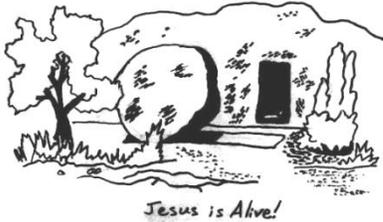


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New Radio Programs

Five new programs on the First Book to the Corinthians have been uploaded to the radio archive:

- 1 Corinthians 3:4-8 Who Are You?
- 1 Corinthians 3:8-15 Work of God
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Preciousness of God
- 1 Corinthians 4:1-7 Giving What We Receive
- 1 Corinthians 4:8-14 Worldly Point of view

Question about Calvinism

Pastor Budjen has done extensive coverage on Ephesians 2:8-10 and Romans 8:29-30 in the radio broadcasts, to most or all of which I have listened to. My church debate group is going over a book by Michael Horton, but we got to a point in our conversation where I was differentiating between Forgiveness and Salvation. Our disconnect was in the verbage, but I eventually got my message over to them, and then I was asked: *"Lukas, if you don't believe that it was God's choice for you to be saved, then that would make your faith a good work by man; a boastable work."* I was urged to concede that, but I felt frozen and almost like I was caught in a

contradiction. I was so caught off guard by the idea of there being limited free will and the love of God not reaching all people (which is blatantly wrong) that I felt trapped in a 'gotcha' box. Fortunately, this church is more focused on our relationship with God than our theologies -- the only reason I'm not running for the hills. At normal services, the calvinism takes a backseat. I don't have the spiritual maturity or the discernment to fight this on my own, which is why I'm reaching out to you.

The Response:

Well, let me try to give you an exaggeration to make a point:

Lets say that I go into your church and offer a nickel for free to anyone who wants one. Anyone who wants a free nickel can get one from me at that moment, and I will expect nothing in return. Lets say you are the only person there who accepts the free nickel I am offering. Then, with great enthusiasm, you turn to everyone there in the church and say something like, "Now! I am greater than you, I am close to Aaron and you are not. Look at how awesome I am that I accepted this nickel and you didn't, I am special and you are not. I have done a work of accepting this nickel and this has made me acceptable to Aaron and you are not acceptable to Aaron." If you follow through with a description like this, and add some additional creative ways of boasting that you accepted this nickel, you are still likely going to be perceived as a complete idiot to the people in the church, but if we replace the nickel with salvation, and Aaron with God, then somehow everything is reversed, and you are now an idiot if you don't say you have a boastable work over a

free gift? This is how distorted people can get in my opinion. Be polite with these people, but don't be afraid of them.

Hope this helps,
Aaron

Question about Judgment

First, thank you for your ministry. It has caused great peace in my life and in the life of my family.

I have believed the gospel that when Jesus died in the cross he forgave the sins of the world. There are many scriptures that prove that. 2 COR 5:19, Romans 5:10, etc..

But one thing I have a hard time reconciling is the book of Revelation: "judged according to their works"?

Sounds like a judgment of how far short they fell from His righteous standard. But doesn't that include God having to reveal the law to them and show them their sins ?

I'm thinking the Lord would say these are the sins you were forgiven for but rejected my forgiveness ?

Please help shine some light

The Response:

When we are brought before the presence of God after physical death, a decision has to be made concerning where we are to go next. There is either Heaven, or Hell. To be in the Heaven, He has already told us the criteria has to do with His grace and mercy. No one is going to be allowed entrance because they claim He owes them. If a person rejected Him, and they are confronted with Him, the only claim they can make is that they were better than someone else, or good

enough to enter His kingdom. The decision then is either they are judged according to His grace and mercy through surrendering to the Gospel, or to be judged according to their works. It is either being judged according to what He did for them, or according to what they did or did not do. So, everyone who rejected Him will be judged according to their works, because there is no other option, and they will all go to Hell when they are judged according to their works. I have encountered a lot of religious people who really do want to be judged according to their works, but it just isn't going to work out well for them at all. Rewards in Heaven are much different than what people are generally thinking. In general, people are thinking that rewards are like a debt collection experience, where God is going to compensate them for where He fell short in blessing them properly in this life for their works. I did several recordings for radio on rewards and eternal punishment that are in the archive. Do listen to these for a good follow up to this topic.

Hope this helps,
Aaron

Radio Stations

We are broadcasting on the following radio stations:

Denver, CO KLTT 670 AM 5:00 – 5:30 pm
Denver, CO KRKS 990 AM 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Colorado Springs, CO 100.7 FM 7:00 – 7:30 pm
Sacramento, CA KCBC 770 AM 8:30 – 9:00 am
Los Angeles, CA KBRT 740 AM 5:30 – 6:00 pm
Dallas, TX KWRD 100.7 FM 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Dallas, TX KAAM 770 AM 6:00 – 6:30 pm
Milwaukee, WI WJOI 1340 AM 11:30 – 12 pm
Milwaukee, WI WJOI 98.7 FM 11:30 – 12 pm