

"We are Required to..."

Is there nothing we are responsible for in our salvation?

A SOP Word Study

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We are to seek for the pearl of great price, but not in worldly marts or in worldly ways. The price **we are required to** pay is not gold or silver, for this belongs to God. Abandon the idea that temporal or spiritual advantages will win for you salvation. God calls for your willing obedience. He asks you to give up your sins. COL 117.3

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We are required to make known the principles of health reform in the large gatherings of our people at our camp meetings. CH 339.1

All that **we are required to** do is to ask God to raise the sick up if in accordance with His will, believing that He hears the reasons which we present and the fervent prayers offered. If the Lord sees it will best honor Him, He will answer our prayers. But to urge recovery without submission to His will is not right. CH 377.3

Whatever the talent entrusted to us may be, **we are required to** use it in the service of God, and not in the service of mammon.... CS 125.2

What is the price **we are required to** pay in order to obtain the life to come? DA 385.1 "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." The price of heaven is Jesus.

The faith **we are required to** have is not a do-nothing faith; saving faith is that which works by love and purifies the soul. He who will lift up holy hands to God without wrath and doubting will walk intelligently in the way of God's commandments. FW 48.3

Christ as the head of humanity was to take the same steps that **we are required to** take. Although sinless, He was our example in fulfilling all the requirements for the redemption of the sinful race. FLB 143

He worked to help those who needed help, to save the lost and perishing, to lift up the bowed down, to break the yoke of oppression from those in bondage, to heal the afflicted, and to speak words of sympathy and consolation to the distressed and sorrowing. **We are required to** follow this example. HP 312.2

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." Eph.

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5:1, 2. This is the height of the love **we are required to** reach. And the texture of this love is not tainted with selfishness. OHC 176.6

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We can not turn aside from any of these divine rules, and be found guiltless. **We are required to** make the will of God paramount in our lives, and to have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. I would warn you to keep from the dangerous ground on which your feet would naturally be inclined to stray. . . . OHC 206.2

Virtue, honesty, kindness, and faithful integrity make noble characters; those who possess these characteristics will win esteem, even of unbelievers, and their influence in the church will be very precious. **We are required to** be right in important matters; but faithfulness in little things will fit us for higher positions of trust. RC 306.5

At this time **we are required to** bring all our powers under the control of God, exercising our faculties in accordance with the light He has given. 2SM 28.4

He is our Pattern that **we are required to** copy in our lives and our characters, else we fail to represent Jesus, but present to the world a spurious copy. Do not imitate any man, for men are defective in habits, in speech, in manners, in character. I present before you the Man Christ Jesus. You must individually know Him as your Saviour before you can study Him as your pattern and your example. 3SM 170.1

We are required to improve every day. Even in this world of sin and sorrow, we may, by earnest, persevering effort, rise to the highest spiritual efficiency. . . . We are to please God. This we may do; for Enoch pleased God, though living in a degenerate age. And there are Enochs in this our day. SD 314.2

We are not placed in this world merely to care for ourselves, but **we are required to** aid in the great work of salvation, thus imitating the self-denying, self-sacrificing, useful life of Christ. 1T 325.1

Sister B loves this world. She has not separated, in her affections, from the world, and given herself unreservedly to God, as He requires. He will not accept half a sacrifice. All, all, all, is God's, and **we are required to** render perfect service. 1T 693.2

We are required to watch and pray without ceasing; for a snare is set in our path, and we shall find some device of Satan when and where we least expect it. If at that particular time we are not watching unto prayer we shall be taken by the enemy and meet with decided loss. 2T 397.1

Your trials have been magnified to yourself and others, and your mind has been diverted from the truth, from the Pattern which **we are required to** copy, to weak Brother R. 3T 240.1

There is more meant by "being on the Lord's side" than merely saying so in meeting. The Lord's side is ever the side of mercy, pity, and sympathy for the suffering, as will be seen by the example given us in the life of Jesus. **We are required to** imitate His example. But there are some who are not on the Lord's side in regard to these things; they are on the side of the enemy. 3T 518

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We are required to obey the law of God, and are not only instructed as to the penalty of disobedience, but we have narrated for our benefit and warning the history of Adam and Eve in Paradise, and the sad results of their disobedience of God's commands. 4T 11

In the name of the Lord I call upon all to think of the work that **we are required to** do and how this work is to be sustained. The world is the Lord's vineyard, and it is to be worked. 8T 183.1

Our greatest sin is unbelief in God. Has He not shown us how precious we are in His sight, and with what value He regards our souls, by giving us Jesus? **We are required to** unite our souls with Jesus Christ, that we may have no tame, commonplace experience. TSA 67.1

The methods and measures by which we reach certain ends are not always precisely the same. **We are required to** use reason and judgment as to how we shall move. TSA 79.

