



**WELCOME
TO
BIBLE HOUSE
OF
GRACE**

If you think items presented on this site to be in error, please let me know and I will gladly reconsider the content.

**Key
Scriptures**
concerning the
Gospel

(2020)

Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

Key Scriptures Concerning the Gospel.

NOTE: the following verses are in Scriptural order.

DENYING JESUS RESULTS IN LOSS OF SALVATION

- **Matthew 10:32-33:** everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
-

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM IN A NUTSHELL

The parable of a Sower who went out to sow seed.

- **Luke 8:4-15:** And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable,⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant,¹⁰ he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

1

The picture of the Kingdom here is of Jesus, the apostles, Paul and all who follow them proclaiming the Gospel of Christ (the seed) to the multitude’s, many receive it, but not all endure, the focus of this parable is the present Kingdom of God consisting of all faithful believers in Christ.

ALL ARE JUSTIFIED BY GRACE AS A GIFT, THROUGH JESUS

- **Romans 3:22-26:** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Here we are told the following three things:

1. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
2. Those who are redeemed in Christ are justified by God grace.
3. The righteousness of God that leads to eternal life comes through faith in Jesus to all who believe.

This means, redemption, justification, righteousness, eternal life, and grace are all a gift of God, for they all come not by our self-effort and works, but by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

PAUL WAS CALLED TO BE A MINISTER OF CHRIST

- **Romans 15:15-16:** But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Paul was called to be a minister of Christ Jesus in the priestly service of the Gospel of God.

PAUL ONLY SPEAKS WHAT JESUS GAVE HIM

- **Romans 15:18:** For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,

Paul had no desire to speak of anything except what Christ had accomplished through him to bring the Gentiles to obedience, by word and deed.

PAUL FULFILLED HIS MINISTRY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

- **Romans 15:19-20:** by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,

Paul states he had fulfilled the ministry of the Gospel of Christ and made it his ambition to continually preach the Gospel. His entire focus for salvation is upon Christ, and upon how those who believe in him should live and behave.

2

THE SOLE FOCUS OF PAUL'S TEACHING IS CHRIST

- **1 Corinthians 1:1:** Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
- **1 Corinthians 1:7-8:** so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **1 Corinthians 1:17:** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.
- **1 Corinthians 1:23:** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,
- **1 Corinthians 1:30:** And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

From these verses we learn the following three things:

1. God called Paul to be an apostle of Christ Jesus to preach the Gospel.
2. Paul and the apostles preached Christ crucified.
3. All faithful believers are in Christ Jesus.
4. All in Christ are counted righteous, sanctified, and redeemed.

God called Paul to preach the Gospel, and his entire focus is upon preaching Christ, which is the ministry Jesus called him to. These verses and all other teachings of Paul highlight the truth that his sole focus concerning salvation, is Jesus, and how his followers should live and behave.

GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES, WOOD, HAY, AND STRAW

- **1 Corinthians 3:11-15:** For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

These verses show that we cannot judge who is saved and who is not, for amongst all those in Christ, some excel in what they do, some walk worthy of their calling, while others fall short, but each believer in these groups will be saved, the difference is some will be rewarded, while others will suffer loss.

PAUL VIEWS SALVATION AS A PRESENT REALITY

- **1 Corinthians 6:11:** And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Those in Christ are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God. Paul does not view conversion and salvation as a future event, but as a present reality, when a sinner repents, accepts Christ and is baptised, they are saved in that moment, and from this moment forward, build upon the foundation, which is Christ, which means they are saved, in the same way that Israel was chosen as God's people and destined for eternal life, all they had to do was maintain their position with God, likewise, what the redeemed in Christ have to do, is endure in faith, remain faithful to Christ and trust in God and His grace.

3

BEING SAVED AND ARE SAVED

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-5:** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved (are saved in KJV), if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Paul preached the Gospel, his entire focus was upon proclaiming, Christ died for our sins, he was buried, he was raised on the third day and he appeared to others. Those who by faith believe and receive these truths are saved (KJV), providing they hold fast to what Paul had taught them. This is the Gospel Paul received from Christ.

NOTE: the King James Bible always states, salvation in the present tense (i.e., are saved and similar positive expressions). The words, "unless you believed in vain," carry the idea, they were not genuine and sincere at the time of their commitment and baptism. The words, "by which you are being saved," refer to those who are open to hearing the Gospel, but have not yet made a commitment to it. Being saved is only used in modern Bibles, the King James Bible, uses the words, are saved.

KEY VERSES

Paul received the Gospel through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

- **Galatians 1:3-5:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ *who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age*, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Should anyone preach a contrary Gospel, let them be accursed.

