back to their former place) to our GOD. I began to see that the ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION of SPIRITS was a promise of the O.T. but it took JESUS and the N.T. to fulfill that promise.

DIFFICULT PASSAGE SOLVED

Then some difficult Bible passages began to shape up, such as, "For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up" (Rom. 9:17) and "But I will harden his (Pharaoh's) heart, that he shall not let the people go" (Ex. 4:21, 7:3 and 14:4). I wondered how a just GOD could force a person into a mold and then force them to endure eternal torment because they acted like GOD made them to act. Here's the answer. GOD will punish the part of man that committed the dastardly deed. And He will reward the lifegiving portion of man, the SPIRIT.

A famous question has been asked, "How can a good loving GOD tell us to love our enemies and offer them our other cheek when they slap us - and then turn around and burn and torture his own enemies forever? Has GOD made our standards higher than His?"

ALL SHALL BE MADE ALIVE

Paul told us, "For as in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive" (I Cor. 15:22). All SPIRITS died (to God) in Adam as a result of his sin. And all SPIRITS shall be alive (reconciled to God) because of the resurrection. Paul was careful in the same chapter to show that the part that would be made alive was the SPIRIT and not the BODY (V. 35-44).

We think that the subject of the sentence does not change from start to finish. When Paul said, "As in Adam ALL die," he meant every SPIRIT died (to GOD). Continuing the thought Paul said that, "in Christ shall ALL be made alive." And he still meant every SPIRIT. ALL means every SPIRIT in Adam and every SPIRIT in Christ.

But we must quickly admit that it cannot mean every SOUL-MIND and/or every physical BODY. It is obvious to most people that the MIND-SOUL and the physical BODY of mankind has been rebellious against our GOD. And it is now becoming more apparent that the SPIRIT of mankind has always been subject to the powers of our GOD.

MORE SCRIPTURE

Here are some more scriptures cited as our example of the fact that the word "ALL" must be understood as "ALL SPIRITS" because ALL SOULS or ALL BODIES just cannot bring sense to the sentence.

Who gave Himself a ransom for ALL.
(I Tim. 2:6).

Who will have ALL to be saved (I Tim. 2:4).

I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw ALL men unto me (John 12:32).

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to ALL MEN (Titus 2:11).

Therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon ALL men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of One, the free gift came upon ALL men unto justification of life (Rom. 5:18).

EVERY KNEE?

Another scripture started to make sense. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:12). I wondered if they would be forced to bow or act willingly. And I could not imagine how the incinerated knees and tongues of my U.S. Navy shipmates could ever again bend and speak. The SPIRITUAL bodies would fulfill that prophecy, not the NATURAL bodies. Paul spent a long time describing the difference between natural bodies and spiritual bodies in I Cor. 15:35-44. In summary Paul said that there is a natural body and that there is a spiritual body and that there is a big difference.

PLEASURE

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no PLEASURE in the death of the wicked" (Ezek. 33:11, II Sam. 14:14, Ezek. 18:23,32, II Pet. 3:9).

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, ... and for thy PLEASURE they are and were created"(Rev.4:11).

"For we must need die ... neither does God respect any person, YET DOETH HE DEVISE MEANS, THAT HIS BANISHED BE NOT EXPELLED FROM HIM" (II Sam. 14:14).

It is the PLEASURE of our GOD to make a way for even the BANISHED to return and be reconciled to Him.

STILL HAVE HELL

Some people do not like the idea that bad people will ultimately be reconciled back with GOD. And I don't either. But I saw that the bad deeds done by people in this world are done by SOULS and BODIES. They usually get the idea in their head and commit the act in the flesh. And that's the part that needs to be punished.

The Bible brand of ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION does not do away with hell. Those people who have not been completely saved (changed) in SOUL will die and lose their SOUL. The SOUL-MIND-WILL must go to hell to be destroyed by the fire. But the part of man that came from GOD - the SPIRIT - will ultimately return to heaven to be reconciled with their GOD.

