

Two Laws of Pardon

Introduction:

- A. Our denominational friends often demonstrate ignorance of the fact God has two laws of pardon:
 - 1. by calling on alien sinners to pray for salvation, and
 - 2. by asking if we believe an erring child of God must be rebaptized.
- B. In reality God has one law of pardon for the alien sinner and another for His erring child. - Acts 8:5-24
- C. What are God's two laws of pardon?

I. God's Law of Pardon for the Alien Sinner

- A. Alien Sinner - Ephesians 2:12; Acts 8:5,9-11
- B. He is NOT directed to:
 - 1. believe only. - James 2:24
 - 2. pray for salvation. - Matthew 7:21
- C. He IS directed to:
 - 1. hear the Word. - Acts 8:5,12; Romans 1:16; 10:17
 - 2. believe in Christ. - Acts 8:12-13; John 20:30-31
 - 3. repent of his sins. - Acts 3:19; cf. Acts 8:13
 - 4. confess his faith in Christ. - Acts 8:36-37; Romans 10:8-10
 - 5. be baptized for the remission of sins. - Acts 8:12-13; Mark 16:16

II. God's Law of Pardon for the Erring Child

- A. A child of God can be lost. - Acts 8:12-13,18-23
- B. He is NOT promised righteousness by means of:
 - 1. imputation of personal righteousness of Christ - - Romans 4:5
 - 2. continuous cleansing - 1 John 1:7-9
 - 3. general confession of sinfulness - 1 John 1:9
- C. He MUST:
 - 1. repent of his sins. - Acts 8:22
 - 2. confess his sins to God. - 1 John 1:9
 - 3. pray for forgiveness. - Acts 8:22
 - 4. confess his sins as publicly as they are known. - Acts 8:24; James 5:16

Conclusion:

- A. Sin is terrible. - Acts 8:23
- B. But God in His mercy offers pardon.
 - 1. alien. - Acts 8:12-13
 - 2. erring child - Acts 8:22
- C. Will you comply with the terms of pardon?