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Introduction

While all of the bible was written for your LEARNING (Romans 15:4), it was not all written for your DOCTRINE. In other words, all of the Bible was written FOR you, but not all of the Bible was written TO you.

One must be able to see the differences between the historical application that every verse has, the spiritual application that almost every verse has, and the doctrinal application which deals with the HANDS ON application of the verse. Every verse in the Bible has application, but not every verse has YOUR DOCTRINAL application. Understanding that there are three applications is essential to your understanding of scripture.

For example, in the Biblical account of Noah & the flood, you can find ALL 3 applications:

1. Historical application: Every word of the Bible is historically true (2 Timothy 3:16).
2. Spiritual application: Noah was a great man of faith (Hebrews 11:6).
3. Doctrinal application: Noah obeyed God by building the ark (Genesis 6:22).

1 & 2 still apply today, however, 3 DOES NOT. According to Genesis 9:11, God will never flood the earth again, therefore, God will never expect you to follow this instruction.

2 Timothy 3:16 reveals that all scripture is profitable, but a chapter earlier, Paul says that the word of truth must be rightly divided (2 Timothy 2:15). Therefore we must conclude that all scripture is profitable, ONLY if we rightly divide the word of truth.

While it is important that we recognize the similarities in the Bible, it is just as important that we recognize the vast differences. As a Bible student, what do you do with ALL those differences? The DIFFERENCES are why God instructs you to rightly divide the word of truth. Much of what is in Paul's letters is vastly different from that which is found in the rest of the Bible. Hence- the reason Paul calls

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it... "the revelation of the mystery" (Romans 16:25) that was given to him (Ephesians 3:2-3).

The following comparisons will serve as a tool to help you understand and teach others how God intended the Bible to be read. To better understand your Bible, you must compare scripture with scripture (1 Corinthians 2:13) while rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

While investigating the following verses that stand in stark contrast to one another, we must be mindful that God esteems His word above His very own name (Psalms 138:2). So instead of attempting to reason away the apparent differences, it is critical that we simply let God say what He says -- where He says it -- & to whom he says it.

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When studying the topics to follow, please note that when you see "**Under Covenant**" - it is in reference to the doctrine that WAS to be followed DURING ISRAEL'S RISE (Isaiah 60:3).

However, when you see "**Under Grace**" - it is in reference to the doctrine that is to be followed NOW - DURING ISRAEL'S FALL. (Romans 11:11, 25)

STUDY/TEACHERS

To Study or Not to Study

Under Covenant, during Israel's rise (Isaiah 60:1-3) Jesus commanded the lost sheep of the house of Israel NOT TO STUDY:

-Mark 13:11 *But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, **take no thought** beforehand what ye shall speak, **neither do ye premeditate**: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*

Under Grace, during Israel's fall (Romans 11:11) Jesus commands us TO STUDY:

-2 Timothy 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

-2 Timothy 3:15 *And that from a child **thou hast known** [studied] **the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

Teachers – Do We Need Them or Not?

Under Covenant, the books of 1 John and Hebrews both speak exclusively to Israel concerning their future New Covenant when THEY WILL NOT NEED A TEACHER:

-1 John 2:27 *But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and **ye need not that any man teach you**: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

-Hebrews 8:11 *And they shall **not teach** every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

-Jeremiah 31:34 *And they shall **teach no more** every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the*

LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Under Grace, the books of Paul speak of the one new man, (neither Jew nor Gentile Eph. 2:15), concerning the here & now dispensation of grace when WE DO NEED TEACHERS:

*-Ephesians 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and **teachers**; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

*-1 Corinthians 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, **as I teach** every where in every church.*

*-1 Timothy 4:10-11 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. **These things command and teach.***

Holy Ghost Unction or Should We Study?

Under Covenant, we see that Israel will be given supernatural abilities from the holy ghost TO KNOW all things, with NO NEED for studying:

*-1 John 2:20 But ye have an **unction** from the Holy One, and ye **know all things.***

Under Grace, it is obvious that we DO NOT KNOW all things, therefore we MUST STUDY, and become workmen:

*-Phillipians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both **learned**, and received, and heard, and seen in me, (Paul) do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

*-2 Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast **learned** and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast **learned** them;*

Angels: Do They Teach Us or Do We Teach Them?

Under Covenant, (during Israel's rise) ANGELS TAUGHT MEN:

-Zechariah 1:8-9 *I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the **angel** that talked with me said unto me, **I will shew thee** what these be.*

-Matthew 28:5-6 *And the **angel** answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*

Under Grace, (during Israel's fall) WE TEACH ANGELS:

-Ephesians 3:10 *To the intent that now unto the principalities and **powers in heavenly places** might be **known** by the **church** the manifold wisdom of God,*

-1 Corinthians 6:3 *Know ye not that **we shall judge angels**? how much more things that pertain to this life.*

SALVATION

Saved During Israel's Rise or Their Fall?

Under Covenant, Gentiles were saved in the time of Israel's RISE:

-Isaiah 60:3 *And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy **rising**.*

-Zechariah 8:21-23 *Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall **take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew**, saying, We will go with you: **for we have heard that God is with you** (Israel).*

-Acts 3:25 *Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall **all** the kindreds of the earth be **blessed**.*

Under Grace, Gentiles are now saved in the time of Israel's FALL:

-Romans 11:11 *I say then, Have they stumbled that they should **fall**? God forbid: but rather **through their** (Israel's) **fall** salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.*

Salvation: Can We Lose It?

Under Covenant, salvation was based on Israel's faith, but must be followed by their performance. Maintaining their salvation was conditional and depended upon their endurance (Matthew 24:13). If they kept the faith & endured (worked) unto the end, they were saved, but if they did not, THEY LOST THEIR SALVATION:

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-Hebrews 3:13-14 *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, **if** (conditional) we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast (for how long?) **unto the end;***

-Hebrews 3:6 *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if** (conditional) we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm (for how long?) **unto the end.***

-Hebrews 10:26-27 *For **if we sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice for sins**, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.*

Under Grace, our salvation does not hinge on our continued good behavior. If we sin (and we will) after initially trusting in the gospel of our salvation, WE ARE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, and remain saved: The beauty of salvation by grace alone is that if we loose our initial faith, we remain sealed IN CHRIST:

-Ephesians 1:13-14 *In whom (CHRIST) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom (CHRIST) also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy spirit** of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

-Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.*

-2 Corinthians 1:22 *Who (GOD) hath also **sealed us**, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Saved By the Law or Saved By Christ's Sin Payment?

