

Made Men

- I. Is it true, as some say, that God doesn't make us do anything?
 1. When it comes salvation from sin, God had *made* us a lot things.
 2. God is very active in the salvation of men.
 3. Made ppl - I. Produced or obtained by 'making' as distinguished from other modes of origin or acquisition. 1. a. Artificially constructed or produced, artificial as opposed to 'natural'.
 4. Make v. - I. Senses in which the object of the verb is a product or result. 1. *trans.* a. To produce (a material thing) by combination of parts, or by giving a certain form to a portion of matter; to construct, frame, fashion. III. To cause to be or become (something specified). 48. a. With adj. as compl.: To cause to be, render.
- II. God's making men holy and acceptable began before the world began.
 1. God, foreseeing mankind as a fallen lump, decided to *make* some of them into vessels of mercy (**Rom 9:20-23**).
 2. The Lord did this by choosing them before the foundation of the world and *making* them accepted (**Eph 1:4-6**).
- III. God then made atonement for their sins by the death of Christ.
 1. Jesus Christ was *made* sin for us that we might be *made* the righteousness of God (**2Co 5:21**).
 2. By Christ's obedience, up to and including His death on the cross, we were *made* righteous (**Rom 5:19 c/w Phi 2:8**).
 3. Jesus *made* us free from sin (**Rom 6:18,22**).
 - A. He *made* us free from the law of sin and death (**Rom 8:2**).
 - B. He did this by condemning sin in His flesh (**Rom 8:3**).
 4. Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law, being *made* a curse for us (**Gal 3:13**).
 5. Jesus *made* peace between men and God by His death on the cross (**Col 1:20; Rom 5:10**).
 - A. Christ was *made* like us so that He could *make* reconciliation for our sins (**Heb 2:17**).
 - B. Reconciliation n. - 1. a. The action of reconciling persons, or the result of this; the fact of being reconciled.
 - C. Reconcile v. - 1. a. *trans.* To bring (a person) again into friendly relations to or with (oneself or another) after an estrangement.
- IV. God makes His elect new creatures by regeneration.
 1. God had *created* us in Christ (**Eph 2:10**).
 - A. Create v. - 1. a. *trans.* Said of the divine agent: To bring into being, cause to exist; esp. to produce where nothing was before, 'to form out of nothing'
 - B. This is why we are called *new creatures* (**2Co 5:17**).
 - C. We are *new men created* in righteousness (**Eph 4:24**).
 - D. Our *new man* is *renewed* in knowledge after the image of God who *created* us (**Col 3:10**).
 2. God *made* us heirs of the hope of eternal life (**Tit 3:7**).
 3. God *made* us suitable to be partakers of heaven (**Col 1:12; Heb 3:1**).
 - A. We are *made* partakers of Christ (**Heb 3:14**).
 - B. We are *made* partakers of the Holy Ghost (**Heb 6:4**).
 - C. Partaker - 1. One who takes a part or share, a partner, participator, sharer.
- V. God practically makes His children into what He wants them to be individually and in the church.
 1. Personally
 - A. Paul desired to be *made* conformable unto Christ's death (**Phi 3:10**).

- B. Conformable *adj.* - 1. According in form or character to (a standard or pattern); similar, resembling, like.
 - C. As our high priest, Jesus continually *makes* intercession for us (**Heb 7:25**).
2. In the church
- A. The Holy Spirit baptizes God's obedient children into the church and they are *made* to drink into the Spirit (**1Co 12:13**).
 - B. Jesus Christ has *made* us free in the liberty of the NT (**Gal 5:1 c/w Joh 8:32**).
 - C. With the coming of the NT, the Gentiles who were afar off from God were *made* nigh by the blood of Christ (**Eph 2:13**).
 - i. Jesus broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile and *made* them both one (**Eph 2:14**).
 - ii. Jesus *made* in Himself one new man out of the two of them and *made* peace between them (**Eph 2:15**).
 - D. God had *made* us kings and priests (**Rev 1:6; 5:10**).
 - E. In the church, God *makes* us to abound in love toward another and toward all men (**1Th 3:12**).
3. In the ministry
- A. The Holy Ghost *makes* men overseers of the church (**Act 20:28**).
 - B. God *makes* men able ministers of the New Testament (**2Co 3:6**).
 - C. Paul was an example of a man whom God *made* a minister (**Eph 3:7**).
 - D. Ministers then ought to *make* known the mystery of the gospel (**Eph 6:19**) and *make* it manifest (**Col 4:4**).
 - E. Ministers are told to *make* full proof of their ministries (**2Ti 4:5**).
- VI. Lastly, God makes us fit to live with Him in heaven.
1. Though we are still living on earth, positionally, we have been raised up and *made* to sit in heavenly places in Christ (**Eph 2:6**).
 2. God has *made* perfect those who are in heaven (**Heb 12:23**).
 3. God will make the faithful man in this life a ruler of many things in the next life (**Mat 25:20-23**).
 4. On the last day at the resurrection, all that are in Christ will be *made* alive (**1Co 15:21-23**).
 5. On that day, Jesus will *make* all things new (**Rev 21:5**).