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**A Brief Overview
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INTRODUCTION

Though this study covers six pages, it will leave the reader, with no doubt what the Gospel of grace and salvation embraces, and encourage all the redeemed in Christ that God, and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ loves them, and that their faith in him guarantees their salvation to eternal life.

KEY SCRIPTURES CONCERNING JESUS

Scripture tells us Jesus will save his people from their sins (Matt. 1:21); he has the words of eternal life (John 6:68) and authority on earth to forgive sins. (Luke 5:20) (Luke 5:24). He is the good shepherd, who knows his own and they know him, and is the door to salvation and to his Kingdom; whoever enters by faith in him will be saved (John 10:9); he manifested his great love for us, by laying his life down for us (John 10:14-15); the power to save is in his hands (Luke 12:8-9); at the end of the age he will return to take all the faithful to himself, and they will dwell where he dwells, and forever be with him. (John 14:1-3). These verses highlight the truth salvation is solely dependent upon faith in Christ.

The Scriptures on the following pages show that Salvation and eternal life are in knowing God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and that God before the foundation of the world, planned and purposed in His eternal mind and eternal foreknowledge that His Son would be the Saviour of the world. All the prophets bear witness of Jesus, for the purpose of Scripture is to lead us to Jesus, because he is God's salvation and light for all people, whoever believes Jesus is the Christ and in God who sent him, has eternal life, for it is by faith, that all in Christ have passed from death to life. When a sinner repents, accepts Christ, and is baptised, they are washed, sanctified, and justified by the Spirit of God, and ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, and born of God, and everyone who has been born of God is saved, and secured for eternal redemption by means of Christ's blood. From this moment forward, they build their life upon the foundation of their salvation, which is Christ, continuing to abide in God's love and in Christ's love, and loving one another, confessing Jesus is the Son of God.

Through faith in Christ Jews and Gentiles who believe the Gospel will inherit the promised inheritance, which is salvation and eternal life, for whoever comes to Jesus he will never cast out, but raise them up on the last day, for all the redeemed in Christ are destined for eternal life by God's grace, and Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead. It is interesting to notice, the King James Bible always states, salvation in the present tense (i.e., are saved etc.). The scriptures do talk of those being saved (Acts 2:47), however, this refers to those the Lord is adding to the church, they are hearing the word of the Lord, but have not yet made a commitment, it is in this sense they are being saved (i.e., in the process of being saved).

Key Scriptures regarding salvation:

- In Jesus we have forgiveness of sin and salvation (Luke 2:27-32), for whoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved, for eternal life is in Jesus Christ alone. (John 3:16) (John 3:18) (John 3:36) (John 5:24). Everyone who looks on the Son, and believes in him, and fully commits their life to Jesus and his word, and abides in him has eternal life, and Jesus will raise them up on the last day (John 6:40) (John 6:53-57).
- All in Christ are bonded and united to Jesus and his heavenly Father by love, and our heavenly Father and our Saviour are united to us by love. (John 10:14-15). Salvation to eternal life is in the words of Christ and in believing in Jesus alone. (John 10:27-28) (John 11:25), for there is only one path to eternal life, and that is through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 14:6). Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Acts 2:21) (throughout the New Testament there are a multitude of Scriptures like this), for salvation is solely dependent upon the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:12).
- The whole purpose of Jesus life and suffering was that salvation could come through repentance, forgiveness, and faith in his name (Acts 5:30-31), which means, all a sinner needs to know to be saved, is the Good News concerning Jesus, and all they need to do is repent, accept Christ and be water baptised. (Acts 8:35-38), and endure in faith, remain faithful to Christ, and trust in God and His grace (1 Cor. 6:11), for through the name of Jesus everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.
- Before time began God in His eternal wisdom and foreknowledge predestined that those who by faith accept the Lord Jesus Christ would become His adopted children. (Eph. 1:5-6), and be blessed with God's grace. (Eph. 1:5-6), and as adopted sons of God through faith in Christ, cry Abba Father (i.e., I love you heavenly Father), and as sons are heirs, who will inherit the Kingdom of God and eternal life. (Galatians 4:4-7).
- Christ has set all the redeemed who set their faith on him free from the bondage of the law (Gal. 5:1), for it is only by faith and grace that anyone of us is saved, because our salvation is not our doing, but God's gift. (Eph. 2:5-8), for Jesus is God's plan to bring Jews and Gentiles together to form one new nation, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with the Lord Jesus Christ being the cornerstone. Christ dwells within faithful believers by love and Spirit (Eph. 3:15-19), and came into the world to save sinners to eternal life (1 Tim. 1:15-16), whoever has by faith died with him and remain in faith will live and reign with him, for salvation and eternal life are in Jesus. (2 Timothy 2:10-12).
- The Christians' blessed hope is the resurrection and the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:11-14), for God 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. Though we are not saved by good works, all in Christ who believe in God should devote themselves to good works, for they are excellent and profitable for people. (Titus 3:4-8).
- The Lord Jesus Christ is heir of all things, which means his brothers and sisters will inherit all things with him, in the same way that the children of an earthly father inherit all things their father owns, all the redeemed in Christ will inherit all the promises of God and eternal life (Heb. 1:1-2), for all that is needed to be saved to eternal life, is contained in the Gospel Jesus gave to the apostle Paul, and in all the words Jesus spoke (Heb. 2:3-4), for he is the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. (Heb. 5:9-10).