YE ARE GODS

Since SPIRITS came from GOD and in the event of death they go back to GOD, can we say that the SPIRIT is the Godly part of man? That's the part JESUS was speaking of when He said, "Ye are Gods" (John 10:34, Psalm 82:6). Every SPIRIT came here to earth from our GOD in heaven and eventually they are going to go back to our GOD in heaven, in SPIRIT. There is a small group of people whose destiny is quite different. Like everyone else, they came here on earth from our GOD in heaven. The difference is that this small group called the Sons of GOD in the Bible, will completely change in SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY. They will walk in light, love, life and peace and finally overcome the last enemy here on earth. Instead of dying and going to heaven to be reconciled to our GOD, they will live and love here on earth and our GOD will bring heaven with Him to his Manifest Sons here on earth. They will help bring heaven to earth. (John 14:1-4, 23).

NO SOULS IN HEAVEN

While it is true that most Christians do believe that SOULS go to heaven, I must challenge that thought. I have tried, and I cannot find one scripture that says that SOULS go to heaven. The Bible says that the SPIRIT came from heaven and ultimately will return to heaven. The SOUL is the mind, intellect, will, and emotion of man. Man was given a SOUL-MIND so that he could survive here on this earth. SOULS are not needed in heaven.

The mistaken idea that the SOUL goes to heaven comes mainly from the song book - not the Bible.

PURPOSE OF HELL

The purpose of hell is to destroy everything that stands in the way of establishing the Kingdom of GOD on the earth and to purify everything else.

SOULS and BODIES go through torment in an everlasting hell. But many writers have shown that everlasting does NOT mean without end. Really, it should have been translated AGE-LASTING from the Greek. And the torment is an event that has a beginning and an end, but the fire that caused the torment goes on and on to the end of the age. SOULS and BODIES do suffer torment as an event in a fire that lasts and lasts for millions and millions of events until it also comes to its own end. Even death and hell will come to an end. "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:14).

One writer said that hell is like the refiners fire. First it separates and destroys all that is not right. Then it purifies further until all the dross is completely removed. What is left is pure silver or gold. That idea gives a constructive purpose to an otherwise destructive process. Sure hell destroys, but in the process it creates.

WHY BELIEVE IN JESUS?

A very natural question arises based on the idea that ultimately every SPIRIT shall be saved. The question is, "Why is it so necessary to believe in JESUS CHRIST if ultimately I'm going to be saved anyway?" Because belief in your HEART-SPIRIT is not the same as belief in your HEAD-SOUL.

The first step of SOUL salvation is to make a "decision for JESUS". That is, acknowledge in your SOUL (mind) that JESUS already died for your sins to save your SPIRIT.

Then later on, after that, progression continues as you subsequently receive the Holy Spirit. Paul described the two-step process in Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also AFTER that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

JESUS said that the purpose of the Holy Spirit is to teach us whatever JESUS said. In another place the scriptures say that the Holy Spirit will bring what JESUS said to our remembrance. In other words, the Holy Spirit presently works on the SOUL-MIND of man causing progressive salvation in the SOUL. The Holy Spirit brings the word of GOD to our SOUL-MINDS. James said it this way, "Receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your SOULS" (James 1:21). That was written to people who were already saved in their SPIRITS.

There is no way to get on the ladder of progressive salvation without first believing in JESUS. In other words, who wants to just barely make it into heaven by only having their SPIRIT saved? That's easy. Everyone's doing it. The mature thing to do is progress from SPIRIT to SOUL and finally to BODY salvation.

PROGRESSIVE SALVATION

Our GOD's purpose in saving the SOUL and BODY of mankind is to prepare the believer for life here on earth. As SOULS are saved and changed they then enjoy a better way of life here on earth. Since most Christians have been taught that their own destiny was to die and go to heaven it is easy to see why the main thrust of the message of the church has been toward the SPIRIT for the last 2000 years. As we quickly approach the end of this present age we have noticed that the interest of many Christians is starting to shift to overcoming and ruling and reigning here on earth. The natural result of this is a revised interest in salvation of the MIND-SOUL and of the physical BODY. As people change their MINDS-SOULS about things here on earth it results in a better way of life for everyone.

WHY MISSIONARIES?

We have been asked if teaching ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION removes missionary zeal.

The purpose of missionaries is to save SOULS, not SPIRITS. They do it by taking the Bible to the nations in order to change the MIND-SOULS of the people. Their message is, "Receive with meekness the en-

grafted word which is able to save your SOULS" (James 1:21). And, how shall the nations hear without a preacher (missionary). The result is a better way of life for everyone here on earth. (I Tim. 4:16, Oba. 21, James 5:20, Neh. 9:27)

A LICENSE TO SIN?

