

CAN WE BE CHARGED?

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Text: Romans 8:33-34 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. 34. *Who is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Jean and I moved up to Minneapolis over twenty-one years ago. We've been in this church over twenty one years and we moved up from Chattanooga and I used to work for NCR, National Cash Register Company and my accounts were in Middle Tennessee and that included the boon docks! That included the places where they piped in sunlight and it's unusual and unusual situations and circumstances that you run into. And there's one little country bank up in the sticks that I was calling on and when I walked in the front door, what did I see? There's a man sitting in the lobby with a shotgun across his lap! Made me a little nervous, to say the least! Well, they made some modifications because somebody had held them up and this bank was not in a real modern building, it was a house, really, that they converted into a bank. So I got over that but, there's another little bank up in Middle Tennessee that I went into. And a lot of banks are proud of their safes. This bank had a beautiful safe. I mean, brass and you know, just, you know beautiful! But I noticed something interesting behind the counter and what it was, was a little slate board with they had some numbers on it; and that they had written in chalk. You know, you remember those slates you used to have to play with when you were children? And you could write on it and then you could erase it? Well, this was a slate that this bank had behind the counter. And that's where I learned about having a clean slate. Everyday the bank would put their starting balance on the slate and everyday they would balance the tellers cages and when they got everything in balance they would have what is known as a clean slate, and they would clean the slate off and that's where they would start the next day. I've never seen that in any bank in town but the reason I'm telling you this story is that there are those today that think that when you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have a clean slate that will never have anything on it. And I just think that we need to look at God's Word to realize the fact that we can be charged as God's children for misbehavior. It does make a difference how you live. Now, you can have a clean slate in your walk with the Lord today and the way you do that is that you exercise First John one nine and what do we do, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So you can have a clean slate, but if there's something in your life that you feel like you have a right to do, and it's against God's word, then you have moved into a realm of what is known as lawlessness and what is lawlessness? Lawlessness is where people or you say that I have a right to break the law. Are we living in a day of lawlessness today? Absolutely we are! People today have no conscience about breaking the law. So I want to encourage all of us that God has standards and God wants us to obey Him. And if we disobey Him and we tell Him we have the right to disobey Him then we will be held accountable at the Judgment seat of Christ.

I just remembered the story in the Old Testament about the man that was picking up sticks on the Sabbath. In the Old Testament the Sabbath day was holy and you were not allowed to do any work on the Sabbath day and by the way, the Sabbath day does not carry the same weight as today, in today – during the church period. But this man was doing what is known as a presumptuous sin. And He paid the price for it. And we need to realize that as well.

THE ELECT WILL NOT BE CHARGED

Romans 8:33-34 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

34. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

This verse of scripture is used often by those that believe we will never have to give an answer for anything that we do after we're saved. But you just cannot take just one verse out of the context of the Word of God and base everything that you believe on that one verse, because we have to compare scripture with scripture. In Romans two, verse six through nine we see that Paul says

REWARDS FOR GOOD AND EVIL

Romans 2:6-9 "Who will **render** [pay, reward] **to every man according to his deeds**: 7. To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for **glory** (reward) and **honour** (reward) and **immortality** [incorruption, (reward)], **eternal life** (the reward): 8. But unto **them** that are **contentious**, and **do not obey** the truth, but obey unrighteousness, **indignation** (reward) and **wrath** (reward), 9. **Tribulation** (reward) and **anguish** (reward), upon every soul of man that **doeth evil**, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;"