- All a repentant sinner seeking God needs to know to be saved to eternal life and receive the promised inheritance is contained in the New Testament. (Heb. 8:6-8, 13), for Christ by the sacrifice of himself bore the sins of many, and saves those who are eagerly waiting for him. In this context the promised inheritance is salvation and eternal life. (Heb. 9:11-15), for it is only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and God's grace that we are saved. (1 Peter 1:8-13). Jesus Christ is chosen and precious in God's sight and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame, meaning Christ will not reject them at the resurrection (1 Peter 2:6), for he is faithful and just to forgive all who confess their sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, but if we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:9-10).
- All who have been born of Christ, and faithfully abide in him, and who practice righteousness will not shrink in shame from him at his coming, but can have confidence when he appears (1 John 2:28), for those who love God and obey His commandments manifest they love him, and are His children (1 John 5:1-5), and eternal life is in God's Son, which means whoever has the Son has life, for all who believe in the name of the Son of God, and whose faith is in Jesus are in the true God and have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13) (1 John 5:20).

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God, saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel." Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God is near, because his death and resurrection was near, the Kingdom he firstly refers to is the present worldwide Kingdom made up of Jews and Gentiles in Christ from all nations existing by faith in the hearts of the redeemed, and secondly, the literal future Kingdom Jesus will establish on earth when he returns in glory. (Luke 8:1) (Mark 1:14-15) (Mark 2:10). The present Kingdom of God it is not a Kingdom of bricks, mortar, or land, but of people of all nations who have faith in Christ, within this global spiritual Kingdom of faith there is good seed (wheat), and bad seed (weeds) (Mark 4:10-20), when Jesus returns in glory to the present Kingdom, he will separate the good seed from the bad seed. (Mark 4:26-32) (Mark 8:38).

(1 Cor. 1:1) (1 Cor. 1:7-8) (1 Cor. 1:17) (1 Cor. 1:23) (1 Cor. 1:30).

THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Good News refers to the Gospel Jesus, the apostles and Paul proclaimed, the entire focus of their teaching is upon Israel's promised Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:22-25). Jesus told the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, the Gospel they proclaim embraces all things concerning Jesus. (Mark 16:15-16). Many hear the Gospel proclaimed, but only those who accept it, and bear fruit are counted as good seed. A sinner hears the Gospel, repents before God, receives Christ as their Saviour, and by believing in his name are born of God, water baptised and become children of God. (John 1:11-13).

From this moment they build their life upon the apostles and prophets and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:19-20), growing in knowledge and the fruits of the Spirit, and follow the three commandments Jesus gave us which are, love God with all our heart, love our brothers and sisters in Christ, and love our neighbour as ourself, meaning do good to them, not harm. Jesus encourages all who uphold these, saying, "truly, truly, if you have these things working in your life, you have eternal life." (John 6:47-51). It is interesting to notice, the Gospel of grace and salvation, Jesus, the apostles, and Paul proclaimed does not include teachings from the Old Testament.

It is true, "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17), but it is also equally true, not all Scripture is needed for salvation.

PAUL'S GOSPEL

Introduction to Paul's Gospel: Paul did not receive the Gospel from any man, nor was he taught it, for God through a revelation revealed His Son to Paul, and called him to be an apostle and minister of Christ Jesus in the priestly service of the Gospel of God in order that he would preach Him among the Gentiles and make the Gospel fully known. (Rom. 15:15-16) (Gal. 1:6-8). Jesus appeared to Paul on the Road to Damascus and set him apart to proclaim the Gospel of grace and salvation he had given him through revelation (Gal. 1:12) to proclaim to the Gentiles. Paul's entire focus is testifying to all things concerning Jesus (Acts 18:5) and preaching the Gospel of salvation and grace, that Jesus gave him (2 Cor. 2:12), which is the ministry God called him to. (Col. 1:24-28).

Paul's entire focus for salvation is Jesus and all things concerning him (Acts 15:35-36) (Gal. 1:11-12), which is what Jesus had called him to proclaim, for only in Jesus can anyone be saved to eternal life. (Acts 23:11). After Paul's encounter with Jesus, he viewed himself as an ambassador for Christ, who God had trusted with the Gospel of reconciliation whereby all can be saved. (Gal. 1:14-16) (Acts 15:35-36). For Paul to live was to abide in Christ and serve him, and to die was gain. (Phil. 1:21-23). He was not only willing to sacrifice everything to know Christ, but he counted whatever he lost for Christ as rubbish.