In all the changes **we are required to** make, God is to be recognized as our Companion, our Guide, our Stronghold, and our Dependence. We are to ever be moving, advancing in knowledge, and thus it will be [that] they follow on to know the Lord. The light of His leading He will prepare as the morning. UL 170.5

But while **we are required to** be Christlike toward those who are our enemies, we must not, in order to have peace, cover up the faults of those we see in error. Jesus, the world's Redeemer, never purchased peace by covering iniquity, or by anything like compromise. UL 220

I have been shown that deceptions like those we were called to meet in the early experiences of the message would be repeated, and that we shall have to meet them again in the closing days of the work. At this time **we are required to** bring all our powers under the control of God, exercising our faculties in accordance with the light He has given. YRP 236

He learned obedience even as **we are required to** learn obedience. And He overcame as we must overcome. His path lay through manifold temptations; therefore He knows how to succour those who are tempted. BEcho, September 3, 1900

We are required to do good and bless others by our labors and prayers as well as by the gift of means. In order to be Christians and to gain Heaven we must imitate the great Exemplar. He cheerfully gave his life to ransom an apostate world. Selfishness and worldliness were condemned by the daily life of Christ; and none of us can live for ourselves and yet enjoy the approval of God. RH, December 12, 1878 par. 15

Our Redeemer has set us an example in his own life, and **we are required to** be merciful to our fellow-men as he has been merciful to us, needy, dependent creatures of his care. The calls for our beneficence are from God. He works continuously for us, and he requires us to work continually for his cause. When we wish the Infinite Father to withhold from us his gifts, then it will be more reasonable to inquire, "Is there no end of giving?" RH, January 4, 1881 par. 9

They who are slothful in the things of religion will accomplish nothing in it. They will be weighed in the balances, and be found wanting. There must be an abounding in all the Christian graces. Mental discipline is highly essential to fit us for the great work **we are required to** do for the Master. RH, May 31, 1887 par. 16

We are required to put as much more earnestness into our religious life than into our common, business life, as heavenly treasure is of more value than earthly. Has God given you tact and ability

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to be employed in earthly things? Is this God-given ability esteemed of too much value to be used in the matters that pertain to your eternal interests? What false ideas prevail in regard to the salvation of the human soul! RH, October 30, 1888 par. 5

Let us confess and forsake our sins, and come to Christ for the bread of life. Do not stop to bemoan yourself, but roll your burden into the open sepulcher. Our blessed Lord is a very present help in every time of trouble. **We are required to** represent our Lord in life and in character. Satan has misrepresented our Lord, and we have unconsciously aided him in his work. RH, April 16, 1889

We should seek earnestly to be in a position where we can appreciate the value of souls, and realize that **we are required to** do the will of our Heavenly Father. I am not to look to see what somebody else is doing, but I am to see that I am doing my part faithfully. RH, January 28, 1890 par. 3

We should become acquainted with the Bible. **We are required to** become diligent Bible students, lest we be found adopting error for truth. RH, April 15, 1890 par. 7

We are required to be in a position of obedience to all of God's commandments. Our salvation cost our Lord too much for us to be found going on in uncertainty when eternal interests are involved, therefore we should open our minds and search the Scriptures, so that we may know for ourselves how we can stand under the banner of Prince Immanuel. RH, July 15, 1890 par. 2

He has purchased us with his own blood, and **we are required to** co-operate with him in the working out of the great plan of redemption. Said Christ, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus does not require of man any real sacrifice; for whatever we are asked to surrender is only that which we are better off without. We are only letting go the lesser, the more worthless, for the greater, the more valuable. RH, August 11, 1891 par. 6

