

THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR THE GRACE BELIEVER (pt 9)

**His Part and Ours:  
Who is Responsible for the  
Necessities Laid Upon Us?**

*Scripture Reading:*

**Acts: 16:6-15**

# INTRODUCTION

- In 1960, a Scottish preacher, Dr J. Sidlow Baxter wrote a popular devotional book entitled His Part and Ours.
- As we discover the God-revealed necessities in the NT for one to BECOME a child of God and then to LIVE and GROW as God's child, we need to ask the question, "Who is responsible to accomplish these necessities?"

# INTRODUCTION

- These necessities can be categorized as the “three tenses of our salvation”:
  - **Past-tense salvation**
    - = initial salvation = regeneration
  - **Present-tense salvation**
    - = spiritual growth = sanctification
  - **Future-tense salvation**
    - = completed redemption = glorification

# Who is Responsible for Past-tense (Initial) Salvation - Regeneration?

- **We MUST be born from above – Jn 3:7**
- **OUR PART:** pay attention and positively respond to God's provision of salvation
- **GOD'S PART:** provide salvation by His grace for all
  - Because NO ONE desires to respond to God's provision, God causes SOME individual attention to be arrested to desire His offer of salvation - Acts 16:14, cf Jn 16:8-11

# Who is Responsible for Present-tense Salvation – Spiritual Growth (Sanctification)?

- Those who respond by faith and experienced the new birth are caused to desire God's necessities for our daily lives – Phil 2:13
- **GOD'S PART** - God gives us the desire to:
  - Worship in spirit and in truth – Jn 4:24
  - Obey God rather than men – Acts 5:29
  - Suffer for His sake – Phil 1:29
  - Think sober-mindedly – Rom 12:3

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- Support (materially) weak believers – Acts 20:33-35
- Hold a proper self-opinion – Rom 12:3
- Respond positively to spiritual instruction – Heb 2:1
- Walk wisely toward those outside of Christ – Col 4:5-6
- Correctly respond to false teaching and teachers – Titus 1:10-11

# Who is Responsible for Future-tense (Completed) Salvation - Glorification?

## •OUR PART:

- God ALONE is responsible for the third tense of our salvation – **glorification**

## •GOD'S PART:

- I Cor 15:50-53 – “...flesh and blood cannot inherit a quality of the Kingdom of God”
- The glorification of our bodies at the Rapture
  - Cf Lk 24:39, glorified body has no blood, but flesh and bone only
  - Corruptible flesh has no ability to inherit incorruption
  - Vs 51 – “...we SHALL (be caused to) be changed...”

# CONCLUSION

- Who is responsible to

- 1) Become and then 2) live as a Christian?

God has done and will continue to do His part. Our responsibility is to “Just say YES!” to his perfect will and complete provisions.

**“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” - Phil 1:6**