

In his *Epistle to the Colossians*, Paul dealt with those who had a misunderstanding of what true, obedient saving faith was all about. Those people in Colosse were also under the impression that Jesus Christ was not enough. Not only were there Judaizers in Colosse trying to get the Gentile converts to Christ to also keep the Law of Moses, there was a sect of Gnostics that had come in that were teaching mysticism and the worship of Angels. Becoming a Jew was not the type of faith that saves. Keeping the Law of Moses was not what God demanded for those who had been washed in the blood of His only begotten Son. Saving faith is trusting in the sufficiency of the grace of God in Christ. When we come to Him in obedient, saving faith, confessing Him as our Lord and Master, repenting of our sins, and submitting to have our sins washed away in that watery grave of baptism to rise up and walk in newness of life, clothed in His holy garments, we need to understand that His work performed on the Cross of Calvary was sufficient for our needs. We do not trust in law keeping, but we grasp hold of His hand, holding tightly to it as we journey through this life together. As the Apostle John puts it,

5 This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:5-10 [ESV])

The motive of our heart is to help others because we love them and the Lord. Our reward is that we will have the love of the Father and Jesus Christ, and in His salvation He will manifest Himself to us.