Under Covenant, Jesus taught COMMANDMENT KEEPING (Israel's performance) as being a part of eternal salvation:

-Matthew 19:16-17 *And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? (did Jesus quote Romans 4:5? No He said) if thou wilt enter into life, **keep the commandments.***

Under Grace, on this side of the cross, Paul wrote that we are not under the law. WE ARE NOT SAVED BY COMMANDMENT KEEPING, but by grace through faith. Our salvation is a FREE GIFT that we do not work for. Suppose you were to ask Paul the same question that the man asked Jesus in Matthew 19. As you will see, his answer is quite different:

-Acts 13:39 *And by him all that believe (have faith) are justified from all things, from which ye could **not** be justified by the **law of Moses** (commandments).*

-Romans 4:5 *But to him that **worketh not**, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, **his faith** (not commandment keeping) is counted for righteousness.*

-Titus 3:5 ***Not** by works of righteousness which we have done, but **according to his mercy he saved us...***

-Romans 6:14 *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are **not under the law, but under grace.***

-Ephesians 2:8-9 *For **by grace** are ye saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves** (commandment keeping): it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, (commandment keeping) lest any man should boast.*

Salvation in the Future or Salvation Now?

Under Covenant, Peter preaches that SALVATION FOR ISREAL IS IN THE FUTURE when Jesus returns to earth for those who have endured to the end (Matthew 10:22) and not present possession as Paul communicates to us:

-1 Peter 1:9-10, 13 *Receiving the **end** of your faith (future),*

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even the salvation of your souls.

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end** for the grace that **is to be** brought unto you; (when) **at the revelation of Jesus Christ** (when He returns to set up His kingdom).

*-Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins **may be** blotted out, when the times of refreshing **shall come** from the presence of the Lord;*

Under Grace, Paul writes that we are **SAVED AND SEALED IMMEDIATELY** after believing the gospel of our salvation:

*-Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, **after** that ye heard the **word of truth** (present), the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after** that ye believed, ye **were sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise,*

*-2 Timothy 1:9 Who **hath saved** us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus **before the world began**,*

Incomplete or Complete?

Under Covenant, Israel is never said to be complete in Christ. They **WILL BE** made complete in the future:

*-Acts 3:19-21 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, **when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord**; (hasn't happened yet) And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** (here's a time line) the **times of restitution of all things** (hasn't happened yet) which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets **since the world began** (prophecy program - not Paul's mystery program).*

*-1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the **grace that is to be brought***

unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

*-Romans 11:26-28 And so all Israel **shall be** saved: (future) as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, (Israel) when I **shall** take away their sins (hasn't happened yet, but will happen upon Jesus returning to earth). As concerning the gospel, they (Israel) are enemies for your sakes: (we Gentiles): but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

Under Grace, God makes us complete in Christ AT THE MOMENT we put our trust in Him for our salvation:

*-2 Corinthians 9:8, 11 And God is able to make **all grace** abound toward you; that ye, **always** having **all sufficiency in all things** (all spiritual blessings Ephesians 1:13 & sufficient grace 2 Corinthians 12:9), may abound to every good work: Being enriched in every thing to **all bountifulness**, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.*

*-Colossians 2:10 And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:*

Saved by Faith Alone or by Faith Plus Works?

Under Covenant, FORSAKING THEIR HOME & FAMILY for the name sake of Jesus was a part of demonstrating their faith, and MAINTAINING THEIR SALVATION. Those who did so were rewarded with prosperity & salvation. The believer who did not would suffer loss of salvation:

*-Matthew 19:29 And every one that hath **forsaken** houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and **shall inherit everlasting life**.*

Under grace, our salvation has nothing to do with what we do, but rather what we believe. Our soul's salvation is contingent on our faith in Jesus apart from any works whatsoever. In this the dispensation of God's grace, we do not receive rewards or inherit

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everlasting life for what we sacrifice. Salvation is only found by trusting in what Christ sacrificed on our behalf:

-Romans 3:24 *Being justified freely **by his grace** (not forsaking anything) through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

-Romans 4:5 *But to him that **worketh not**, but **believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, **his faith is counted for righteousness.***

*Note:

Peter continues to preach the same faith plus works gospel after the cross that Jesus preached FROM EARTH:

-Acts 10:35 (Peter) *But in every nation he that feareth him, and **worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.*

Paul, however, preached a different faith plus nothing gospel that Jesus taught him FROM HEAVEN:

-Titus 3:5 ***Not** by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...*

-Romans 4:5 *But to him that **worketh not** (no works), but **believeth** (faith) on him (Jesus) that justified the ungodly, his faith (alone) is counted for righteousness.*

FORGIVENESS/CONFESSION

Forgiveness: We Are Forgiven IF We Forgive Others?

Under Covenant, Jesus said that Israel must forgive others or
THEY WOULD NOT BE FORGIVEN"

Matthew 6:14-15

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Luke 6:37

...forgive, and ye shall be forgiven

Under Grace, Jesus through Paul said that **OUR TRESSPASSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORGIVEN** (past tense-present possession) and the old things (the doctrine of Matthew 6:14-15) have passed away:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (the dispensation of the grace of God)

2 Corinthians 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Colossians 2:13

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Unforgivable or Not?

Under Covenant, there's an UNFORGIVABLE SIN:

Mark 3:29

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Under Grace, there is NO LONGER AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN:

Romans 5:20

Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Can Men Forgive or Remit Sins?

Under Covenant, Jesus told the disciples that they could remit (lay aside) the sins of others:

John 20:23

Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Under Grace, no man can remit sins, because we are TOTALLY forgiven and redeemed by the blood of Christ alone:

Colossians 1:14

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Confess For Forgiveness or Are We Forgiven Already?

Under Covenant, John tells his Jewish audience to DO WORKS FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS:

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins (works), he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Under Grace, Paul tells us that Jesus "having" FORGIVEN US denoting that it is FINISHED--DONE --present possession/ownership, and that the forgiveness of sins issue was nailed to the cross:

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Colossians 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your sins (baptized into his death Romans 6:3) and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened (made alive Romans 6:5) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

WATER BAPTISM

To Baptize or Not to Baptize?

Under Covenant, water baptism was not an option, but WAS MANDATORY for Israel's salvation:

John 1:31

And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

Mark 16:16

(Jesus said) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Under Grace, Jesus changed the prescription for receiving salvation, and it NO LONGER includes water:

1 Corinthians 1:14

I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

1 Corinthians 1:17

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Note:

What some fail to see is that the book of Acts is a transitional book- transitioning from Jew to Gentile, Law to Grace, Peter to Paul, fleshly circumcision and water baptism to spiritual circumcision and spirit baptism. It is a fact that Paul received many revelations directly from Christ (Acts 26:16, 2 Corinthians 12:1, 7), and according to 1 Corinthians 1:17, water baptism was not a part of Paul's gospel to the gentiles.

It was the Jews who required a sign (1 Corinthians 1:22), but WE walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Baptism: One or Two/Water or Spirit/Wet or Dry?

Under Covenant, WATER WAS the means of baptism:

Acts 8:36, 38

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Under Grace, the Lord changes things & instructs Paul that water is no longer needed. It is now the "one baptism" "by one Spirit".

