

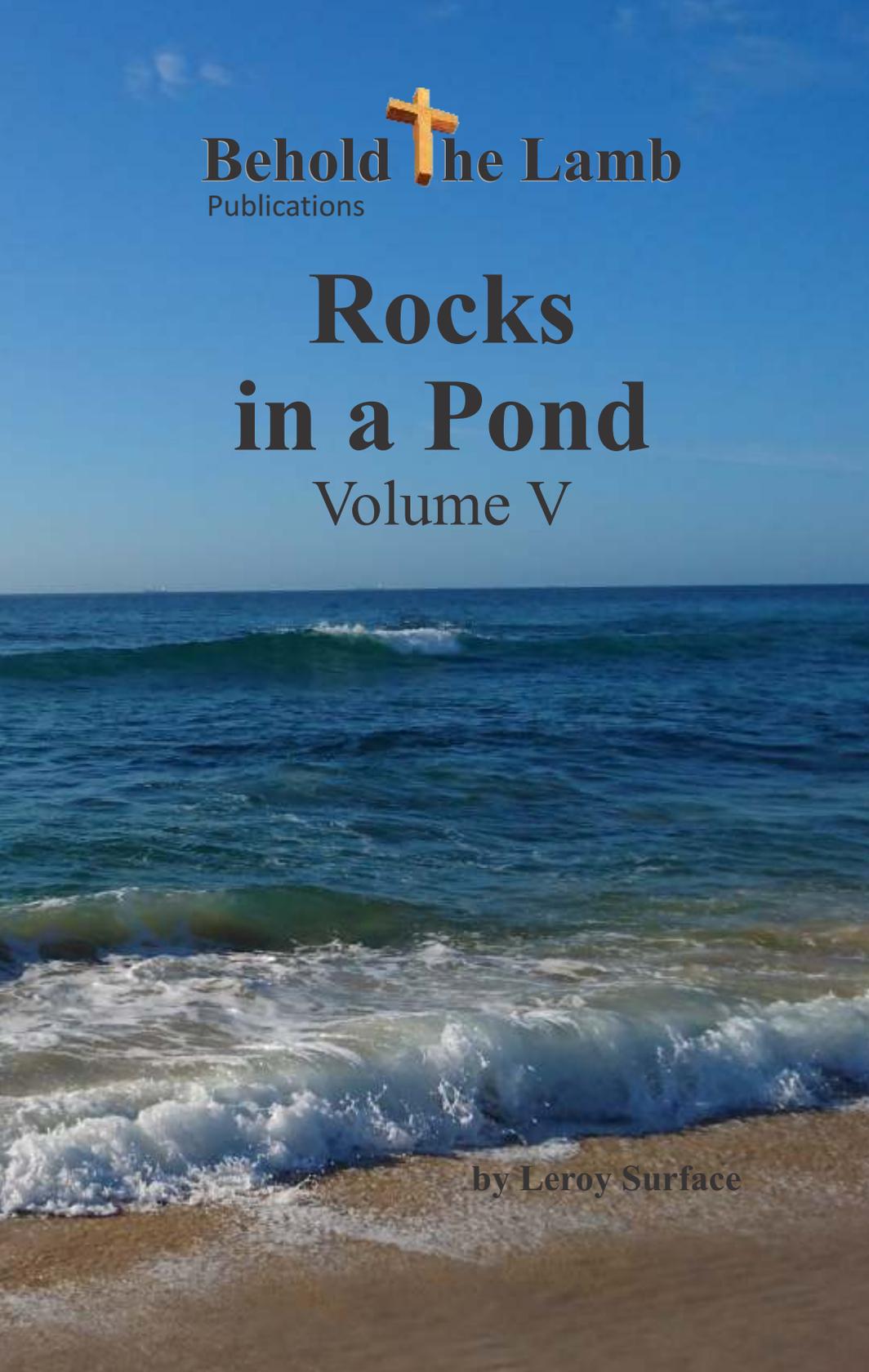


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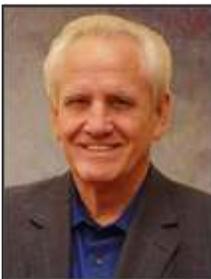
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The day I fully surrendered to preach the gospel, God said some things to me which most people thought were very controversial, and even foolish. He gave me this charge just as surely as He gave charge to His apostles in their day. He said, *“Do not study the writings of men, and do not study the doctrines of the church. Study only the scriptures.”* There was no possible way I could understand the far reaching implications of what God spoke. Without exception, everyone I confided in told me, “Brother Leroy, God did not tell you that.” They were truly concerned for me, that I was about to “get into a mess.” The truth is, I had a wonderful beginning, but after a very few years, I began to get into some real “messes” and within a dozen years I was completely backslidden.