- **Galatians 1:7-8:** not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to *distort the gospel of Christ*. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should *preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you*, let him be accursed.

The Gospel Paul preached was not man's Gospel, for he received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

- **Galatians 1:11-12:** For I would have you know, brothers, that *the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel*. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ*.

Paul did not receive the Gospel from any man, nor was he taught it, but received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ, which means Jesus himself gave it to Paul, and Paul's entire focus is Jesus and all things concerning Jesus. (Acts 15:35-36).

GOD CALLED PAUL TO PREACH JESUS AMONG THE GENTILES

- **Galatians 1:14-16:** And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when *he who had set me apart before I was born*, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, *in order that I might preach him* among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone.

4

God Revealed His Son to Paul in order that He would preach Him among the Gentiles. After Paul's encounter with Jesus, he faithfully proclaimed the full Gospel that the Lord Jesus Christ had given him, whereby all can be saved. His entire focus is upon Jesus. (Acts 15:35-36).

PAUL PROCLAIMED THE GOSPEL AMONG THE GENTILES

- **Galatians 2:2:** I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) *the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles*, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

Paul preached the Gospel amongst the Gentiles, and in all his teaching concerning salvation his entire focus is upon Jesus. (Acts 15:35-36).

OUR INHERITANCE, IS THE RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL LIFE

- **Ephesians 1:7-14: (Inheritance and Mystery)** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the *mystery of his will*, according to his purpose, *which he set forth in Christ* ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, *to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth*. ¹¹ *In him we have obtained an inheritance*, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard *the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him*, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ *who is the guarantee of our inheritance* until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The focus of these verses is the plan God set in motion from the beginning of time, for the fullness of time (i.e., the completion of His plan), “which is to unite all things in heaven and on earth.” This was partially accomplished at the first resurrection, and will be further accomplish when Jesus returns, and fully accomplished at the end of the millennium when Christ has put all things under his rule and he hands the Kingdom over to his Father and there is death no more.

NOTICE: it is those in Christ who obtain this inheritance, the inheritance is the resurrection and eternal life. This is why Paul prays we would be enlightened, to the riches of his glorious inheritance and enlightened to the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. (Eph. 1:13-14).

The mystery of his will: in this context, is God’s plan to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth, this is the mystery that was hidden to the Old Testament fathers, but is now revealed to us. Our fathers of old, believed they were the chosen holy race with God, and all others were an unclean race without God, and that was how it would forever be, but today, we know that this is not God’s plan for the human race.

THIS IS BEAUTIFUL

BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED

- **Ephesians 2:5-8: KEY** even when we were dead in our trespasses, *made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—*⁶ and raised us up with him and *seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the *immeasurable riches of his grace* in kindness toward *us in Christ Jesus.*⁸ For *by grace you have been saved through faith.* And this is not your own doing; *it is the gift of God.*

5

When we were destined for eternal death because of sin, God by grace, made all who by faith are in Christ, destined for eternal life. At this present time God sees all those in Christ seated with Him in heavenly places, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace. The immeasurable riches of God’s grace that we have in Christ, is a manifestation of His kindness and His gift to us, for it is only by faith and grace that we are saved, it is not our doing, but God’s gift to us.

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST MADE KNOWN TO PAUL

Collectively the following verses reveal the mystery. The first verse shows that insight into this mystery was made known to Paul by revelation.

- **Ephesians 3:2-4:** assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you,³ how *the mystery was made known to me by revelation,* as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive *my insight into the mystery of Christ.*

The following verse shows, that the mystery, is that Gentiles are fellow heirs and members of the same body, and will inherit the same promise in Christ through the Gospel.

- **Ephesians 3:6:** *This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*

The following verse shows, that the mystery refers to God accepting Gentiles who have faith in Israel’s Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Ephesians 3:8-9:** To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,

The following verse shows, the mystery refers to Christ dwelling in the hearts of Gentiles.

- **Ephesians 3:16-19:** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The mystery embraces the following three things:

1. In Christ, Jews and Gentiles are fellow heirs, and members of the same body.
2. In Christ Jews and Gentiles will inherit the promise through the Gospel.
3. Through faith Christ dwells in the hearts of Jews and Gentiles who believe the Gospel, so that they would be, grounded in love and motivated by love.

The promise in Christ: refers to the resurrection and eternal life.

ADDING TO THE GOSPEL

PAUL'S SOLE FOCUS AND JOY WAS THAT CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED

- **Philippians 1:12-18:** I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice.

6

Paul states the Gospel had advanced throughout the whole imperial guard, and even though the ideal is for the Gospel is to be preach with love and good will, some were preaching it from envy, rivalry, selfish ambition and insincerely, but regardless of this Paul rejoices that the Gospel is preached.