These are all rewards. This is all the benefits that you will receive if we will be patient; or doing the right thing, we will have glory, we will have honor, we'll have incorruption and eternal life. Now, unfortunately, the translators of the King James Bible and other translations did not do us any favor by translating the word, 'aion', from which we get the word eon from as 'eternal'. There's no Greek word for eternity in the Bible or in Modern Greek language. The way that the 'eternity' is translated, or is expressed in the Greek Language or the Greek New Testament is 'from the ages unto the ages'. And this is 'age', singular and it's a noun and it's used as an adjective describing life. And so another thing too, that helps us to appreciate that this eternal life is not salvation is because you are **rewarded** this and you do not work for your salvation. You cannot work your way into heaven. For a person to be saved, you have to put your trust and confidence in the Finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. Jesus Christ died on the cross for sinners and every man's a sinner and for a man to be saved, He has to accept that what Jesus Christ did for him on the cross, for himself personally. I can't do it for you and you can't do it for me. Just like Paul told the Philippian jailer in Acts sixteen thirty and thirty-one when he asked the question, 'what must I do to be saved?' 'Saved' is in the question, and Paul says, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Just as simple as that! And the reason it's so simple is because Jesus Christ paid the price and by the way, the word, the verb that Paul used in Acts sixteen thirty-one is in the aorist tense. And when you graph the aorist tense of the verb, 'believe', you graph it with a dot, not a line. And what is the significance? The dot means it's an event. If it had been in the present tense, it would have meant that as long as you believe you will be saved. So salvation is an event, you receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, as your personal Savior. So this passage of scripture in Romans two is not talking about working your way to heaven but it's talking about a reward of life for the coming age. This is age lasting life. In other words, it would be better to translate the word, 'age' as an adjective, it would be age lasting life, or life for the coming age. Well, what is the coming age? The coming age is the Millennial age. We're living in the Church age, we're anticipating the day when Jesus Christ will rule and reign and those that are qualified will reign, rule and reign with Him. He will be the King of kings and the Lord of lords and if you want a position of honor and glory in His coming Kingdom, what do we need to do? We need to be patiently continuing in well doing and you will be rewarded handsomely in His coming Kingdom with riches and honor and glory as a king or a lord.

But to them that are contentious, who do not obey the truth but obey unrighteousness, what are their rewards? Indignation, wrath, tribulation, anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil of the Jew first and also of the Greek. So if you are lawless or you are contentious, and you are disobedient, you can expect wrath, God's wrath, God's judgment, upon you. Disqualified from ruling and reigning with Christ. 'Has to be excused or dismissed from his presence. Now, the Judgment Seat of Christ is when that will take place

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 "For we must all appear before the **judgment seat** of Christ; that every one may **receive** (a reward for) the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* **good** or **bad** [evil]. *11.* Knowing (the judgment for evil) therefore the **terror** [fear] of the Lord, we persuade (saved who are called) men; . . ."

So if you've been doing good, you will receive honor and glory; if you've been doing evil, you can expect God's judgment upon your life. You will not have what you will want in that day, in the coming kingdom. And so Paul continues in verse eleven, 'knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.' This verse as in context has to do with believers, not lost people. Paul was not convincing lost people to be saved in this verse. Paul says I knowing the judgment for evil, therefore the terror or the fear, actually the better translation of that Greek word is 'fear' of the Lord, we persuade saved men to do what? To do the right thing! And so therefore, the judgment seat of Christ is going to reveal our lifestyle and what we did. Another popular teaching is found in Romans eight one.

POPULAR TEACHING

Romans 8:1 "*There is therefore ~~now~~ no condemnation* to them which are in Christ Jesus, ~~who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.~~"

Now, I've drawn lines through the word, 'now' and through the latter part of that verse. And the reason I've drawn lines through those words is not because they're not there, it's because that men quote this verse often without including the word, 'now.' They just, on the radio, I've heard radio preachers, popular radio preachers on say, 'there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.' That's not true! If you live after the flesh, and not after the spirit, there will be judgment. Now the key to this is the word, 'now.' The reason why there is 'now' no condemnation is because Jesus Christ is not our judge today, is He? Jesus Christ is our High Priest and as our High Priest He is interceding on our behalf. He is going before the Father. When we confess our sins, the Father says, Jesus died for those sins and I accept that confession and you're clean. But what happens to those who live after the flesh?

NO JUDGMENT NOW

Romans 8:1 "*There is therefore **now** no **condemnation** [sentencing]* to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Now in Galatians chapter five verses nineteen through twenty-one, we have a list of the works of the flesh.

WORKS OF THE FLESH WILL BE MANIFEST

Galatians 5:19-21 "Now **the works of the flesh** are **manifest**, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, *20.* Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, *21.* Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**"

“They which do such things” are chargeable and their consequences are or is, they shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Keep in mind, the word, ‘inherit’ has to do with family. Inheritance is something that the family gets. My mother just passed away the end of December and there were people that were included in her inheritance. And the same thing’s about the Lord’s family. There are those that will inherit the Kingdom of God that is, rule and reign with Christ. But if you do the works of the flesh, you will not rule and reign with Christ. Instead of ruling and reigning with Christ, you will be ruled over, you will be servants in the coming kingdom rather than sovereigns.

