



Pastor's Comments

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Cash The Check!

A beggar stopped a lawyer on the street and asked him for a quarter. Taking a long, hard look into the man's unshaven face, the attorney asked, "Don't I know you from somewhere?" "You should," came the reply. "I'm your former classmate. Remember, second floor, old Main Hall?" "Why Sam, of course I know you!" Without further question **the lawyer wrote a check for \$100.** "Here, take this and get a new start. I don't care what's happened in the past, it's the future that counts." And with that he hurried on. Tears welled up in the man's eyes as he walked to a bank nearby. Stopping at the door, he saw through the glass well-dressed tellers. Then he looked at his filthy rags. "They won't take this from me. They'll swear that I forged it," he muttered as he turned away. The next day the two men met again. "Why Sam, what did you do with my check?" "Nothing," said the beggar as he pulled it out of his dirty shirt pocket and told **why he hadn't cashed it.** "Listen, friend," said the lawyer. **"What makes that check good is not your clothes or appearance, but my signature. Go on, cash it!"**

The Bible says, **"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"** (Romans 10:13). That promise is a **"negotiable note" of infinite value.** As sinners, all we need to do is **"exchange" it by faith for eternal life.** Don't let the "tattered clothes" of your past keep you from cashing **God's "check" of salvation.** The fact is "that Christ Jesus came into the world **to save sinners**" (1 Timothy 1:15). **Accept** "That whosoever **believeth in him** should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15). **Act on** this truth! "But as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). Do it now (see "A Sinner's Prayer" at <http://www.naog.ws/message.htm>). **Cash the check!**