NO MAN & NO WATER needed:

Ephesians 4:5

One Lord, one faith, one baptism (not two),

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit (not by one man) are we all baptized into one body (not a baptistry), whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Water Works or Dry Faith?

Under Covenant, Peter says to repent AND BE BAPTIZED (a wet water work) FOR SALVATION:

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Under Grace, Paul says to BELIEVE (dry faith) and be sealed WITHOUT ONE DROP:

Ephesians 1:12-13

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye

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were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

PHYSICAL HEALING

Physical Healing: Guaranteed or Not?P

Under Covenant, Israel was GUARANTEED healing:
Exodus 15:26

And said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

Under Grace, we have no such covenant (contract) with God and is why we are NOT GUARANTEED healing:

2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus abode at Corinth; but Trophemus have I (Paul) left at Miletum sick.

Healed & Brought Back to Life or Left Sick?

Under Covenant, physical healing & raising the dead was STILL GOING ON as late as the book of Acts:

Acts 5:16

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed (how many)every one.

Acts 9:40-42

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the (dead) body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive (why?). And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. (Sign seekers: John 4:47-54, Acts 5:12).

Under Grace, we begin to see supernatural physical healing FADE

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AWAY during Paul's ministry. Though Paul once had the power to heal, (Acts 28:8) we see that "when that which is perfect" (the revelation of the mystery) came then "that which is in part" (Israel's signs and wonders) was "done away" (1 Corinthians 13:10). Paul could NO LONGER HEAL HIMSELF OR OTHERS:
2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I (Paul) left at Miletum sick.

1 Timothy 5:23

...use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities (because Paul no longer had the spiritual gift of healing, he instructed Timothy to use wine as a medicine)

Note:

Paul could no longer heal himself or others, therefore it was very beneficial for Paul to have Dr. Luke (the physician) to travel with him:

Colossians 4:14

Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

2 Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with me...

Require a Sign or Walk by Faith? (It cannot be both!)

Under Covenant, the Jews REQUIRED A SIGN:

Acts 2:22

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

1 Corinthians 1:22

For the Jews require a sign.

1 Corinthians 14:22

Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, butto them that believe not...

Under Grace, we learn that FAITH IS OPPOSITE to physical signs:

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight)

HOLY SPIRIT

HOW AND WHEN DO WE GET IT?

Under Covenant, Israel received the Holy Ghost if they obeyed Christ **BY PERFORMING WORKS:**

Acts 5:31-32

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized (a work) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Under Grace, **THE HOLY GHOST IS GIVEN** (not earned) to all who have trusted/believed (no works, no water):

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (free gift - Romans 5:18).

2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given (free gift) the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:13

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

HOLY SPIRIT CAN COME & GO OR IS HE SEALED WITHIN US?

Under Covenant, Israel was well aware that the holy spirit **COULD COME AND GO** (Psalms 51:11). Neither James, Peter, nor John were sealed with the holy spirit, and is why they never wrote one verse to their Jewish followers that implied that they were.

Remaining in the presence of the Lord was based upon one's performance (faith **PLUS** works) as clearly communicated by the pen of James:

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

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Under Grace, the Lord revealed to Paul, and him alone, that we do not "Draw nigh to Him" because WE ARE NEVER APART FROM HIM ("Christ in you")...and He is sealed within our heart (unable to depart):

Colossians 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:13

...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 4:30

...whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption

Note:

As we can clearly see, prior to the salvation of the apostle Paul, the Spirit of the Lord could come & go as He pleased (depart).

1 Samuel 16:14

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

MONEY/FOOD/CHILDREN

TITHING -- A 10% NECESSITY OR THE AMOUNT YOU DECIDE ON?

Under Covenant, tithing was **MANDATORY**, (a necessity) and **NOT AN OPTION** for Israel. Jesus taught tithing as being a part of the "gospel of the kingdom" that He preached prior to the cross. Many teachers today are blind to the fact that while much of what Jesus preached during His earthly ministry runs parallel with the OT, these same teachings are contrary to what Jesus instructed Paul to write down for **OUR DOCTRINE**:

Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the **LORD** of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Matthew 23:23

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Under Grace, **WE DO NOT GIVE OUT OF NECESSITY**, (law giving) but as we purpose in our heart (grace giving). That could be more or less than 10%, and at times could even be nothing at all:

2 Corinthians 9:7

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver (a tithe--10% was a necessity).

TITHING -- CURSED OR NOT CURSED?

Under Covenant, if Israel held back in tithes an offerings, it was considered **A CRIME** punishable by a curse:

Malachi 3:8-9

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation (singular).

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Under Grace, unlike Israel, we know that we can not be cursed, for Christ REDEEMED US from the curse, being made a curse for us: Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

MONEY -- TO SAVE OR NOT TO SAVE?

Under Covenant, before the cross, Jesus instructed them to NOT SAVE any money:

Matthew 6:19

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Under Grace, after the cross Jesus tells us (through Paul) that we SHOULD SAVE money:

2 Corinthians 12:14

Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children (save money).

SELL ALL & FORSAKE ALL OR TAKE CARE OF YOUR FAMILY?

Under Covenant, Jesus instructed Israel to sell ALL their possessions, give away ALL the proceeds, and forsake EVERYTHING including their family & land, LEAVING IT behind:

Matthew 19:21

Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Acts 2:44-45

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and

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walk.

Acts 4:34-35

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet:..

Matthew 19:27

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

Matthew 19:29

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Under Grace, Paul writes that WE are not to sell all & abandon our home and family. Our instructions are to **WORK AND TAKE CARE OF OUR HOUSEHOLD:**

1 Timothy 5:8

But if any provide not for his own, (pay bills, supply food, work the land etc...) and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. (Apparently this is a different faith than that which we read about in Matthew).

TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR YOUR FOOD -- OR WORK FOR IT?

Under Covenant, Jesus told ISRAEL (not us) to take no thought for their life, or what they will eat. He told them to forsake EVERYTHING including their home, family, and that they should sell everything and give away the proceeds. Why did Jesus say this? Because if Israel would not have rejected Jesus as their king, they would have lived with Him throughout all eternity in the earthly kingdom where everything would have been provided for them. Therefore they had no need to give thought concerning their life such as storing up treasures. The apostles along with the Jewish church at Pentecost did just that in Acts 2, 3, 4, and so on:

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and

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all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matthew 6:25

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat...

Under Grace, Paul wrote that WE ARE to take thought for OUR life and what we will eat:

2 Thessalonians 3:8

Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: (They worked for their food).

2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

HAVING CHILDREN -- GOOD OR BAD?

