

WISDOM for the FATHERLESS

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SALVATION

Most New Testament churches would describe Salvation as **“The Gospel”*. Most of these people would simply state that *“The Gospel”* is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ/Y’shua. Although there is great truth to this statement, there is more to the story. The person who wrote most of the New Testament is Paul. Paul wrote about the *“mystery”* of the gospel. If the gospel was simply the death, burial and resurrection, why would he have stated it as a mystery? Please consider the following as a more enlightened and complete story of *“the gospel”* (good news).

- For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. Romans 2:12
- This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:10)
- He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isa. 53:5)
- For even the Son of Man [Y’shua (Jesus)] did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45)
- God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)
- All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name (Acts 10:43)
- Through Y’shua (Jesus) the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the Law of Moses (Acts 13:38-39)
- He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification (Rom. 4:25)
- But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8)
- Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein YOU STAND;

- By which ALSO ye are saved, **IF** ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (1 Cor. 15:1-2)
- Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures . . . he was buried. . . . The third day he rose again from the dead, according to the Scriptures . . . and he appeared *to many* (1 Cor. 15:3-6).
- God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not counting men's trespasses against them (2 Cor. 5:19)
- God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in him (2 Cor. 5:21)
- Remember Y'shua (Jesus Christ), raised from the dead, descended from David: this is my Gospel (2 Tim. 2:8)
- He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good (Titus 2:14)
- But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Y'shua (Jesus) Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)
- Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him (Heb. 9:28)
- He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed (Peter 2:24)
- Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18)
- So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. James 2:12

Understanding the wisdom in the Bible can help increase our faith. Faith is an important part of salvation. We are given instruction to ask God for increased faith when we need it. This shows that even our faith is credited to Him. Jesus/Y'shua stated that he shared what was going to happen with Him so that after it happened, their faith would be strengthened. It is okay to use our logical understanding as at least part of our faith.

We have scientific, historic, archeologic and prophetic evidences in the Bible to show that it is not only true, but also divinely inspired. We need to have faith that the investment into our choice to follow holiness is greater than the temptation to follow sin. One is a long-term investment and the other is for short-term pleasure. If we choose to follow the short-term investment of immediate pleasures that are against The Lord's instructions and die, the results

would be devastating. Past pleasures have no profit when we are dead. Past self-sacrifices in holiness may have great rewards.

Compare these 2 people:

One lives selfishly for themselves, disbelieving, then dies.

One repents (turns from sin), believes and trusts in The Lord/Bible, lives for God, then dies.

If the Bible is NOT true -

What did the first person (unrepentant sinner) lose? Nothing

What did the second person (who repented) lose? Nothing

If the Bible IS true -

What did the first person (unrepentant sinner) gain? Whatever was temporary pleasure is now gone after death. What awaits is judgement that has really bad consequences.

What did the second person (who repented) gain? Much

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1 Cor 2:9)

“At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the Day of Salvation I helped you.” Behold, now is “the acceptable time”, behold now is “The Day of Salvation.” (2 Cor 6:2)

Therefore, it is not good thinking to simply hope that everything is an accident and the Bible is not true. If someone’s greatest hope is that the Bible is not true, what is their hope?

According to the World Christian Encyclopedia, there are about 33,000 Christian denominations. Even if we break that down into 50 major denominations, it is interesting that only one of them, according to this author’s current understanding, holds to a doctrine of “Once saved always saved (OSAS)”. Eternal security and once saved always saved sound alike, but they are not the same. Eternal security is very biblical, but once saved always saved is not.

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, 6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. Hebrews 6:4-6

The Apostle Paul, who has one of the greatest conversion testimonies, if not the greatest, is credited for recording most of the New Testament. He wrote this about himself:

²⁷ But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (1Cor 9:27)

A repented, born again believer in Y'shua/Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit stated that he keeps under his body unless he would end up being a castaway after he had preached to others. This is one of many Bible verses that prove the once saved always saved doctrine false.

The Bible is filled with IF statements. Eternal security is always there for those who, with our free will, keep our spirit humble enough to continue to realize that we need Him/cannot save ourselves and give effort to following His instructions. We have a free will to continue to follow Him.

13But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (Mat. 24:13)

There is nothing more that can/should be done for our salvation. He gets all of the credit for our salvation. When Y'shua/Jesus was on the cross, He said, "It is finished." We should be humble and realize that we gave ourselves nothing and will have no possibility to pridefully add to our salvation. Y'shua/Jesus lived a/the holy life and HE was THE perfect sacrifice for us in love. He was/is holy, lived a humble life as our example, was betrayed, suffered beyond our understanding, both emotionally and physically. His love is beyond our comprehension.

The Gospel is simple, full of love, the greatest love story ever told, yet the gospel has 2 basic parts. The Gospel (Good news) is that we can rest in His finished work. Having a second portion of good news does nothing to add to our salvation. Most of us do not have death-bed conversions, so we have a life to live beyond our repentance and acceptance of His shed blood on the cross for us.