In First Corinthians chapter three verses thirteen through fifteen is another passage and it deals with the same thought.

EVERY MAN’S WORK WILL BE TRIED

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 "Every man's work shall be made **manifest**: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and **the fire shall try every man's work** of what sort it is. **14.** If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward**. **15.** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall **suffer loss** [receive damage]: but he himself **shall be saved**; yet so as by [through] fire."

You build on your life, wood, hay and stubble; I believe that’s the works of the flesh. That will burn; you will not be rewarded for that other than damage. But if you build gold and silver and precious stones, you will have riches and honor in the coming kingdom in the Lord. Now, many will quote John five, twenty-four

SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION

John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth** [present active] my word, and **believeth** [present active] on him (the Father) that sent me, **hath** [regardeth] everlasting [age] **life**, and shall **not come** [present middle] into condemnation [judgment]; but is **passed** [perfect active, has passed] from death [thanatos] unto life."

Now there are some key words in this passage of scripture that help us to understand. This is not a blank check saying that you will never have to give an account for the way you live. Because the word, ‘heareth’ is in the present tense. It’s not aorist; it’s present. He that heareth continually hears my word. And then notice the word, ‘believeth.’ Anytime you see, like on the word, ‘believe’ and on the word ‘heareth’, you see the little ‘eth’ on the end of it, you know what that means? That means that that word is in the present tense. So this verse is saying those that are listening to me, and those that are believing what they hear, present tense all the time, let me tell you, if you’re believing something, all the time, it’s going to make a difference, where? In your heart and in your life! So this is what this is dealing with.

“And believeth on him, that is the Father, that sent me, hath, or regardeth life for the age.” In other words, if you are hearing and believing on the Father who sent the Lord, you have a regard for the life for the coming age. You value ruling and reigning with Christ. You value the Millennial age of Christ where He will be ruling and reigning over the earth and you are hearing and believing you will not come into condemnation. You will not be judged like those who would refuse to hear and refuse to believe and refuse to live a life that is pleasing to the lord and you are passing, ‘hath passed’ perfect active, ‘has passed’ from death unto life. And the death here is really a reference to the demotion that comes because of living a life of disobedience. Now, let’s go on in John three eighteen. It’s another passage that deals with the same thing.

THE KEY WORD, BELIEVETH

John 3:18 "He that **believeth** [present active] on **him** is not condemned [present active, being]

judged]: but he that **believeth** [present active] not is **condemned** [perfect passive] already, because he hath not **believed** [perfect active] in the **name** (the Word of God, Rev 19:13) of the only begotten Son of God."

Notice that the word 'believeth' has the 'eth' on the end. You know what that means again? That's in the present tense. You're faithful in believing what you hear. You're not going to bring, be brought into judgment. And in fact it's you're not being condemned even now. 'Being judged', that's also a verb in the present tense. "But he that believeth not is condemned already." If you refuse to believe in the present tense, you're judgment's coming. You will be chargeable; you will be accountable. And now we're talking about lost people here, we're talking about saved people. It does make a difference how you live. God gave His Son and He doesn't want us to take it lightly that He died on the cross for us. He wants us to honor him by the way we live. He gave his son as an example. I just think about the fact that Jesus Christ could have shown up on the scene in a week or two as a full human being, a man and he could have died in another week – we would have never had any example of the way He lived. But God recorded an example of the life of Jesus Christ for what purpose? So that we can pattern our lives after him! Jesus lived in the presence of men for a pattern for our lifestyle. Okay, let's continue.

WHO WILL CHARGE THE ELECT?

Romans 8:33-34 "**Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.** 34. **Who** is he that **condemneth**? *It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*"

Who are the elect? They are seemingly a select group of people. The Calvinists believe that all saved are elect. But in Mathew chapter twenty-two verse fourteen we see that

CALLED AND CHOSEN

Matthew 22:14 "For many are called, but **few are chosen** [elect, called out]." (the few)

Many are called but few are called out. The elect are those that are called out. Many people want to apply election to salvation and so therefore they say that all the elect are saved therefore they will not be chargeable and so therefore what happens is that you have a tendency to relax about the way you live because you'll never come into condemnation. Or you'll never have to give an account for the way you live.