NOTE: Paul proclaimed Christ in all places, his entire focus is always upon Jesus. (Acts 15:35-36), which means all a repentant sinner needs to know to be saved to eternal life, is all things Paul proclaimed concerning Jesus.

PAUL'S GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

- **Philippians 3:10-15 (Gospel and Resurrection):** in verse nine Paul says, I trust in the righteousness that comes through faith (v9) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹² Not that I have already obtained this (i.e., the resurrection from the dead) or am already perfect (for we can never attain to such a perfection), but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

Paul's greatest desire was to know Christ and attain to the resurrection, he understood that he was not perfect (for we can never attain to such perfection), but despite this he forgets what lies behind and presses on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

NOTICE: Paul is fully aware Jesus has made him his own. (Phil. 3:12).

THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

- **Colossians 1:10–13:** that you walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

- **Colossians 1:22-23:** he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

The hope of the Gospel: Paul states that the hope of the Gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, it was for this hope that he became a minister. The hope of the Gospel is Israel's Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ, we know this, because Paul states "he became a minister of the hope of the Gospel," and all his teaching is focused upon Jesus.

7

THE MYSTERY, WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY

- **Colossians 1:24-28:** Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The mystery that was hidden from past generations, "is Christ in you," this means that Christ dwell within faithful believers by love and Spirit.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S MYSTERY IS CHRIST IN YOU

- **Colossians 1:27:** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- **Colossians 2:2:** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.
- **Colossians 4:3:** At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison.

Paul is in prison, because of the mystery, which is Christ in you, this means that Christ dwell within faithful believers by love and Spirit.

JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS

- **1 Timothy 1:15-16:** The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

Jesus came into the world to save sinners to eternal life.

TEACHING A DIFFERENT GOSPEL

If Anyone Teaches a Different Gospel.

- **1 Timothy 6:3:** If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness.

All must hold fast to sound doctrine that agrees with the words of the Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that promote and agree with godliness. Here we are told to hold fast to sound doctrine. Sound doctrine in this context does not refer to every teaching from Genesis to Revelation, but to the following two teachings:

1. All teachings concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. All teachings that lead to a godly lifestyle.

SALVATION IS IN CHRIST JESUS WITH ETERNAL GLORY

8

- **2 Timothy 2:10-12:** Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

Salvation and eternal life are in Jesus, if we have died with him, we will also live with him, and if we endure, we will also reign with him, but if we deny him, he also will deny us. Neither God or the Lord Jesus Christ will force themselves upon anyone, we must choose to follow them and invite them into our lives.

THERE IS A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LAID UP FOR ME

- **2 Timothy 4:6-8:** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Paul states, he endured to the end and kept his faith, and then confidently says, "A crown of righteousness is laid up for him," which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to him on that Day, and not only to him but also to all who have loved his appearing.

NOTICE: Paul does not say, "the righteous judge, will award him a crown of righteousness on the day of judgment, but on that Day, which implies those who endure to the end and remain faithful, will not be judged, but rather accepted, for they will hear Christ's words, "well done good and faithful servant."

PAUL'S GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

- **Titus 2:11-14: KEY** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

PAUL'S GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL AND THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

- **Titus 3:4-8: (Gospel and Hope):** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, who He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Those who believe in God should devote themselves to good works, for they are excellent and profitable for people.

9

JESUS IS HEIR OF ALL THINGS

- **Hebrews 1:1-2:** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Here we are told God has appointed His Son heir of all things, this means that the Lord Jesus Christ's brothers and sisters will inherit all things with him, in the same way that children of an earthly father inherit all things their father owns. This means that those who are true brothers and sisters of Christ will inherit all the promises of God and eternal life.

OUR SALVATION WAS DECLARED FIRST BY JESUS

- **Hebrews 2:3-4:** how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Here we are told that salvation was firstly declared by the Lord, it was confirmed by those who heard it, and witnessed by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This means everything a repentant sinner seeking God needs to know, is contained in the New Testament.

JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL SALVATION

- **Hebrews 5:9-10:** And being made perfect, *he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him*,¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus is the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

THE NEW COVENANT IS MORE EXCELLENT THAN THE OLD

- **Hebrews 8:6-8:** But as it is, *Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.*⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

Christ has obtained a far more excellent ministry than the old covenant, because he acted on better promises, because if the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second. This means everything a repentant sinner seeking God needs to know, is contained in the New Testament.

THE NEW COVENANT HAS MADE THE FIRST COVENANT OBSOLETE

- **Hebrews 8:13:** In speaking of a new covenant, *he makes the first one obsolete.* And what is becoming obsolete and growing old *is ready to vanish away.*

10

The New Testament covenant has made the Old Testament covenant obsolete. This means everything a repentant sinner seeking God needs to know, is contained in the New Testament.