Some concerned pastors have commented that the ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION teaching may become a "license to commit sin." Of course, any Christian can commit sin. And there is always a penalty for sin. Sometimes the penalty for sin must be paid in the physical body in this life. We have all seen pitiful examples of Christians who brought woe upon their own bodies by committing sin. And sometimes the penalty for sin is paid in torment of the SOUL. Fear, anxiety, self condemnation all take their toll. All of this punishment and penalty is well known by every person I have ever met.

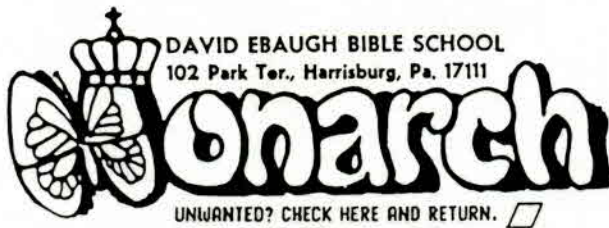
If a person wants to sin, they will do it regardless of what they believe in, or don't believe in. The Bible says, "When LUST hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin" (James 1:15). It did not say that ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION brings forth sin - it said LUST did. People sin because of LUST, not theology. And theology does not keep people from sinning.

PRODIGAL SON

We have heard some people complain that they gave up much in their own lives to become a Christian, and they don't like the idea that our GOD will let other people into heaven who have not served GOD as much as they have. One said to me, "Sometimes I think that GOD owes it to me - to severely punish all of the people who have not walked the way I have." That kind of an attitude reminds the Bible student of the reaction of the elder brother when the prodigal son returned to their father. It makes you wonder what kind of gospel they have been listening to. (Luke 15:16-32)

JESUS summed it up this way. Even the publicans and harlots shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven before you (religious) people. (Mat. 21:31)

This ministry does not exist apart from your gifts.



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LIBYA, KHADAFY, ISLAM, RUSSIA

U.S.A. AIR RAID ON LIBYA CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ACCIDENT

Is LIBYA mentioned in the Bible?

What about KHADAFY?

Did our President Reagan do the right or wrong thing when he bombed LIBYA?

I suppose that I have heard questions like those a hundred times, lately.

Yes! We do have a lot of trouble with LIBYA. But that is a drop in the bucket in relation to the amount of trouble we are going to have with ISLAM!

LIBYA is a nation; ISLAM is a religion.

SUMMARY FIRST

My Bible studies indicate that:

1. We are nearing WW III, The BATTLE OF JEHOSHAPHAT.
2. It will be a HOLY WAR between ISLAM and JUDEO-CHRISTIANITY.
 - a. Some CHRISTIAN nations will fight on the ISLAMIC side; and some ISLAMIC nations will fight on the CHRISTIAN side. The alignment will not be pure.
3. The ISLAMIC nations will be led by atheistic Russia
 - a. LIBYA is only one of the many enemy nations.
 - b. Germany and some other European nations will turn against the U.S.A. and will join with the Russians to fight us.
 - c. They will eventually lose.
4. The U.S.A. will align with ISRAEL, and others.
 - a. We will eventually win with supernatural help from Michael.
5. It should take several more years for the nations, friend or foe, to become aligned.

6. Atomic bombs will probably be used.

7. The ISLAMIC SHIITE JIHAD are merciless killers.

8. Our loss and cost will be terrible even though we will win.

9. The millennium (a thousand years of peace) will come just after the war.

ISLAM

Here is the story about ISLAM, the religion of the Arabs, and about their God ALLAH.

Originally Israelites and Arabs did worship the same NAME NATURE of GOD-EL SHADDAI. Five hundred years later the Israelites changed their concept of GOD to YAHWEH. And 2500 years later the Arabs changed to ALLAH.

The study of ISLAM starts with one of the most important verses concerning the NAMES OF GOD.

EL SHADDAI

"And ELOHIM (God) spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am YAHWEH (the LORD); and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the NAME of EL SHADDAI (God Almighty), but by my NAME YAHWEH (JEHOVAH) was I not known unto them" (Exodus 6:2-3).

The scripture shows that Abraham knew GOD as EL SHADDAI, not YAHWEH. You probably remember that Abraham had another son, Ishmael. EL SHADDAI was the GOD of Ishmael as well as Isaac. Our study of EL SHADDAI has revealed

EL SHADDAI is GOD.

EL SHADDAI is a possessive word.

EL SHADDAI is from the word "SHAD" meaning breast.