

GLEANINGS

OUR FIRST SUGGESTION

Our first suggestion that will enable you to glean the truth from God's Word while you stay away from the seeds of error in your favorite translation or your favorite commentary is, first and most important, be sure you are one of God's children. Have you ever gone to God in prayer and asked God to forgive you of the sins you have committed? Have you asked that the payment Christ provided on the cross pay for the sin debt you owed? Have you made your appeal through saving faith, that is, confessing to God there is nothing you can do to earn eternal life? Please read articles GE-3 and GE-4 again because we are not exercising saving faith in Christ until we admit there is nothing we can do to help gain eternal life. There was not one saved person mentioned in the Old Testament who was baptized or who belonged to a local church (Galatians 3:8-14; Romans 10:8-21; Romans 4:1-25 and Genesis 6:8).

⁴²*Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."* ⁴³*And Jesus said to him "Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise."* Luke 23:42-43 *Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition).*

Why is it necessary to know Christ as our Savior in order to understand the Bible? The Bible can only be understood through the illumination of the Holy Spirit. The only message a lost person will receive from the Holy Spirit of God contains a call to come to God in prayer, repent of their sins and ask that Jesus Christ pay their sin debt. This is their only hope of salvation. Everything else is foolishness to a lost person (1st Corinthians 2:9-16).

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