

Seeking a Sign!

Deut.13:1 If there arise in the midst of you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give you a sign or a wonder,

13:2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them;

13:3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams: for Yahweh your God proves you, to know whether you love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

People from all faiths have sought signs from God, human history is replete with many stores of people seeking a sign from God!

The question before us is? Is it a good thing or a bad thing? Most would say its a good thing because they believe it is how God communicates with mankind.

2 Kings 20:8 Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that Yahweh will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of Yahweh the third day?

Moreover, what is wrong with wanting to know what God is doing and thinking such seem to be a good and noble thing does it not? Furthermore, no one can deny that in past times God's own people sought signs and were given them by God/YHWH.

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However, we have a problem for Christian's in particularly when seeking a sign from God, and just what is that problem? Well, first let start with some verseS from the scriptures often overlooked and/ or totally misunderstood and misapplied by the vast majority of those professing Christianity today!

1Cor.3:21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, 3:22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. All are yours, 3:23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

In our reading these verses it become clear that God holds nothing back from his children. In other words, there nothing to seek, there is no place to go, and/or hid for greater salvation, but why has things changed? There is a simple fundamental teaching of Christianity after the Holy Spirit was pour out. But what is that teaching?

That fundamental teaching is that Christian were born not by man's will, but by the will of God into the "living life of Christ" as his spirit living body members. Thus, without much thinking its pretty clear for an honest person to understand all things of Christ body would also be theirs if they were a member of Christ body. Signs are not necessary within a body let alone our own human body!

1 Corinthians 6:15 Don't you know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be!

Signs are for what?

What is a sign for? A sign is for salvation, if one is trying to save this life, which would mean, trying to extend it then a sign could cause one to flee into a certain mountain, and/or city for immediate salvation.

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1 Corinthians 14:22 Therefore other languages are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the unbelieving; but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to those who believe.

However, the bible teachings stand in opposition for God's children to flee anywhere, but why is that? Well, this might be hard to digest for some? Our being in the eternal life of Christ equals all of its members have eternal life not they seeking salvation again or by a sign!

John 3:36 One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one who disobeys{The same word can be translated "disobeys" or "disbelieves" in this context.} the Son won't see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

John 5:24 "Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word, and believes him who sent me, has eternal life, and doesn't come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

In other words, think about it if your own body had eternal life, how could a member of it not have the same life, that is, its feet, toes, fingers, forehead, mouth, hair and eyes and so on . . .

But you see our flesh can't understand this mystery let alone trust in it enough to put faith in eternal life which is the perfect love of God towards his children.

John.5:38 You don't have his word living in you; because you don't believe him whom he sent. 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about me. 5:40 Yet you will not come to me, that you may have life.

The ultimate question we must ask ourselves is? Are we in Christ, or not? If not no harm, but if so, we can't seek signs because all -
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- things are ours even within our own body it is in constant loving communication with every other member of itself.

Hebrews 10:10 by which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Colossians 2:19 and not holding firmly to the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth.

So lets break this down for the hardcore skeptic; if your in Christ you have eternal life, not after you flee somewhere, but right now, so if one has to flee lets say to another city from persecution; is their eternal life at stake if they don't flee? So should they cling to a sign as though it is their eternal life in Christ which eternal life has been given freely as a part of Christ who cannot die?

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Philippians 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will in no way be disappointed, but with all boldness, as always, now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death.

1 Peter 3:14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "Don't fear what they fear, neither be troubled."{Isaiah 8:12}

Putting Faith In Signs

Does putting faith in a sign give us a better chance of eternal life, or are all things ours if we are in Christ?

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Hebrews 13:6 So that with good courage we say, "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?"{Psalm 118:6-7}

Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who can't lie, promised before time began;

Titus 3:7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Jesus state while on earth to those whom claimed to be God's chosen people that they were a crooked and twisted generation because they were seeking a sign.

Seeking a sign while Christ was the only means for God's salvation and he was in their mist teaching them how to have salvation would make them a very wicked, and crooking people to the truth of God in their mist, their faith would be a form of godly devotion proving false to God's power.

Romans 10:3 For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they didn't subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

Seeking a sign is a denial of God's power, and is a very narcissistic faith which seeks only saving of this life now at the cost of teaching lies about Christ Jesus who has given us eternal life. In other words, it not a Christian's teaching to put faith in a sign to save this life over Christ life in us which is perfect statement of salvation!

Matthew 12:38 Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." 12:39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given it but the sign of Jonah the prophet.

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God's children have the undeniable witness of the Holy Spirit testifying in them about the power Christ life in them, the power of God in them is Christ Jesus that is why the kingdom of God is not about anything fleshly, eating, drinking, and/or signs! So let be honest here, brutally so!

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5 that your faith wouldn't stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Hebrews 13:9 Don't be carried away by various and strange teachings, for it is good that the heart be established by grace, not by food, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.

How many massive religious kingdoms have been built on earth by what we eat, what we drink, what we put on, and yes, sign's marking a date a time table for the end of our world?

Romans 14:17 for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 even he whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

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Now the question begs how many of those groups have received the kingdom of God? No, don't mock; it not future for God's children. Lets stop and reason in peace, the peace that comes down from above, not the peace of this world which is no peace at all.

James. 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed.