Under Covenant, Jesus WARNED those who had children, because Israel would soon be facing the coming wrath while enduring through the tribulation:

Matthew 24:19

And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Under Grace, Paul advises women to have children, because God postponed His wrath to usher in the dispensation of His grace (Colossians 1:25):

1 Timothy 5:14

I will therefore that the younger women marry, BEAR CHILDREN, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

COMMISSION/JUDGED BY THE TWELVE OR BY PAUL'S GOSPEL?

COMMISSION: WHICH ONE?

Under Covenant, before Israel's fall, the twelve were commissioned to teach "the gospel of the kingdom" to ALL NATIONS:

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Note:

Though Christ commissioned them to go unto all nations, we can see by a careful study of the book of Acts, following the stoning of Stephen, Israel begins to fall. Because of the fall, the twelve never went beyond Israel.

Under Grace, after Israel's fall, Jesus instructed Paul to shut down the Twelve's commission to go to all nations, and restricted the "gospel of the kingdom" to THE CIRCUMCISION (Jews only). Meanwhile, Jesus instructs Paul to teach "the gospel of the grace of God" to the uncircumcision:

Galatians 2:9

And when James, Cephas, (Peter) and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, (uncircumcision) and they unto the circumcision (no longer to the Matthew 28 "ALL NATIONS").

Acts 11:19

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

Note:

By the way, the Matthew 28:20 "all things" means just that ...all things! That would include keeping "all" (not part) of the law, the

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Matthew 19 selling of everything you own, and the Mark 16 taken up serpents, drinking poison, and healing the sick by the laying on of hands.

THE APOSTLES -- WHERE DID THEY GO FIRST?

Under Covenant, the Lord gave the twelve an order as to **WHERE TO GO FIRST**:

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, (first) and in all Judaea, (second) and in Samaria, (third) and unto the uttermost part of the earth (fourth).

Under Grace, the Lord gave Paul different instructions concerning **WHERE HE SHOULD GO FIRST**:

Galatians 1:17

Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, (first) and returned again unto Damascus (second).

JUDGED BY THE TWELVE OR BY PAUL'S GOSPEL?

Under Covenant, the 12 apostles will judge the twelve tribes **ACCORDING TO "the gospel of the kingdom"**:

Matthew 19:28

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Under Grace, God will judge the Gentiles **ACCORDING TO Paul's gospel**:

Romans 2:16

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

**THE LAW/OLD, NEW, AND PRESENT DAY DOCTRINE
JESUS PREACHED THE LAW DURING HIS EARTHLY
MINISTRY**

Under Covenant, Jesus had yet to reveal the grace message. He preached according to the MOSAIC LAW:

Matthew 5:17-18

Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, til heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, til all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:40

And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

Matthew 7:12

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 12:5

Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Matthew 12:12

How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days.

Matthew 19:17

And he said unto him, ... if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Matthew 23:23

Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law...

Matthew 20:15

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own...

Matthew 23:1-3

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you (according to the law) observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

Deuteronomy 6:25

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And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us

Under Grace, we learn from Paul that by the deeds of the law, there shall NO flesh be justified in the sight of God. And those who attempt to establish THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS during THIS DISPENSATION would be those who are religious & unsaved.

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight;...

Romans 10:3-5

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law (his death) for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

TO SACRIFICE OR NOT TO SACRIFICE?

Under Covenant, Jesus gave INSTRUCTIONS TO THE NATION ISRAEL in the books of Matthew through John. Many treat these books as if they contained doctrine for us. It is evident that these books are an account of the life of Christ during His earthly ministry to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). Israel, UNDER THE LAW, was required to make sacrificial sin offerings. Are you?

Luke 2:26-27, 39

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Under Grace, Paul was given our doctrine that DOESN'T EVEN RESEMBLE the religious works of Israel's law. Paul proclaims the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself to be our

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sacrifice:

Ephesians 3:2

If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to youward:

Ephesians 5:2

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.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 7:6

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

CURSED BY THE LAW OR REDEEMED BY HIS BLOOD?

Under Covenant, those who did not keep the law WERE CURSED:

John 7:49

But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

James 2:10

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Under Grace, Paul confirms John in verse 10 below, BUT THEN explains what Christ revealed to him through the revelation of the mystery in verse 13:

Galatians 3:10

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse...

Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law...

THE LAW: IS IT STRONG OR IS IT WEAK?

Under Covenant, the law for Israel represented **STRENGTH**:

Joshua 1:7

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left,

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that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Under Grace, Paul says we have been redeemed from the law & describes it as being WEAK in the "But now" Ephesians 3:2 "dispensation of the grace of God":

Galatians 4:5

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:9

But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

OLD PRIESTHOOD – NEW PRIESTHOOD -- NO PRIESTHOOD?

Under Covenant, Jesus says to do the works of the OLD Mosaic law, while the book of Hebrews (written for the Hebrews during a future time) declares that there will be a NEW priesthood:

Matthew 23:1-3

(old priesthood) Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do;...

Hebrews 7:12

(new priesthood) For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Under Grace, Paul reveals for the first time that we CAN NOT BE justified (saved) by the law of Moses:

Acts 13:39

(no priesthood/no law) And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Time Past = Israel's OLD PRIESTHOOD

But Now = Our NO LAW (no law = no priesthood)

Agnes To Come = Israel's NEW PRIESTHOOD

Note:

1 Corinthians 6:12

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All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1 Corinthians 10:23

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

SIMPLY put: Paul is saying that he is free to do anything he wants, but will not let anything control him. Jesus gave Paul the dispensation of the grace of God (Ephesians 3:2) and keeping the law is no longer required as part of maintaining anyone's salvation.

OLD DOCTRINE -- NEW DOCTRINE -- OUR DOCTRINE?

Under Covenant, Jesus preached HIS DOCTRINE according to the Mosaic law:

Mark 4:2

(old doctrine) And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

Hebrews 6:1

(new doctrine) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, (Matthew thru John which is Old Testament in doctrine) let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Under Grace, Paul preaches OUR DOCTRINE for all those who live in the dispensation of the grace of God.

2 Timothy 3:10

(our doctrine) But thou hast fully known my (Paul's) doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

Note:

The books of Matthew through John are old testament in doctrine:

Hebrews 9:15-17

And for this cause he (Jesus) is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no

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strength at all while the testator liveth.

CIRCUMCISION/MALE AND FEMALE

CIRCUMCISION: DO I HAVE TO?

Under Covenant, Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day according to Jewish law. Under the law circumcision was NOT OPTIONAL for those of the nation Israel:

Luke 2:21-22

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

Under Grace, Paul wrote that circumcision NO LONGER has anything to do with someone's relationship with God. This is why he turns our attention toward a spiritual circumcision made without hands. -And by the way: What would physical circumcision have to do with women anyway?

Galatians 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Galatians 5:2

Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

Colossians 2:11

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

MALE AND FEMALE: WHICH IS BETTER?

