

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 3:52 AM
Subject: Please help me!

Please help,

I for many years committed sexual sins and broke the law of the land knowing that the LDS gospel was true. I had full understanding, with this knowledge for over 30 years I continued to commit these sexual crimes and kept doing while procrastinating.

In the speech "Do It Now" Donald Hallstrom states the following

"Many of us place ourselves in circumstances far more consequential than embarrassment because of our procrastination to become fully converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know what is right, but we delay full spiritual involvement because of laziness, fear, rationalization, or lack of faith. We convince ourselves that "someday I'm going to do it." However, for many "someday" never comes, and even for others who eventually do make a change, there is an irretrievable loss of progress and surely regression."

<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2007/10/do-it-now?lang=eng>

Loss of progress means a person is eternally behind and so can never reason godhood and "regression" is damnation is it not, and given the context of the speech is loss of exaltation, doesn't that mean it is eternally too late for me to be exalted?

Please reply.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn

Hi Glenn,

Let me be blunt. Donald Hallstrom is teaching false doctrine. Our end state is what is important. If we were to accept and apply Elder Hallstrom's teachings ALL mankind is damned. And so we are. We are all damned and in dire need of salvation by a perfect being. We cannot earn our way into heaven. Only Christ deserves a place next to the Father. We can only come onto Christ and submit our will to His – not to any man, but to Christ only. Whatever He (Christ) asks you to do, you do it. In so doing, He will stand for you in the last day when all men are to be judged.

There is no such thing as being eternally behind. We have been given the gift of time, and until this gift is taken from us, it is never too late. And, if you accept the doctrine of eternal lives, which is not taught in the LDS church, then you will understand it is entirely up to you what you become. Every time you exercise faith in Christ and believe He can redeem your soul from hell, you make progress. Faith is mental discipline. As you exercise faith, or control your mind and your thoughts, you make progress, even while fighting the demons who scream at you all is lost. It is not so.

Imagine you are held captive by an enemy who denies you the freedom of movement and holds you physically bound. Although he keeps you alive by intravenous feeding, your body is slowly deteriorating and will surely die. Yet you have your freedom to believe and exercise faith in Jesus Christ. By so doing, you endure to the end and trust in Christ to deliver you. And so He will. You will decide the next step in your eternal progression together in the Spirit world. Likewise, we are held captive by our bodies in this life. They will surely die, but we have time in which to repent.

Exaltation is a long way off. Joseph taught it would be a long time before we arrive at the point where we are ready to be exalted. He said we have so much more to learn and that it cannot all be learned in this life. In order to place in it terms we can understand, we can say it is eons into the future. You can consider that to be billions of years if it helps you. This is not the false doctrine of being beaten with a few stripes, which only adds to the fuel of procrastination. Focus on

the gift of time. God honors your agency. He gives you what you want. Rise up. Exercise faith. Come onto Christ.

Your repentance is between you and your God. Don't let any man tell you what you must do to be found clean and worthy to come into the presence of Christ. He will teach you. He will lead you and guide you. Do not submit to any man, including Elder Hallstrom, your bishop, your stake president or Russell M. Nelson. They do not hold the keys of your salvation or exaltation. Only Christ holds those keys. Submit your will to His, not to any man. He will save you. Man cannot save you. It is not eternally too late to be exalted. That is not something we reach in this life. Look unto Christ.

Even the vilest of sinners will come into the presence of Christ, either in this life or the life to come. Why not prepare yourself for the inevitable? Practice virtue and holiness before Him now. He will see your efforts and reward your good works. Do it for Him, because He loves you and will bless you with peace and with happiness for so doing. He recognizes your mortal weaknesses. He submitted Himself to the flesh precisely so He could understand and succor you in your flesh. You have the gift of time. Use it to your advantage. The demons and devils do not have that gift.

God bless,

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