The second part of that good news is that He gives/will give His Holy Spirit to us so we can walk in His instructions. His instructions are good (gospel) for us. They are good/gospel for life, health, avoiding disease, how to be free from sin, help to avoid certain types of pain and suffering, how to invest, how to be clear minded, how to think on good things, how to serve others and so much more. The second part of the good news/gospel is that He will not leave us comfortless and without guidance/instruction. His Holy Spirit brings truth. He IS truth; He IS love; He IS healing (ultimately) and all of His ways are right.

Whether we are believers or sinners, there will be many trials in this life. There will be suffering, sickness and troubles. This is guaranteed whether we are repentant, humble servants of the Most High God or unrepentant or back-slidden sinners. The trials we have as a believer may ultimately have overcoming benefits/rewards. The trials, temptations and sinning of an unbeliever usually result in some form of temporary satisfaction that can have longer term potential for pain and suffering of ourselves and usually others, too. Examples are sex outside of marriage having short term pleasure which can result in sexual disease, unwanted children, fatherlessness, and abortions leading to physical pain for the unborn and probable emotional pain for the mother/father/family. A few other examples are over-smoking, over-drinking, over-eating leading to lung cancer, cirrhosis of the liver and obesity. Smoking can lead to many other diseases that also hurt family when that person suffers/dies. Drunkenness can lead to one's poor decisions, even killing or crippling others in car wrecks. Obesity has a myriad (whole lot) of diseases associated with it, like high blood pressure, gout, type 2 diabetes, etc.

Covetousness/Greed causes problems in marriages and families. It is a form of selfishness that can hurt others. Every guilty person in jail is probably there because of some form of greed. These are examples of pain/suffering related to sin, i.e., not following God's instructions.

God gives us instructions on what to eat and not to eat. Current science shows us that our Creator was correct about the amount of disease causing microbes in pork. No other meat on earth has more filth in it. That is only one food example of His understanding/wisdom. If the Bible was not divinely inspired, i.e., written by man and not by God, there would be a one in a million chance of man getting that command correct. Why? Because there are about 1 million species of animals on earth. When Moses had 600,000 – 1 million people to feed, why would he have eliminated an abundant(?) meat from their diet? These are 2 proofs that God's Word is real and our Creator knows what is best for us, from our living practices to our diet. That is part of the Good News; we have instructions to help us to be healthy and to avoid disease.

We can follow His instructions and overcome sin by His Holy Spirit. He gives us this as a promise.

Therefore, the Gospel/Good News can be seen as having 3 main parts:

1. **PASSOVER/RESURRECTION:** Most importantly, it seems, is His Shed blood as the perfect sacrifice to cover our sin, once and for all. His shed blood for us is His offering for us to enter in to a *betrothal/wedding covenant. His Holy sacrifice gives us spiritual clothing that allows us to enter into the future wedding. There is nothing we can do to add to His salvation for us.
2. **HIS INSTRUCTIONS:** He gives us His instructions to live. His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Psalm 119:105. ***Paul wrote about God's instructions to us in what is called "The Old Testament", known as The Tenach (Ten-Ok, in Hebrew).
3. **HIS HOLY SPIRIT:** The Bible instructs us that by The Lord's Holy Spirit we can overcome all sin. As long as we (with our free will) abide in Him, we have the power to overcome sin. He will give us strength to do it. It is only by a lack of faith that He can do it that one would choose sin over victory. He who chooses continual sin over holiness will not inherit the kingdom of God. His Holy Spirit gives us strength. That is good news.

**Revelation 19:6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,*

"Hallelujah!

*For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.*

*⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,*

*for **the marriage** of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;*

*⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

*The term *gospel* is found ninety-nine times in the New American Standard Bible and ninety-two times in the NET Bible. In the Greek New Testament, *gospel* is the translation of the Greek noun euangelion (occurring 76 times) “good news,” and the verb euangelizo,, (occurring 54 times), meaning “to bring or announce good news.” Both words are derived from the noun angelos, “messenger.” In classical Greek, an euangelos was one who brought a message of victory or other political or personal news that caused joy. In addition, euangelizomai (the middle voice form of the verb) meant “to speak as a messenger of gladness, to proclaim good news.”Further, the noun euangelion became a technical term for the message of victory, though it was also used for a political or private message that brought joy. Credit: Bible.Org

** We read in this verse that it seems that our righteous deeds are what give us the pure/clean garments for the wedding. However, we have understanding from the whole of the Bible that we look to His sacrifice for us to have a covering. We remember what He did for Adam and Eve. That is the first Bible event recording some form of death (because of sin). They tried to cover themselves, but it was not sufficient. God covered them with chosen garments. This seems to be symbolic of His later sacrifice for us. The Bible shares that Y’shua/Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world. He is the author and finisher of our life, if we allow it with our free will.

*[Revelation 13:8](#) states: “... And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain **from the foundation of the world.**”*

*** *2Tim 3: **16**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17**so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

Please note that when Paul wrote this, the New Testament had not yet been written. “All scripture” here means all of what is called The Old Testament. “The church” generally claims that the Old Testament is no longer relevant. The New Testament (mostly Paul’s writing) would disagree with that untrue belief.

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