Under Covenant, there was A DISTINCTION made between male and female. Males were esteemed above females, being called holy to the Lord:

Luke 2:23

(As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male (not female) that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord)

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Under Grace, God sees us as we are IN CHRIST, and not according to our flesh:

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

THE CROSS/THE BLOOD/JUSTIFICATION

THE CROSS: ARE YOU SAD OR GLAD?

Under Covenant, THE TWELVE WERE SORRY about what Christ did on the cross. They called it a murder:

Matthew 17:22-23

And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

Acts 3:13-15

(Peter preaching) The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Under Grace, WE REJOICE in Christ death! Paul wrote that we are to glory in His death on the cross:

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should glory, save (except) in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

THE BLOOD: SHED FOR MANY OR FOR ALL?

Under Covenant, Jesus tells ISRAEL:

Matthew 20:28

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Under Grace, Jesus revealed something very different to the apostle PAUL:

1 Timothy 2:6

Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time (Paul was the "due time" testifier 1 Corinthians 15:8).

MURDERED OR DIED ON PURPOSE?

Under Covenant, Peter at Pentecost preaches A MURDER INDICTMENT concerning Jesus' death, as does Stephen later on

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in chapter seven. It wasn't until the Lord Jesus gave Paul the revelation of the mystery that we learn that no one took Jesus' life, but rather He purposely gave it for our sin debt:

Acts 3:14

But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Acts 7:52

Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

Under Grace, is where we learn that Jesus GAVE HIS LIFE as a sacrifice for sin, and nobody murdered Him:

Galatians 1:4

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (see also 1 Timothy 2:6, Titus 2:14).

RAISED FOR A THRONE OR FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION?

Under Covenant, Christ was raised up to SIT ON HIS THRONE as king ruling over the nation Israel:

Acts 2:30

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Under Grace, Christ was raised for OUR JUSTIFICATION, and is the head (not king) of the church (nations--plural):

Romans 4:25

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification

Note:

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Ephesians 1:22

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him (Christ) to be the head over all things to the church,.

Ephesians 5:22

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

BLESSINGS WHERE/REIGN WHERE?

EARTHLY BLESSINGS OR HEAVENLY BLESSINGS?

Under Covenant, Israel is promised PHYSICAL, EARTHLY, blessings & will receive an inheritance in the EARTHLY kingdom. Following their resurrection and their enduring to the end (Matthew 10:22) they will inhabit that new city that will come down out of heaven (Revelation 3:12, & 21:2):

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth (opposite to Colossians 3:2).

Matthew 15:24

(who are the "they"? Jesus answers that question) ...he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (This kingdom is clearly EARTHLY not HEAVENLY).

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock; (the house of Israel) for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you (the little flock) the kingdom. (The "little flock" is not you and furthermore doesn't even exist on earth today.)

Ezekiel 44:30

And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house (Who is the "thine"? The circumcised "house of Israel" that are identified in VS 22).

Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (VS 4 of chapter 3 makes it clear as to who is being spoken to here, and its not you).

Hebrews 13:14-15

For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come (the earthly kingdom that is called "new Jerusalem").

Revelation 21:1-2

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down (no mention of anyone going up, ie. the "rapture", which is OUR good news) from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (but we know that WE are God's husbandry (1 Corinthians 3:9) and this simply cannot be talking about us).

Under Grace, we learn that we have received a SPIRITUAL inheritance IN HEAVEN because "THEY (Israel) shall inherit the earth". And we are blessed "through Jesus Christ" and HIS PERFORMANCE, and not according to how WE PERFORM. Under grace we also learn that our blessings are NOT MATERIAL, BUT SPIRITUAL:

Galatians 3:14

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles (how?) through Jesus Christ; (why?) that we might receive the promise (Singular) of the Spirit through faith (promise of the Spirit, and not physical, material blessings).

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual (nothing you can see) blessings in heavenly places in Christ (not "Thy kingdom come").

REIGN WHERE? ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN?

Under Covenant, Israel in the future will reign with Christ ON EARTH:

Luke 22:30

That ye (12 apostles) may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (not us the church the body of Christ).

Revelation 5:10

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Under Grace, Jesus reveals to Paul something VERY DIFFERENT concerning OUR DESTINY. We will reign with him in HEAVENLY PLACES, for we are made for heavenly places (not earthly)

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because this world is not our home:

2 Timothy 2:12

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Phillipians 3:20

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1:5

For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Colossians 3:2

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Ephesians 2:6

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

RAPTURE/ACCEPTED HOW?

FUTURE EVENTS: TERROR OR COMFORT?

Under Covenant, the prophet Joel describes the coming of the Lord when He will pour out His wrath during a time of great terror.

Under grace, Paul teaches us that we will not endure these times, but rather be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Some confused religious teachers do not rightly divide these **TWO SEPARATE EVENTS**. This is why we have some who teach no "rapture", some who teach mid-tribulation "rapture" while others teach post-tribulation "rapture". Are these two events different or the same?

You decide:

Joel 2:1-11

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Under Grace, Paul describes the departure of the church, not the coming of the Lord to pour out His wrath prior to His kingdom reign here on earth. What Paul describes is WORDS OF COMFORT for all saved members of the church who will ESCAPE God's wrath (1 Thessalonians 5:9) ascending into the heavenlies: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall

we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

JESUS' RETURN OR OUR DEPARTURE?

Under Covenant, the next event on the calendar for the TIME PAST remnant of believing Israel, is the Lords RETURN TO SET UP HIS KINGDOM where the twelve apostles (not Paul) will rule over the twelve tribes of Israel HERE ON EARTH. However, all who have been saved by Paul's "my gospel" are to seek after the things above and NOT on the earthly things (Colossians 3:1-2). We are waiting for our savior to return (Philippians 3:20).

Acts 1:6

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (Earthly not Heavenly).

2 Peter 3:3-4

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

(Notice that you never read anywhere in Peters letters about anyone dying and going to heaven. The remnant of time past believing Israel are awaiting His return to restore the kingdom to them on earth).

Matthew 19:28

And Jesus said unto them (the twelve not Paul), Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel (James 1:1, Revelation 21:12).

Under Grace, the next event for us is the CATCHING AWAY of the church:

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

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For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, ("rapture") whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Titus 2:12-13

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

APPOINTED TO WRATH OR NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH?

Under Covenant, Jesus taught Israel that they **WOULD NOT** know of His return when **HE WILL POUR OUT HIS WRATH:**

Matthew 24:13

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:36

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Luke 21:23

...in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

Isaiah 13:9, 13

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Under Grace, Paul teaches us that he has no need to tell us of Christ return to pour out His wrath because we're **NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH**, but are waiting on the catching away of the church, and **NOT JESUS' RETURN TO EARTH:**

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they (unbelieving Israel) shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them (unbelieving Israel), as travail upon a woman with child; and they (unbelieving Israel) shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, (believers in this dispensation) are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness

1 Thessalonians 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

ALREADY ACCEPTED OR MUST WE ENDURE TO FIND OUT?