THE GOSPEL AND THE PROMISED INHERITANCE

- **Hebrews 9:11-15: (Gospel and promised eternal inheritance)** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but *by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,¹⁴ *how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called *may receive the promised eternal inheritance,* since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

The focus of this chapter is upon Christ securing an eternal redemption, by means of his own blood so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. We are then told, Christ appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself to bear the sins of many, and save those who are eagerly waiting for him. In this context the promised inheritance is salvation and eternal life.

THOSE WHO ENDURE RECEIVE A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- **James 1:12:** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

The test means all will be tested on the sincerity of their faith, those who pass the test, meaning those who have honestly walked in faith and in love toward God and toward Christ and faithfully endured in faith to the end will receive a crown of righteousness.

YOU HAVE FAITH AND I HAVE WORKS

- **James 2:14-23:** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

Abraham was justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar, this is because his outward works manifested his inward faith, his inward faith was outwardly acted on, this why it is stated, “faith was completed by his works.” It is also why, God counted Abraham as righteous and why he is called a friend of God. It should be mentioned, we are not saved by works, but by faith, our works are the outward fruits and evidence of our inward faith.

Following are two simple examples:

1. A person who confesses to believe in Christ, but has no interest in talking about Jesus, learning about God, or fellowshiping with other believers, or any interest in living a godly life, are deceiving themselves because their faith is both useless and dead.
2. A person who confesses to believe in Christ, and does attend church every Sunday, and strictly holds to their religious ceremonial practised and traditions, but on every other day of the week give God no thought, and do exactly as they please, are also deceiving themselves, for their faith is both useless and dead.

YOU HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN, THROUGH THE GOOD NEWS

- **1 Peter 1:22-25:** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ *since you have been born again*, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, *through the living and abiding word of God*. ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And *this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

Here Peter tells us those in Christ are born again, through the living and abiding word of God, and that this word is the Good News that was preached to them. the Good News refers to the Gospel as proclaimed by Jesus, the apostles, and Paul in the New Testament. The principle expressed in the New Testament, is for a sinner to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, repent and be baptised, and then continue in fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ, growing together in maturity and in knowledge.

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE US

- **1 John 1:9-10:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

THOSE WHO ABIDE IN CHRIST WE WILL NOT SHRINK BACK

1 John 2:28: And now, little children, *abide in him*, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

All who have been born of Christ, faithfully abide in him and practice righteousness will not shrink from him in shame at his coming, and can have confidence when he appears.

THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

GOD ABIDES IN WHOEVER CONFESSES JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

- **1 John 4:7-21:** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves *has been born of God* and knows God.⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that *God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him*.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that *he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins*.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.¹² No one has ever seen God; *if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us*.¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.¹⁵ *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him*, and he in God.¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that *we may have confidence for the day of judgment*, because as he is so also are we in this world.¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.¹⁹ *We love because he first loved us*.²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.²¹ And *this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother*.

The Gospel message: God loved us, and sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world and to be the propitiation for our sins, and calls us to live by faith through His Son. For God to abide in us and for us to abide in God we must, firstly love God and abide in Him, secondly, love one another, thirdly, confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Whoever is faithful in these abides in God and God abides in them, and can have confidence as they look toward the day of judgment, because perfect love casts out fear, for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. This means, if we have fear of how we will be judged, God's love is not perfected in us.

THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS ARE BORN OF GOD

- **1 John 5:1-5:** *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God*, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and *obey his commandments*.³ For this is the love of God, that we *keep his commandments*. And *his commandments are not*

burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ *Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world, by their faith and belief that Jesus is the Son of God. Those who love God and obey his commandments manifest that they are his children.

THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

WHOEVER HAS THE SON HAS ETERNAL LIFE

1 John 5:11-13: And this is the testimony, that *God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.* ¹² *Whoever has the Son has life;* whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God *that you may know that you have eternal life.*

God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son, whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. John wrote this so that those who believe in the name of the Son of God will know that they have eternal life.

THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

THE SON OF GOD CAME THAT WE MAY KNOW GOD WHO IS TRUE

- **1 John 5:20:** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him (God) who is true; and we are in him (God) who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He (God) is the true God and eternal life.

13

The Son of God came and gave us understanding, so that we may know we are in God who is true, by our faith in his Son Jesus Christ, for those whose faith is in Jesus are in the true God and have eternal life.

For greater information, see the title:

- Gospel (ON WEBSITE MENU).
-

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

Bible House of Grace