WHO ARE THE MANY?

Matthew 22:14 "For **many are called**, but *few are* chosen."

But the point I want to share with you is the many that are called, are not called to get saved. The many that are called are those that are called unto His Kingdom and glory. Second Timothy chapter one verse nine tells us

NOT ALL OF THE SAVED

2 Timothy 1:9 "Who hath **saved** us, and **called** us with an holy **calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"

What comes before the calling? Salvation! If you're not saved, God hasn't called you unto His Kingdom and glory.

"Not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," Jesus Christ or God the Father knew who would be saved. That's foreknowledge. And because He is sovereign over His family, He can choose

from His family who is going to be called unto His Kingdom and glory. In fact, I want to read First Thessalonians two, twelve so that we can see what the calling is, okay?

THE CALLING

1 Thessalonians 2:12 "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath **called** you unto his **kingdom** and **glory**."

By the way, the Kingdom is not now. There are a lot of people talking about getting in the kingdom now. That is error. The Kingdom is coming. Jesus Christ is not King today, he is our High Priest today. One day He will be a King and that is know as the Millennium or the Thousand Year reign of Christ, which is the coming age. We have been called to that Kingdom. We have been called to rule and reign with Christ in that coming Kingdom. So, who are the many? Well, I believe the many are His, a part of the Body of Christ

THE MANY

Romans 12:5 "So we, *being* [the] **many**, are **one body in Christ**, and every one members one of another."

It has the definite article, 'the' before 'many.' The Body of Christ is made up of many members and there's a group in the Body of Christ called **the** many. And the many, meaning not all, just a portion of the Body of Christ has been called to rule and reign with Christ. It's just like Adam and Eve. Eve was part of Adam's body and when God took Eve out of Adam, He didn't take the whole body, did He? He took part of the body of Adam. He took a rib and Ephesians compares that to the church. The church has been taken out of the body of Christ. It's a part of the body. Now, so 'the many' is a reference to those who are part of the body of Christ. And the question:

IS THIS THE FULL TRUTH?

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Does that mean that the elect will not be chargeable? Is that the full truth? No, we see

THE ELECT DENIED

2 Timothy 2:9-13 "Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. **10.** Therefore I endure all things for the **elect's** sakes, that **they may also obtain** the salvation which is **in Christ Jesus with** eternal [age] **glory**. **11.** *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*: **12.** If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if **we** (the elect) deny *him*, he also will deny us: **13.** If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself."

By the way, 'the word of God' is a reference, according to Luke eight, the 'word of God' is a reference to the mysteries of the kingdoms of the heavens, okay? And Paul is saying the Mysteries of the Kingdom of the Heavens is not a bound truth. Continuing, verse ten

Therefore I endure all things for the elects' sake that may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with age lasting glory. Notice that the word, 'may' is in this verse. The word 'may' is in this verse. 'May obtain' is because it's a subjunctive of the verb. They may not obtain the salvation. Now this doesn't mean that the elect are not saved or will not be saved. That's not the issue. Because these elect along with the many and the other's that are saved are in Christ. This has to do with those that are already in the body of Christ and so this salvation that is being referred to in this passage of scripture is a salvation in the body of Christ. Hebrews chapter two refers to that salvation. It's called the 'so great salvation' in contrast to Jewish reference to the Common salvation. The common salvation is the salvation of the whole body of Christ where

the So Great Salvation has to do with the elect and with the many that have been called. Now let's continue in verse eleven.

It is a faithful saying, if we be dead with him we shall also live with him. If we suffer or better translated, if we endure, we shall reign with Him. Part of enduring is believing in the present tense. Enduring has to do with being faithful. If you are faithful, you will reign with him. If we deny him, He also will deny us. If we believe not, present active, doesn't have the 'eth' on the end of it, but it is in the present tense; yet He abideth faithful, He cannot deny Himself. So the elect can be denied! Now I included Luke chapter twelve verses forty-three through forty-five for particular reasons. If we are convinced that we are elect, you know what can happen? We can let down our guard. We don't have to be too faithful.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

Luke 12:43-45 "Blessed *is that servant*, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44. Of a truth I say unto you, that **he will make him ruler** over all that he hath. 45. But and if **that servant say** in his **heart**, **My lord delayeth his coming**; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;" (we can know that we are called but not elect)

"So doing" – that is giving out meat.