Under Covenant, Jesus while speaking to Israel said they must endure to the end **FOR THEIR SALVATION:**

Matthew 24:13

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Under Grace, Jesus, by the pen of Paul, tells us that at the moment we trust Him for our salvation, we are made acceptable (completed - finished). We **DO NOT** have to wait **FOR OUR SALVATION:**

Ephesians 1:6

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved

Colossians 2:10

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Question: Are we accepted by what **WE DO**? Notice what Peter (who did not receive the revelation of the mystery) says about that, and also notice that it is opposite to what Paul later reveals.

Acts 10:35

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(Peter speaking) But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Or, are we made accepted by what HE DID?

Ephesians 1:6

(Paul speaking) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he (not you) hath made (past tense present participle) us accepted in the beloved.

Peter clearly says that works were required to be accepted, while Paul later reveals that we are made accepted on the basis of what Christ did on our behalf.

**QUICKLY FOR ISRAEL/POSTPONED FOR US
COMING TO FULFILL PROPHECIES OR TO GIVE PAUL THE
MYSTERY?**

Under Covenant, Israel was waiting to receive their promise of a RESTORED KINGDOM on earth:

Jeremiah 33:14

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah (not the gentiles).

Acts 1:6

When they (the Pentecostal apostles) therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (not to the gentiles. Why? Because before Paul was given the Ephesians 3:2 mystery to give to us, we were still "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope,...Ephesians 2:12).

Under Grace, just a few chapters later, we see that Jesus indeed returns, but NOT TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL. Instead, He concluded Israel in unbelief (Romans 11:32). Why? Because of their rejection of the holy ghost (Acts 7:51). So, the Lord then darkened their eyes, (Romans 11:10) and Israel fell (Romans 11:22). And "through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles," (Romans 11:11). What happens next? Jesus Christ comes and reveals a (parenthetical) dispensational time of MYSTERY to the apostle Paul, (Ephesians 3:2):

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Romans 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Note:

Paul tells us five more times that he would not have us to be

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ignorant. (Romans 1:13; 1 Corinthians 10:1; 12:1; 2 Corinthians 2:11; & 1 Thessalonians 4:13).

QUICKLY FOR ISRAEL OR POSTPONED FOR GENTILES?

Under Covenant, and NOT in harmony with Paul's mystery information, we see that the Lord's return was to be soon:

Acts 3:19-20

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;...

James 5:8

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Hebrews 10:37

For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Revelation 22:7

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:20

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Under Grace, Paul informs us that the event HAS BEEN POSTPONED according to the revelation of the mystery that was revealed to him:

Romans 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, (for how long Paul?) until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Note:

The time will come when the dispensation of Gods grace will end. Then is when the body of Christ will be removed from earth. This has to happen before Gods prophecy program with Israel can take

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up where it left off. At the moment your reading this, Israel is NOT God's people, (Hosea 1:9) but will be again in the future (Jeremiah 31:33).

Hosea 1:9

Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

Jeremiah 31:33

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

THE END OR THE BEGINNING?

Under Covenant, Peter says THE END IS NEAR:

Acts 2:16-17

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Under Grace, Paul said that HIS salvation was THE BEGINNING of something:

1 Timothy 1:16

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

PROPHECIES FULFILLED OR POSTPONED?

STANDING OR FALLEN/FULFILLED OR POSTPONED?

Under Covenant, Peter says ISRAEL IS STANDING -- and prophecy is being FULFILLED.

Acts 2:16-17

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, (prophecy: Joel 2:28-32) I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Acts 3:21

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things (restoring the kingdom to Israel), which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets (prophecy) since the world began.

Acts 3:24

Yea, and all the prophets (prophecy) from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days (prophecy).

Under Grace, Paul says ISRAEL HAS FALLEN, and prophecies have been POSTPONED.

Romans 3:11-19

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

They (Israel) are all gone out of the way, they (Israel) are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their (Israel) throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their (Israel) feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we (us) know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them (Israel) who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 11:11

I say then, Have they (Israel) stumbled that they should fall? God

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forbid: but rather through their (Israel's) fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles (us), for to provoke them (Israel) to jealousy.

Romans 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in (Israel's prophecy postponed).

Note:

If we just believe our Bible, (not tradition) it becomes apparent that God changed His instruction to humanity following the salvation of the apostle Paul. Just as God through Moses changed things by given him the law for the children of Israel, God through Paul changed things by given him the dispensation of grace to give to us. The revelation of the mystery was kept secret before being revealed to Paul. Hence the reason Paul calls it "my gospel".

Romans 16:25

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began

WHO WROTE WHO?

EIGHT LETTERS VS. THIRTEEN LETTERS

Under Covenant, Peter, James, and John all together combined to only write 8 letters:

Peter penned 2, James 1, and John 5.

Under Grace, Jesus inspired Paul to write 13 letters almost doubling Peter, James, and John, all together. Paul wrote more letters than any other author in the entire bible, and here they are:

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Note:

Paul did not write Hebrews as some bibles and so called "scholars" credit him with. How can we know this?

2 Thessalonians 3:17

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

Notice: Paul promised that in " every epistle" he wrote - and not "some", "several" or "most" - you will find his salutation.

So what is a salutation? Webster's defines it this way: "the word or phrase of greeting (as Gentlemen or Dear Sir or Madam) that conventionally comes immediately before the body of a letter.

After investigating the following, I believe that any Bible student will quickly see a pattern in ALL of Paul's letters:

Romans 1:1

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,...

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1 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ...

2 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,...

Galatians 1:1

Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ,...

Ephesians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,...

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ,...

Colossians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,...

1 Thessalonians 1:1

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church...

2 Thessalonians 1:1

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church...

1 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour,...

2 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,...

Titus 1:1

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ,...

Philemon 1:1

Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother,
Now compare the above 13 salutations with the salutation in the book of Hebrews:

Hebrews 1:1

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

So, as you can clearly see, while Paul's name is present in the opening of all his 13 letters, it is nowhere to be found in the book of Hebrews.

Another piece of evidence proving that Paul did not write Hebrews (not that we need anymore) is that the DOCTRINE of Hebrews does not even match that of Paul's letters.

It is Satan's policy of evil to confuse you as to whom your apostle

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is. Some of the so called "scholars" of the religious establishment, and some Bible printers credit Paul as the author of Hebrews. This has only caused confusion, and we all know who the author of that is (1 Corinthians 14:33).

WHO DID PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN WRITE TO?

