

## WHAT HAVE I DONE?

Please give careful consideration to **II Cor. 10:12**: *"For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with certain of them that commend themselves, but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves, are without understanding."* This text gives testimony to the fact of some who, **look at themselves to determine whether they are right or wrong**. It is easy for a person to set the standard he or she likes and then judge himself or herself according to the standard they have imposed upon **themselves**. It would be wonderful for me to be able to set the standard and then live by that standard I have imposed on myself and thereby be saved. Now, that would be wonderful if it worked; but, **you can be assured, it does not work that way**. A man cannot be justified by his own rules and regulations. Please take a look at **Jer. 10:23**, *"O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps."*

This is from which comes **all the false doctrine of the world**. God's ways are in the Bible, man's ways are not in the Bible; except, in the refutation of man's ways from the word of God. *"Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ,"* Col. 2:8. When a man thinks he **is smarter than God** and can devise ways by which he can be saved; **he has set himself in the place of God** and thinks he can make the rules and regulations by which one is to live – this is *"himself"* coming out and he is judging himself by himself – it will not work! Prov. 14:12 says: *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death."* You **cannot** live by your own wisdom and knowledge and **expect** to go to heaven!"

Judging ourselves by ourselves is the cause of the **creeds** in the world. The creed is that which makes a distinction from all of the different religious organizations that have been brought into existence by the wisdom and knowledge of men. These individuals are judging themselves by themselves and of themselves. It is not what men themselves can produce in religion; but rather, what God **has** produced and he (God) **calls this "truth,"** Jno. 8:32. *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* In Jno. 17:17, *"Sanctify them in truth: thy word is truth."* So, we are justified by TRUTH; but, the **WORD IS TRUTH**; so, **all** of the Word of God is truth! We need to remember, *"The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men,"* I Cor. 1:25. There is no way a man can devise anything in the realm of religion, by which he can be saved, one must appeal to God and what he wants for salvation. One cannot use **himself** as a standard by which he can be saved.

There are so many things in the realm of man that men have determined are alright and God has determined otherwise. **Idolatry**, cannot be justified by man. **Unbelieving** cannot be justified by man. **Lying** cannot be justified by man. **Murder** cannot be justified by man. I could continue to name many different sins that certain men have set as their standard – according to them it is alright. Rev. 21:8 seems to cover all of these sins as being wrong: *"But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murders, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death."*

The great question to be asked after this life is over – **"What have I done?"** There are people who have tried to set their own standard only to hear the Lord say, *"Depart from me, ye that work iniquity,"* Matt. 7:23. Then there is that question that keeps ringing in their ears, **"What have I done?"** Caa .....

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