Paul's greatest desire and only ambition and sole focus was:

- To be found in Christ, not having a righteousness of his own that comes from the law, but the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ. (Phil. 3:7-9).
- To bring the Gentiles to obedience, by word and deed. (Rom. 15:18) which is the ministry God called him to.
- To know Jesus and preach and teach Jesus. (1 Cor. 2:2).
- To know Christ and attain to the resurrection, he understood that he was not perfect (for we can never attain to God's holy perfection, and Jesus sinless character), but despite this he chose to forget what lies behind and press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Old Testament: Paul often referred to the Old Testament Scriptures, and reasoned with them, but not to teach the Old Testament, but to prove that Jesus who he was proclaiming is the Messiah, and the Christ their fathers and prophets spoke of and said would come to pass, and Abraham's promised seed, Israel's Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who descended from David according to the flesh, and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead. (Acts 9:22) (Acts 17:2-3) (Acts 18:27-28) (Acts 26:19-23) (Rom. 1:1-4).

Paul's Gospel proclaims:

- This present age is the age for salvation (2 Cor. 6:2), for God is reconciling Jews and Gentiles who have faith in Christ to Himself, to become one nation united-together in Christ (Rom. 16:25), not counting their trespasses against them. (2 Cor. 5:19-21). At this present time there is good seed (wheat) and bad seed (weeds) dwelling in the present spiritual Kingdom of faith. (Matt. 13:36-38).

- Jesus, is the Son of God. (Acts 9:18-20), and that redemption, justification, righteousness, eternal life, and grace are all a gift of God, for they all come by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not by our self-effort and works. (Rom. 3:22-26).
- Through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 20:20-21), we obtain access to God's grace, and in this grace, we can stand confidently and joyfully looking forward to sharing God's glory (Rom. 5:1-2), for the faithful are justified by Jesus' blood, and will be saved from the wrath of God. (Rom. 5:8-11).
- Through the grace of God, and by faith in Jesus Christ we are justified, and all who are justified receive as a free-gift an abundance of grace, so that righteousness that comes by faith in Christ reigns in life over death, for it is not by our own self-righteousness we are counted righteous, but because of Jesus' obedience that we are justified and made righteous, and granted eternal life. (Rom. 5:15-21).
- Whoever believe in their heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and confess that Jesus is Lord will be justified, and saved. (Rom. 10:9-11), for the righteous shall live by faith," meaning they trust in Christ's righteousness and God's grace to be to be counted righteous and saved to eternal life. (Rom. 1:16-17).
- A sinner seeking salvation needs to repent, accept Jesus and be water baptised (Rom. 10:17), for no one is justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, for all must believe in Christ Jesus, to be justified by faith (Gal. 2:16), for salvation is in Christ alone, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Rom. 10:13), and being saved Christ dwells in their heart by love and Spirit. (Col 1:27) (Col 2:2).
- Paul's entire message and focus is Jesus and the freedom we have in Christ (2 Cor. 10:7) (2 Cor. 2:12) (2 Cor. 10:14) (2 Cor. 10:16) (Gal. 2:2-5), and in the truth that works of the law cannot save a person, for all sinners must become a new creation in Christ to be saved (Gal. 6:14-15), and fully trust in the grace of God to be counted righteous and worthy of salvation, for if righteousness was attainable through the law, then Christ's death serves no purpose. (Gal. 2:18-21).
- The hope of the Gospel and the inheritance of all in Christ, is forgiveness of sin, redemption, justification, salvation, the resurrection from the dead, eternal life, and Israel's Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 17:18) (Acts 23:6) (Acts 24:21) (2 Cor. 1:19-20) (Col. 1:22-23). Whoever is saved will not be put to shame (i.e., rejected) when Christ returns. (Rom. 10:9-11), for a crown of righteousness is laid up for the faithful," which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to all who have loved his appearing. (2 Tim. 4:6-8). All who endure to the end and remain faithful, will not be judged, but rather accepted, and will hear Christ's words, "well done good and faithful servant." (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

At the end of Paul's ministry: he states: he had fulfilled the ministry of the Gospel of Christ, and all things concerning him (1 Cor. 9:16), and that his joy was Christ was being proclaimed in all places (Philip. 1:18), and his reward was to preach the Gospel free of charge. (1 Cor. 9:18).

CONCLUSION: Paul's entire message and sole focus, teaching and preaching is upon Jesus, and how the redeemed in Christ should behave (Acts 9:20) (Acts 9:27-28) (Acts 16:10), and the focus of the word of the Lord in the New Testament is Christ, and all things concerning him. (Acts 14:21).

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