3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

If we are the body of Christ and have eternal life then as math would have it numbers don't lie but people do, having Christ in us, his eternal life from God's power equal receiving the kingdom of God, both add up into one (one faith, one baptism, one hope) at our being born again into Christ, Christ is "our life" get it?

Heb.12:28 Therefore, receiving a Kingdom that can't be shaken, let us have grace, through which we serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe.

Thus, we must ask ourselves are we seeking a sign to be in the kingdom of God, or are we in it? You see, what is not found in book of Revelation is that there will be a sign of "peace and security" No, it not there, but do you know why Its not there as a sign for God's children? They don't need a sign to shake them up because they are in eternal life in a kingdom that can't be shaken by human events on this earth, like a sign! They are in the living Christ Jesus, thus they are in the living kingdom of God, because Christ body is the temple of that kingdom, Christ is the king of kings, not just his head, but all of him.

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1Cor. 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's farming, God's building.

1Cor. 3:16 Don't you know that you are a temple of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, which you are.

3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise.

How can one lose a life that is already dead (our flesh), while having eternal life dwelling in them and not gain more life? Yes, gain more life; incorruptible life that is the final reward for faithful children of God, not eternal life, God has already given that by making us part of Christ life.

2 Timothy 4:8 From now on, there is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing.

1Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy became our father again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1:4 to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that doesn't fade away, reserved in Heaven for you, 1:5 who by the power of God are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

We certainly will see many powerful signs and portents leading and misleading this world simply because the flesh walks and lives not by faith unseen, but things it beholds with its eyes! Those things excites our flesh, thus, Satan and powerful wicked spirit force have uses signs very effectively for thousands of years to mislead the flesh into saving this life over the promise eternal life in Christ. 8.

Moreover, sadly there exist nothing else but this life for those of the flesh.

Matthew 1:21 She shall bring forth a son. You shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sins."

Matthew 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

Why are there so many wars and fights among us, is it not for survival, is it not for the greed to live and have freedom by gaining more of this world, is it not for the ways of this world, and not the ways of peace, and why do we love the ways of war more than godly peace from above, it is that we love this world more than real salvation of God, saving us from our sins.

James 1:21 Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls{or, preserve your life.}.

God's kingdom is foreign and unseen a myth and mystery to the flesh, but it is the living reality to God's children who live in it every day from their new birth, they are no part of this world their world is in them in Spirit and truth from above.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy became our father again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The war in God's children is not to becoming acceptable to this world, it is to conquer all the world's corruption by the light of Christ Jesus working by our faith in him, and not by sight and certainly not by knowing anyone by their flesh any longer.

1 Peter 2:5 You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable multitudes of angels.

If one of God's children builds up again what Christ conquered by light they are either misled or not God's child. God did not make them no part of this world so their being in Christ was used as an excuse to build Satan world into a better place to live, and into loving the flesh corruption more!

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's.

Romans 8:13 For if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:8 Those who are in the flesh can't please God.

Romans 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his.

Lots wife loved the world so she longingly look back thinking Lots her husband was a fanatic.

Who then is our husbandly owner, what kingdom has been give too us? Do we think a little of both is good like lots wife?

Romans 8:6 For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace;
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Romans 8:7 because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be.

Do we look to Christ our head who is our kingdom, and/or to a religion, government, our family, our job, what do we put first? Words are like signs they fools the mouth that speaks them hiding the lies of the heart.

James. 1:21 Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls{or, preserve your life.}.

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves. 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror;

1:24 for he sees himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.

1:26 If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious while he doesn't bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Being in the truth is being in Christ the lights, words of the mouth will not commend us to our master, but faith in him will. There is only one membership for God's children and none other, Christ is our everything, he is our life, let us not play coy and clever games within our heart thinking Christ is like us, that is like a fool loving the ways of this world who is willing to put corruption into unleavened bread of Christ own spirit body, be cautious not wise in our own eyes.

1 Corinthians 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old yeast, neither with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Galatians 5:9 A little yeast grows through the whole lump.

We don't measure ourselves against (sin of corruption of the flesh which is of no value at all) or against anyone, nor place or things in this world Christ in us he can't be measured against sin and corruption. We fix our eyes above where we have been seated with Christ far above all power and authority on this earth. Why would we fix our eyes on a sign from below if we are in Christ, is there a better answer, is there a safer place to be, or a better place to be?

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.

2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore we know no one after the flesh from now on. Even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him so no more.

Let us suffer the shame and humiliation of our dead flesh, let it have its works complete, bear the torture stake of Christ, have faith in the reward in us, in the ever faithful Son of God. We have received a kingdom that can't be shaken, so don't be quickly shaken by some sign!

2 Thessalonians 2:2 not to be quickly shaken in your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, saying that the day of Christ had come.

Hebrews 12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain.

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Do not go out from Christ for a sign that ones are teaching as greater than the guarantee of salvation given and assured us the witness of eternal life working in us for God's glory.

Let us stay in God's ark Christ Jesus our place of salvation. Are we still looking for a drops of rain before we come all the way to Christ?

Remember what easily entangles is not faith but the lack of it that cause sin. We are saved from what? Our sins, or our flesh?

2 Thessalonians 2:10 and with all deception of wickedness for those who are being lost, because they didn't receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Acts 4:12 There is salvation in none other, for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, by which we must be saved!"

John 3:17 For God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him.

Matthew 1:21 She shall bring forth a son. You shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sins."

1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

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