The salvation of our souls cost an infinite price. In return **we are required to** sacrifice for the good of others. ST, January 26, 1882

We are required to be sanctified, not simply that we may be benefited personally, but that we may help others. ST, August 6, 1885 par. 2

If we are pursuing a course of action that brings weakness upon us, how can we present to God a holy offering, a living sacrifice? **We are required to** love God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves; but we are failing of this high requirement, if we are unfitting ourselves by hurtful habits for rendering acceptable service to our Maker and to our fellow-men. ST, February 17, 1888

We are required to take upon our necks the yoke of Christ, because every good impulse comes from the Spirit of God, and we are quickened to earnest effort for a higher life. We are to strive to repress every word that implies a doubt; for doubt spoken, is a seed sown in the minds of others, and eternity alone will reveal the result. ST, July 20, 1888

We are required to develop our abilities by exercise until they have reached the highest standpoint in doing--your farming? your building?--No; but God's work, as stewards of the grace of God. ST, February 8, 1892 par. 2

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We are required to keep the commandments of God, and to demonstrate before the heavenly worlds that we are obedient children, loyal and true to the government of God. We may not expect the world, which is under the power and dominion of Satan, to obey God and keep his commandments. There are but two classes in our world, the obedient and the disobedient, the holy and the unholy. ST, April 24, 1893

We are required to render perfect obedience to the rule laid down by the apostle, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." He who ever keeps this rule in view, and lives according to its requirement, will form a character after the divine likeness; for in this way men will become holy, blameless, and without rebuke. ST, September 24, 1894 par. 7

We are required to obey all the commandments of God. The Sabbath commandment is placed in the midst of the Decalogue, and it was instituted in Eden at the same time that God instituted the marriage relation. ST, February 13, 1896

Altho **we are required to** be self-denying, to make self-sacrificing efforts, yet God has fixed a limit. His workers are to show no presumption. God does not require his servants to ruin their health by continual taxation. ST, August 5, 1897 par. 10

God's law is the standard of character. To it **we are required to** conform, and by it we shall be judged in the last great day. In that day men will be dealt with according to the light they have received. YI, May 9, 1901

Every one of us is upon probation, in school, where **we are required to** be diligent students. It is enjoined upon us to walk in the light, as Christ is in the light. It is by walking in the light that we learn of God, and "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent" [John 17:3]. 2MR 265.4

We are required to love God supremely, which love we will show by obedience to all His commandments, and by trusting in Christ implicitly. The greater principles of truth must be established in the heart and be revealed in the life by love, faith, humility, and obedience, showing that the religion of Christ has a controlling power over the entire man. . . . 4MR 183.1

Has He not shown us how precious we are in His sight, and with what value He regards our souls, by giving us Jesus? **We are required to** unite our souls with Jesus Christ that we may have no tame, commonplace experience.--Letter 92, 1896, p. 2. (To "Dear Brother A. T. Robinson," September 2, 1896.) 4MR 395.1

Study Christ. Study His character, feature by feature. He is our pattern that **we are required to** copy in our lives and our characters, else we fail to represent Jesus, but present to the world a spurious copy. Do not imitate any man, for men are defective in habits, in speech, in manners, in character. I present before you the Man Christ Jesus. You must individually know Him as your Saviour before you can study Him as your pattern and your example. 12MR 190.1

We are required to copy this Pattern. Let us be up and doing, seeking to bless the needy and comfort the distressed. The more we partake of the Spirit of Christ, the more we shall see to do for our fellow man. We shall be filled with a love for perishing souls, and shall find our delight in following the footsteps of the Majesty of heaven. 2SAT 3.4

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Probation is about to close. In heaven the edict will soon go forth, "It is done." "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" [Rev. 22:11, 12]. Then the last prayer for sinners will have been offered, the last tear shed, the last warning given, the last entreaty made. The sweet voice of mercy will be heard no more. 2SAT 3.5

We are required to use reason and judgment as to how we shall move. Experience will show what is the fittest course to pursue under existing circumstances. Let not controversy arise over trifles. The spirit of love and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will bind heart to heart, if each will open the windows of the heart heavenward and close them earthward. 1888 1698.1