

Are you willing to work?

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Introduction

1. John 11:39; Acts 2:40; Philippians 2:12
2. “Take away the stones” and “loose him and let him go” are said at the grave of Lazarus, the friend of Jesus.
3. Jesus could have moved the stones by many methods
4. Jesus could have loosed Lazarus from the burial wrappings by any method he chose
5. Why did Jesus require something of those and why does he require something of us?

II Discussion

1. God has always required man to do something during his salvation
 - a. Noah was required to build an ark Genesis 6:14, 22
 - b. When fleeing Egypt God required something of them Exodus 14:13
 - c. Moses was required to lift the rod and the children of Israel were required to walk Exodus 14:16
 - d. Moses was require to make the brazen serpent Numbers 21:8
 - e. The people once bitten were require to look Numbers 21:9
 - f. Naaman was required to wash 2 Kings 5:1-14
 - g. The blind man was required to wash John 9:7
2. In the above points God did His part, but man had to do his part; the same is true today
 - a. God provided the sacrifice Hebrews 9:22; 10:4; 9:23-28; 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - b. Christ died for the ungodly Romans 5:6; 3:9,23; Ephesians 1:7, 11
 - c. God have us a plan and pattern Hebrews 9:23; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5; Romans 6:17
 - d. God has given us salvation Ephesians 2:8-10
 - e. He enrolls our names in the Book of Life Revelation 3:5
 - f. He is preparing us a place in heaven John 14:1-3
3. Now what must man do? Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24; Luke 13:3
 - a. Obey John 14:15; Hebrews 5:8-9
 - b. Repent Acts 17:30-31
 - c. Confess Romans 10:9-10
 - d. Baptized Romans 6:3-4
4. What must we keep doing
 - a. Fervent in spirit Romans 12:11 not indifferent Ecclesiastes 9:10
 - b. Treat everyone the same James 2:1-13; 1 Timothy 5:21
 - c. Growing 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18
 - d. Spiritually minded Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 16:24
 - e. Over come the carnality 1 Corinthians 3:3
 - f. Some things we are to lay aside 1 Peter 2:1
 - g. Some things we are to mortify Colossians 3:5
 - h. We are to keep on giving Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

III Conclusion

1. Some expect God to do everything and in the end will blame God for their doing nothing
2. God has done His part, will you now do and keep doing your part
3. Salvation is conditional Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9; Revelation 22:14

Source: Porter’s sermon outline; Monroe 2016