

SORRY, NO HELP NEEDED

Philippians 1:6

Introduction: "Religion" is a word assigned to define the efforts of mankind to create his own god or some system of "worship" from his own design. Ever since Cain "did his own thing" by offering to God his own idea of a sacrifice instead of following God's guidelines, mankind has been doing the same thing. Man has even tried to change God's "Christianity" (salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone) to the way he thinks God should have done it. Contrary to what some so called "christians" preach and teach, God does not need anybody's help and no human could begin to understand what is involved in what God has done for mankind in the first place.

I. THE WORK OF CHRIST IS FINISHED

1. Redemption is complete, man has been bought.
2. Reconciliation is over, God and man can now be brought together.
3. Propitiation is settled, Jesus is the advocate for believers.
4. *1 Timothy 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20*

II. ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BRING CONVICTION

1. Only the Holy Spirit can "reveal" to the human mind and heart the things of God.
2. Only the Holy Spirit can convict of sin, of righteousness and of judgment (*John 16:7-11*)
3. The Holy Spirit is the only means of giving spiritual sight to humanity blinded by Satan.
4. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can "explain" the way of life for a Christian.

III. THE SAVING WORK OF GOD IS COMPLETED

1. Thousands of transforming miracles occur at the moment of salvation which only God could do.
2. Every aspect of salvation needed is completed.

IV. GOD'S WORK ENABLES HIM TO KEEP WHAT HE WANTS TO KEEP

1. The cross freed God to save whosoever He wanted to.
2. The cross removed the sin barrier forever for all mankind.
3. The cross freed God to keep saved anybody He wants to. (*John 10:28*)

V. ONLY GOD CAN DELIVER MAN FROM HIS SIN

1. History and current times prove that people are unable to free themselves from any kind of sin.
2. The Holy Spirit dwelling in the believer along with the believer's faith secures his/her salvation, not his/her works.
3. *Galatians 5:16*

VI. GOD WORKS IN THE BELIEVER TO BRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH

1. Every believer in Jesus Christ is considered by God to be "born again" therefore a "babe."
2. Growth for the believer comes from the study of and obedience to the Word of God as the Holy Spirit enables the believer to understand.
3. Sadly many Christians want to do things their way instead of God's and remain babies in Christ.
4. *2 Peter 3:18*

VII. ONLY GOD CAN ENABLE A PERSON TO MEET HIS QUALIFICATIONS

1. The final and consummating work of God is to present the believer faultless before His throne.
2. The believer shall be like Jesus in all ways and conformed into His image.
3. No human being can qualify anybody for such an event as to stand spotless before the throne of God.
4. Salvation is from God, by God, unto God and man's only part in Salvation is to receive it.

CONCLUSION:

1. "Christianity" is the work of God for man, not the work of man for God.
2. Salvation is the imputed righteousness of God, not the imperfect righteousness of man.
3. Salvation is according to the calling of God, not according to the works of man.
4. Salvation is the bestowal and actual impartation of eternal life, not a hoped for thing.
5. Salvation is the cancellation of all sin for the believer forever, not just until sin reoccurs.
6. Salvation is being permanently reconciled to God, not something that can be lost over and over.
7. Salvation has always been entirely by God and for God. Man can only accept it or reject it.