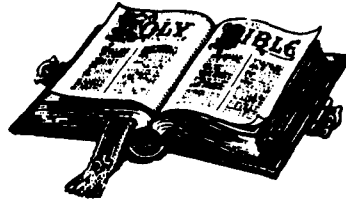


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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"SLAIN IN THE SPIRIT"

Something that is called "**Being slain in the Spirit**" is being practiced by some Pentecostals and Neo-Pentecostals and is being popularized by "Tele-evangelists" such as Oral Roberts, Benny Hinn, etc. These **false** teachers have concocted the expression, "**Being slain in the Spirit**" to describe those who lay down, fall down or (as is sometimes the case) are shoved down because they are in a certain emotional state when a false teacher has them under his influence and control. Roberts, Hinn, etc. claim that those people are "slain" by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Does God's Word teach (or authorize) such a practice? There are several passages in the Old Testament that mention being "slain." For example, we find the expressions "**Slain by the sword**," (cf. Ezek. 31:18; 32:21, 25, 26, 31; Jer. 18:21), "**Slain with the sword**," (cf. 2 Chron. 23:14; Lam. 4:9; Ezek. 31:17; 35:8), and "**Slain with hunger**," (cf. Lam. 4:9). In the New Testament we find "**Slain by the sword**" in Heb. 11:37 in reference to men and women in the Old Testament period who suffered because of their faith and trust in God.

There are references to "**the slain of the Lord**," (cf. Jer. 25:33; Isa. 66:16). There are hundreds of passages that mention the idea of "**slaying**" and "**being slain**" and there are hundreds of passages that mention "**the Spirit**." However, there is **not ONE** passage that mentions "**being slain in the Spirit!**" This expression is the **figment** of someone's **imagination**. It is **not** found in the Scriptures!

Consider the following facts.

1. There is **NO precept** (i.e., command or statement) in the New Testament where a believer (or unbeliever) should be or may be "**slain in the Spirit!**"

2. There is **NO necessary implication** that a person should or may be "**slain in the Spirit!**"

3. There is **NO inspired example** where a person was ever "**slain in the Spirit!**"

4. The passages often used the promoters of "**Being slain in the Spirit**" do **not** mention being "**slain**," or they do **not** mention "**in the Spirit**" or they do **not** mention either! Strange, isn't it?

Your New Testament does **NOT** teach that the Holy Spirit physically knocks people down because they are under His influence or in

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Editorial . . .

SALVATION IS "NOT OF WORKS. . ."

A study of the following Scriptures should convince every sincere seeker of truth that **salvation** (or justification) is "NOT OF WORKS. . ."

1. Ephesians 2:8-9- "**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**" NOTE: Salvation is "not of works."

2. Titus 3:5- "**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, . . .**" NOTE: Salvation is "not by works of righteousness which we have done."

3. Galatians 2:16- "**Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**" NOTE: Justification is not "by the works of the law."

4. Romans 3:27-28- "**Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.**" NOTE: Justification is "without the deeds of the law."

5. Romans 4:2-5- "**For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.**" (Also see verses 6-25.) NOTE: Justification is not "by works."

6. Romans 11:6- "**And if by grace, then it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.**" NOTE: Verse 5 mentions "a remnant according to the election of grace." This "election" is "no more of works." It is "by grace."

7. Romans 3:20- "**Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**" NOTE: Justification is not "by the deeds of the law."

8. Romans 6:14-18- "**For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid . . .**" NOTE: We are "not under the law, but under grace." Since we are not under the law it would be impossible to be saved (or justified by) the law.

9. Acts 13:38-39- "**Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**" NOTE: Justification is not "by the law of Moses."

10. Galatians 5:4- "**Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**"

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NOTE: Justification is not “by the law.”

11. Galatians 3:10-12- **“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no flesh is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.”**

NOTE: Justification is not “by the law” nor by “the works of the law.”

The evidence is ample! The evidence is convincing! **Salvation** (or justification) is not “by the law!” It is “not by the works of the law!” It is “not of works. . .” Do these facts demand that all works of every kind are excluded from being essential to salvation or justification? Of course NOT! Well, what “works” are excluded? A consideration of the context in which “law,” “works” or “deeds” are discussed should help us in understanding what “works” are consideration and thus excluded.

Basically, there are several kinds of “works” by which we cannot be saved or justified. They are:

(1) **Works of the law of Moses.** Cf. Gal. 2:11-21; Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:20-31; Gal. 5:1-6.

(2) **Works of man’s wisdom and righteousness.** Cf. Titus 3:5-7.

(3) **Works of merit.** Cf. Eph. 2:8-9. Also cf. 1 Cor. 9:16.

(4) **Works of disobedience.** Cf. Eph. 2:1-2; Eph. 5:6; Titus 3:3; Titus 1:16; 1 Peter 2:7-8.

(5) **Works of darkness, of the flesh and of wickedness.** Cf. Eph. 5:11; Gal. 5:19-21; Col. 1:21.

None of the above mentioned “works” can save us! Neither can any of these “works” be essential to justification!

Not ALL “works” of every kind are excluded from being essential to justification (or salvation)! Since all works of every kind are not excluded from being essential, what “works” are included as being essential to justification? “Works” of obedience which are in fact “works” of faith ARE essential! These are works of God’s righteousness!

An honest examination of the following passages should convince every truth seeking person that “works” of faith which are acts of obedience to God’s will are NOT included in the expression, “NOT OF WORKS . . .”

1. Matthew 7:21- **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that DOETH THE WILL OF THE FATHER which is in heaven.”** NOTE: Doing the Father’s will is essential to entering the kingdom of heaven!

2. John 6:27-29- Jesus said: **“LABOUR not [i.e., WORK not] for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: . . . Then said they unto him, What shall we DO, that we might WORK the WORKS of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the WORK of God, that YE BELIEVE on him whom he hath sent.”** NOTE: Jesus said: **“LABOUR [i.e., WORK] . . . for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, . . .”** It is obvious that one who doesn’t work (the works of God) will not receive everlasting life.

3. Acts 10:35- **“But in every nation he that feareth him and WORKETH RIGHTEOUSNESS, is accepted with him.”**

4. James 1:25- **“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER OF THE WORK, this man shall be blessed in HIS DEED.”**

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5. James 2:24- "Ye see then how that BY WORKS A MAN IS JUSTIFIED, and not by faith only."

6. Hebrews 5:9- "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that OBEY HIM."

7. Please read arefully 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Gal. 5:6; Phil. 2:12-13; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 22:14.

The evidence is ample! The evidence is overwhelming! "Works" of faith which are "actions" of obedience ARE essential to justification before God! To be saved by grace through faith it is absolutely necessary for one to OBEY God's Will although salvation is "Not of works, . . ."

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His presence! Don't be deceived by those who claim that "people are being slain in the Spirit." "Prove all things: hold fast that which is good." (1 Thess. 5:21).

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Pro-choice is a pack of lies; there is **no choice** if the baby dies.

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There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference.

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There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

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Defer not till tomorrow to be wise; tomorrow's sun may never rise.

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One man with courage is a majority. (Andrew Jackson)

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