

## The Wednesday Word, July 16, 2025: Jesus Plus Nothing D. G. Miles McKee

It is a serious offense to supplement and add to that which Jesus says He has finished! He has saved us by grace ... is that not enough? Is what He has done for us in His doing and dying not sufficient? Acts 15:11 says, "*But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved.*" Salvation, therefore, is not received, attained or kept by our works or behavior. We are saved by grace through faith (see also Ephesians 2:8-9).

Since we are saved by grace, isn't it time to stop adding further so-called qualifications to salvation. Listen to Romans 11:6, "*And if by grace, then it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it is of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise, work is no more work.*"

So, here's the truth of the matter: for salvation, Christ plus ANYTHING equals NOTHING! For example:

If you are trusting in your church membership you are not trusting Christ alone. This equals no salvation.

Remission of sins is by the blood of Jesus not church membership.  
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But what about baptism? The truth is, if you are trusting in your baptism, you are not trusting in Christ alone. This equals no salvation. Salvation is by Christ and His Finished Work alone!

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If you are trusting in a well lived life you are not trusting Christ alone.  
We are saved by Christ plus nothing!

If you are trusting in your regrets, this again equals no salvation. You, in this case, are not trusting Christ alone. All the tears in all the world cannot wipe out sin. Only the blood of Christ, poured out at the wonderful cross can remove our regrets. Remission of sins is by the blood of Jesus alone.

We believe in Christ plus nothing!

The shocking thing is that those who are teaching the error of adding to the Finished Work think that, as a result of their additions, they are more secure in their salvation. However, they are blind (see II Corinthians 4:4).

Hear ye the word of the Lord! "*Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace.*" (Galatians 5:4)."

The Scripture is quite plain on this subject, yet the Christ + something people are still preaching. Again, in Galatians 5:2 we read, "*Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if you are circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.*"

This is a vital issue to get straight. Christ plus something (plus anything) equals no salvation! Jesus alone saves and did so 2000 yrs ago! Have you, by faith alone received His sufficient salvation?

There are many reasons why we should reject a 'Christ plus' message: Here are a few.

1) To pervert the gospel message is to bring a curse. "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8)."

2) Christ plus makes God a liar.

I John 5:10-11 says, "...He that believes not God has made him a liar: because he believes not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

3) A 'Christ plus' message makes man's righteousness part of salvation.

But, man's righteousness is as a filthy rag (see Isaiah 64:6). How can filthy rags save?

4) The 'Christ plus' message causes the saved to become confused. It robs them of their assurance and brings them into bondage thinking they must do something more to stay saved.

Beware of adding to the gospel. Keep it simple! Jesus is Enough!  
And that most certainly is the Gospel Truth!