He will pay a consequence for that lifestyle. He will be appointed his portion with the hypocrites and let me tell you, you can be saved and be a hypocrite. It doesn't mean you're lost, it just means that you're not living up to God's potential. So what do we need to be doing? Well Second Peter, chapter one verses ten and eleven, we're exhorted to

LIVE LIKE YOU ARE OF THE ELECT

2 Peter 1:10-11 "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to **make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never **fall**: 11. For so an **entrance** shall be ministered unto you **abundantly** into the **everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

It's not sure. The responsibility is to do some certain things and we'll read about them just in a minute. If you do these things you will not fall, you will not be denied. And what will be your portion? You will have an abundant entrance into the age-lasting kingdom of our Lord. Verse eleven; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the age-lasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." And what are the things that we need to be doing?

MAKING YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE

2 Peter 1:4-7 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and **precious promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having **escaped the corruption** that is in the world through **lust**. 5. And beside this, **giving all diligence**, add to your **faith** virtue; and to **virtue** knowledge; 6. And to **knowledge** temperance; and to **temperance** patience; and to **patience** godliness; 7. And to **godliness** brotherly **kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity** [love]."

Escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust has to do with the works of the flesh. We need to escape that, we need to be delivered from that and besides that we need to give diligence to add to our faith, virtue. What is faith? Faith is pleasing God. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. "And to virtue, knowledge." Virtue has to do with integrity. Not only are we to be pleasing God, but we need to have integrity. And we need to have knowledge. Knowledge of the Word of God and we need to be temperate. Self controlled. And patience, that has to do with endurance. When things are tough, we don't quit and we need to be godly.

That is to live a holy life and to godliness, we need to be kind. We need to be considerate of others and kind. And then to brotherly kindness we need to love. What is the significance of love? Well, Paul told the Galatians that faith worketh by love. If you don't have love faith does not work. You cannot please God. So we need to make our calling and election sure and we do that applying these things that are given to us in verses four through seven to our life. Paul said and this in closing, Paul said, I'm making my calling and election sure by knowing Him

PAUL MADE HIS CALLING SURE

Philippians 3:10-15 "That **I may know** him, and **the power** of his resurrection, and **the fellowship** of his sufferings, being made **conformable** unto his **death** [thanatos, in the garden]; **11.** If by any means I **might attain** unto the [out] **resurrection** of the dead (those that perish). **12. Not** as though I had already **attained**, **either** were already **perfect**: but I **follow** [pursue] after, if that I **may apprehend** that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. **13.** Brethren, I count **not** myself to have **apprehended**: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **14. I press** toward the mark **for the prize** of the high **calling** of God in Christ Jesus. **15.** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you."

Paul who spent three years in the backside of the desert with the Lord here is saying, "that I may know Him." We need to know the Lord. We need to know what to expect of Him. We need to know the power of His resurrection. What is the power of His resurrection? Well, He is our high Priest. He is the priest after the order of Melchizedek and He was placed in that office. We need to know that power. We need to experience the fellowship of His sufferings. What is the fellowship of His sufferings? Rejection! Not only rejection by the pagans but rejection by those of the nation of Israel; the Jews who He called out of Egypt and so forth, by His own. "And being made conformable unto His death." This word, 'thanatos' death is when Jesus said in the garden, "Abba Father, not my will but thine be done." Paul says, if by any means I might attain unto the out-resurrection of the dead. This word, 'resurrection' has a little Greek prefix, a Greek word, 'ek', out – resurrection from the dead, those that have perished.

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Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." Paul had a burden to not only win the prize himself but encourage other people to do the same thing and the prize is not getting saved but the prize is to do with ruling and reigning with Christ. It does make a difference how you live. We will give an account of the life that we've lived. And we need to please the Lord.

Father I just pray, that you'd bless the message to each of our hearts. May it help us to have a correct perspective of what we will expect when we stand in your presence to be judged. We know that you're our High Priest today and one day you'll be our judge. And we'll be rewarded if we've been faithful to you and our rewards will have to do with your coming kingdom. We know that those that have been faithful will rule and reign with you and those that have been called and have not been faithful, will not. We pray, Father, that you'd help us to put a value on pleasing you and serving you in this, during our lifetime during this age. For we ask these things in Jesus' Christ's name, amen.