Under Covenant, neither Peter, James, nor John ever wrote EVEN ONE epistle to us for our instructions to follow. It is said by some that Peter, James, & John preached the same gospel Paul preached. However the bible says to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21). According to the scriptures, and not MAN'S TRADITION, we find that Peter, James, & John wrote doctrine exclusively to the twelve tribes of Israel (Jews). At that time Gentiles (you) could have only been saved by blessing the nation Israel & obeying the Jewish gospel because salvation was of the Jews (John 4:22). Their gospel included faith PLUS WORKS for salvation, as opposed to FAITH ALONE for salvation. Lets examine the evidence to see if Peter, James, or John wrote to us:

James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Acts 11:19

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

1 Peter 2:12

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles:... (So he is obviously not writing TO Gentiles but rather talking ABOUT the Gentiles. The "your" is Israel.)

Galatians 2:9

And when James, Cephas, (Cephas = Peter) and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me (Paul), they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they (Peter, James & John) unto the circumcision (Jews).

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Under Grace, the doctrines for the church the body of Christ are found in Paul's Gentile letters Romans through Philemon. In this day and age, Jews that desire to be saved can only be saved by obeying the Gentile gospel given to the apostle Paul (faith alone):

Romans 11:13

For I (Paul) speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: (magnify Paul's administration and not Paul the man - Job 7:17)

Ephesians 3:1

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 1 Timothy 2:7

Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2 Timothy 1:11

Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Note:

There are three applications we can apply from the verses of our Bible:

Historical, spiritual & doctrinal. While we certainly can gain spiritually from all passages of scripture, we can only find our doctrine (instructions) in the epistles of the apostle Paul, our apostle (Romans 11:13, Romans 15:16, Galatians 2:2, Galatians 2:8, Ephesians 3:1, 1 Timothy 2:7, 2 Timothy 1:11, 2 Timothy 4:17).

THE APOSTLE'S RESPONSIBILITIES/THE TWELVE VS. PAUL

Under Covenant, salvation is of the Jews led by Peter & the rest of the twelve apostles.

John 4:22

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Matthew 19:28

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Revelation 21:14

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Under Grace, salvation by grace through faith is preached to the Gentiles by the apostle Paul ONLY. Paul was given the responsibility of laying the foundation for every believer after him living in the dispensation of the grace of God:

1 Corinthians 3:10

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Romans 11:13

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Colossians 1:25

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

2 Timothy 1:11

Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

MASTERBUILDER: WAS IT PETER OR WAS IT PAUL?

Under Covenant, Jesus said that He would build the Church at Jerusalem upon Peter:

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; (Jewish church) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Under Grace, Jesus returned to make Paul the wise

MASTERBUILDER of the church the body of Christ: (no longer Jew or Gentile).

1 Corinthians 3:10

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

JAMES VS. PAUL ROUND #1: CAN FAITH ALONE SAVE YOU?

Under Covenant, James asked Israel a rhetorical question: Can faith alone save you?

James 2:14

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

James 2:17

(His answer is no) ...faith, if it hath not works, is dead...

Under Grace, Paul answers the question with a resounding yes!

Faith must be by itself in order to save anyone today:

Romans 4:5

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith (not works) is counted for righteousness.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Note:

The Bible does not contradict itself, James is simply not talking to you a Gentile under grace. Who is his letter addressed to? Answer:

James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad,...

JAMES VS. PAUL ROUND #2: ARE WE JUSTIFIED BY WORKS?

Under Covenant, James wrote that Israel (according to their law) was justified by faith PLUS their works:

James 2:24

Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Under Grace, Paul wrote that we are justified by faith alone, apart from any works:

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...

Romans 11:6

And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace

Note:

For Paul to have written "no more of works" meant that it once was of works, correct? What Paul is saying, is that grace & works for salvation no longer mix. If you believe the Bible then it is clear that Grace & works are NOW mutually exclusive.

JAMES VS. PAUL ROUND #3: CAN WE BE CONDEMNED?

Under Covenant, James warns about receiving condemnation, and being condemned:

James 3:1

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

James 5:9

Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

Under Grace, Paul writes that NOW we who are in Christ have no fear of condemnation:

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,...

BRIDE OR HUSBANDRY/NATION OR NATIONS/PRIEST OR AMBASSADOR?

BRIDE OR HUSBANDRY?

Under Covenant, God is referred to as the BRIDEGROOM, and Israel as His BRIDE:

Isaiah 62:5

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Matthew 9:15

And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then

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shall they (Israel) fast.

Revelation 21:2

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:9

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Under Grace, the church is referred to as masculine, and we are called His HUSBANDRY, but NEVER THE BRIDE:

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

NATION OR NATIONS?

Under Covenant, Peter, ONLY wrote to Israel, a NATION (singular) and never to the gentile NATIONS (plural):

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation (singular) a peculiar people;...

Under Grace, Paul wrote to the gentile NATIONS (plural):

Romans 1:5

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations (plural) for his name:

A NATION OF PRIESTS OR A BODY OF AMBASSADORS?

Under Covenant, Israel was Gods holy nation with earthly PRIESTS. In their future earthly kingdom, during the millennial reign of Christ, the twelve apostles (Paul excluded) will rule over the twelve tribes of Israel. The Gentiles will once again be required to come through the nation Israel to be accepted by God:

Isaiah 61:6

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

1 Peter 2:5

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Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood,...

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, (not nations) a peculiar people;...

Revelation 1:6

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;...

Revelation 7:4-8

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Under Grace, in this present dispensation, the church which is His body (Colossians 1:18) is not comprised of priests, but rather Ambassadors. Paul NEVER calls us priest:

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ,...

PRIEST'S ACCOUNT OR YOUR OWN ACCOUNT?

Under Covenant, the Hebrew priest watched out for Israel's souls, and had rule over them:

Hebrews 13:7

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God:...

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,...

Under Grace, we do not serve under a priesthood and will be expected to give an account of our OWN SOUL:

Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

ISRAEL: THEY WERE CHOSEN, BUT ARE THEY NOW?

Under Covenant, Israel was Gods chosen people and He put a distinction between the Jew & Gentile. Israel had an advantage being God's CHOSEN NATION, and their standing with God was far above all other peoples of the earth. And please notice that Jesus came preaching the same thing:

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

Deuteronomy 7:6

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Matthew 10:5

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Matthew 15:24

But he (Jesus) answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 15:26

But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread (Israel), and to cast it to dogs (Gentiles).

John 4:22

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Acts 11:19

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

Romans 3:1-2

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

Under Grace, in Christ there is no longer Jew nor Gentile, and now everyone is a part of the "new creature". Jews are no longer above anyone because there is no longer a distinction, for ALL ARE ONE in Christ. They have been blinded--set aside--concluded in unbelief--and all nations are now equal in the eyes of God. Israel as a nation NO LONGER serves as having preeminence over anyone. God is dealing with people as INDIVIDUALS, and no longer with a separate, distinct, & pequiliar nation:

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

Colossians 3:11

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Ephesians 2:15

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Romans 11:32

For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

THEIR KING BUT OUR HEAD?

Under Covenant, Jesus was sent to earth to be the king over the nation Israel. Many today think that Jesus is our king. Most of us have sang the songs, and heard the sermons. However the bible says to "Prove all things; (and) hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21). We are to PROVE THINGS by God's word of truth rightly divided, and not by man's opinion through his years of tradition. Jesus was King of the Jews, and anyone can prove this if they would only choose to put Gods word above their religion, and tradition:

Matthew 2:2

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Under Grace, Jesus is THE HEAD of the church which is His body (not our king):

Ephesians 1:22

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Colossians 1:18

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Note:

While we can recognize that the Lord Jesus Christ is the "King of kings" (1 Timothy 6:15), and "King eternal, immortal, invisible" (1 Timothy 1:17), we must also recognize that He is not exercising his kingship power, in this present dispensation of grace.

However, "in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, (supreme power) the King of kings," (1 Timothy 6:15). A King needs a kingdom, and is what was offered TO, and rejected BY, the nation Israel. But in the future they will accept Him as their king during His millennial reign. At that time He will have dominion here on earth, BUT NOW Satan is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4) and Christ is the head of the church (us) which is his body here on earth, in lieu of His physical absence.

**WHAT GOSPEL DID JESUS PREACH?
WHICH ONE?**

Under Covenant, Jesus preached "the gospel of the kingdom" and said when that gospel was preached to all the world, the end shall come:

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Under Grace, Paul preached his "my gospel" to everyone under heaven, BUT the end never came:

Colossians 1:23

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Question: If Paul preached the gospel to all men, why didn't the end come as Jesus prophesied?

Answer: Because Paul did not preach "the gospel of the kingdom" that Jesus was speaking of.

Regardless of what tradition teaches, if you're a Bible believer, it should be quite obvious that there is more than one gospel in your Bible.

WHO DID JESUS PREACH TO?

Under Covenant, Jesus Christ taught Old Testament doctrine (Hebrews 9:16-17) to the House of Israel prior to his death.

Matthew through John records his earthly ministry to His people, and at that time we were still strangers from the covenants of promise (Ephesians 2:12). Jesus, from Heaven, later revealed (only to Paul) the "revelation of the mystery" which encapsulates our doctrine for living in the current grace dispensation:

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

Matthew 1:21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people (Israel) from their sins.

Matthew 2:2

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 15:24

But he (Jesus) answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Romans 15:8

Now I (Paul) say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision (Israel) for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob):

Under Grace, Paul penned information that Jesus (from Heaven) gave him on behalf of all nations (no exclusions):

Galatians 1:11-12

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me (Paul) is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:16

That I (Paul) should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, (nations) ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

JESUS' EARTHLY GOSPEL WAS DIFFERENT THAN PAULS

Under Covenant, Jesus, while on earth preached the "gospel of the kingdom." A gospel that had no mention of Him dying for ALL sin, and being resurrected to justify ALL by grace.

Mark 1:14-15

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Under Grace, Paul's gospel was not "the gospel of the kingdom" but rather "the gospel of the grace of God":

Acts 20:24

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

*Note: The Gospel of the Grace of God is HOW THAT when Jesus died for our sins, God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, NOT imputing our trespasses unto us.
(2 Corinthians 5:19-21)

SALVATION WAS OF THE JEWS

Under Covenant, during Jesus' earthly ministry salvation was never once directed toward all nations:

John 4:22

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews (nation).

Under Grace, we are told what our position was when Jesus walked the earth. However, it changed through the revelation of the mystery that was later revealed to the apostle Paul:

Ephesians 2:12-15

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain (Jew & Gentile) one new man, (no more Jew & Gentile) so making peace;

Colossians 1:21

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

CHRIST BEFORE HIS DEATH OR AFTER HIS DEATH?

Under Covenant, the twelve apostles (not Paul) preached Jesus Christ according to His earthly ministry found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

Under Grace, we are not to preach Jesus Christ according to the flesh, but according to the revelation of the mystery. Paul received his gospel from the risen, glorified saviour, and not from Jesus while on earth:

2 Corinthians 5:16

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Romans 16:25

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, (not preached in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, but only after later being revealed to Paul).

GRACE AND ATONEMENT

GRACE NOW OR LATER?

Under Covenant, Peter makes it clear as to when Israel will be made complete in their salvation:

1 Peter 1:13

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end (timeline) for the grace that is to be brought unto you (when?) at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (when Christ returns to earth).

Under Grace, Paul makes it clear to us that we are ALREADY complete and ALREADY standing in grace:

Colossians 2:10

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Romans 5:2

By whom also we have access by faith (not our performance) into this grace wherein we stand, (present tense not future) and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ATONEMENT NOW OR LATER?

Under Covenant, Peter, while preaching to A NATION (Israel) told them to repent and wait for their atonement:

Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; (when Christ returns to earth).

Under Grace, Paul, while preaching to ALL NATIONS tells us that we've already received the atonement:

Romans 5:11

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

RECONCILED BY WORKS OR BY GRACE?

Under Covenant, Israel was reconciled by their religious works under the law of Moses. Religious tradition has wrongly taught that the law of Moses ceased when Christ came to earth:

Compare The Verses – 1st Corinthians 2:13

Ezekiel 45:17

And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel. (This was done in accordance with the law of Moses, and as we can clearly see, nothing changed during Christ earthly ministry. Why? Because they were still under the law).

Matthew 23:1-3

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do;...

Under Grace, we are reconciled by Christ death on our behalf and not by religious works of the Mosaic law:

2 Corinthians 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses (sins) unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

CONCLUSION

It is our primary objective to present complete and well researched Bible facts. Our carefully studied material will lead you to the truth, enabling you to become **AWAKE, AWARE, ALIVE & ACTIVE!**

Most of mainstream teaching is influenced and filtered according to denominational interests. Their gospel presentation is biased. It's our endeavor to maintain objectivity while presenting only the facts, leaving it up to you to decide for yourself.

The Holy Spirit, by the pen of your apostle Paul, wrote: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is imperative that you learn how to rightly divide the word of truth to gain a full understanding of your Bible.

While many spend a lifetime **COLLECTING** the dots, it's only through rightly dividing the word of truth, that you will begin **CONNECTING** the dots.

Paul wrote: "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." (Ephesians 6:19-20)

Your spiritual growth will continue to be stunted, until you come to an intelligent understanding of how to compare scripture with scripture, rightly dividing the word of truth. Despite the indubitable clarity that comes from learning this study method, there are many who have never learned it, leaving them unequipped to teach it to anyone else.

The reason some lack the ability to appreciate and assimilate the information revealed in God's word, is their failure to apply the **ONLY** God-ordained study method found in the Bible. (2 Timothy 2:15)

By simply comparing scripture with scripture, rightly dividing the word of truth, you will soon come to a full understanding of what ***is*** and ***is not*** doctrinal instruction for you today.

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