I was restored by God on March 2, 1980, and He renewed the same charge to me. I argued with God. “You can't use me. I have brought shame to your name.” There were many other excuses I offered as reasons He could not use me. I soon discovered, however, that God would not release me from the calling He had placed on my life. In a very short time I was preaching against sin harder than ever before.

I awoke one day to realize I had become like one of “Job's comforters,” of whom the young man Elihu said, *“...they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job”* Job 32:3. I cried to God for the answer



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for the sin problem that is in the heart of man. I could not continue to preach without that answer. I found the answer in the revelation of the blood of Jesus Christ. My heart and mind was washed, and I was sanctified in a moment of time. Again, my well-meaning friends tried to correct me; “Brother Leroy, God doesn't do what you say He did for you.”



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Years before, I had been robbed of the power of the gospel by well-meaning friends, but I refused to let them talk me out of this great truth which I saw everywhere in the scriptures (KJV). The Old Testament prophets foretold it; Jesus died on the cross to do it; the eyewitness apostles wrote of it, and Paul *“turned the world upside down”* preaching it. Now I understood the words God spoke to me twenty-seven years before; *“Do not study the writings of men, and do not study the doctrines of the church. Study only the scriptures.”* I may have avoided many pitfalls if I had stayed with the tradition of the churches, but I would have never seen nor understood *“the truth”* that made me free. It is the same “truth” which the Apostle Paul called *“the gospel of Christ.”* It is *“the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believeth (it)”* Romans 1:16.

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The Doctrine of Christ

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“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” II John 1:9-11

There are four books of the “gospel” in the bible, namely Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Both Matthew and Luke began their gospel with the birth of Jesus and continued through His death, resurrection and ascension to heaven, a period of about 33 years. Mark began his record of the gospel when the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus, and continued through his death, resurrection, and ascension, a period of about 3 ½ years. These “gospels” give us a good and dependable history of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, along with the record of His rejection, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. It was Saul of Tarsus, the great persecutor of the church, who several years after His conversion to Jesus, received the “*Revelation of Jesus Christ*” during a time in which he was alone, having been ostracized by the brethren in the church at Jerusalem Acts 9:30-31. This was the revelation of “who Jesus is” that “*turned the world upside down*” Acts 17:6 in Paul’s generation. Paul called the revelation he preached “the gospel of Christ” Romans 1:16. During this time period, we actually know very little about the Apostle John, because he wrote no gospel book or epistle until about twenty years after the death of Paul and the other apostles, which preceded the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. John must have been well over 80 years of age when he wrote his gospel, and later his first epistle, in which he gave his “revelation,” which he called “the doctrine of Christ.”

“In the beginning was the Word...” John 1:1. In contrast to the other gospel writers, John did not begin with either the birth or baptism of Jesus, but rather with *“in the beginning.”* Before there was a universe, there was “The Word,” who was *“in the beginning with God, and was God.”* The “Word” as used by John was translated from the Greek word “logos,” which is defined as “divine expression (Christ).” Whatever God speaks is His “divine expression;” Wherever God speaks, there is “Christ,” sent to do those things which please God.

“All things were made by him...” John 1:3. The “him” in this verse refers to “The Word,” which is “the Spirit of Christ.” Paul wrote to the Hebrews, *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...”* Hebrews 11:3. “The word” in this verse simply speaks of the “utterances” of God. The manner of creation is revealed in Genesis; *“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light”* Genesis 1:3. It was God almighty who “said,” and it was “The Word (Christ)” who performed. ***“...and without him was not anything made that was made.”***

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” John 1:4. I have heard it said that *“Christianity is not a religion; it is a lifestyle God has commanded us to live.”* If that is true, then Christianity is nothing more than any other religion on earth. True Christianity is not a “lifestyle,” but it is “life” which is “the light of men.” Only that “lifestyle” that proceeds from “life” is pleasing to God, and “Christ is our life” Colossians 3:4. Our “life” must proceed from Him.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...” John 1:14. Between the 1st and the 14th verses of this text is a period which cannot be measured in years. The measure of time began with the disobedience of Adam and the entrance of sin. Before time began, was eternity, which has no beginning and no end, and for all eternity past there was Christ, the Word, who was “with God and

was God.” Christ the Word, who is from eternity past, after about four thousand years of time, was “*made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*”

This is the incarnation, where the eternal “Word of God” became a man. Christ, “*the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever,*” I Peter 1:23 is the “*incorruptible seed*” which was implanted in the womb of Mary by the Holy Ghost Luke 1:35, and she brought forth the Son of God. The apostle Paul said, “*God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law...*” Galatians 4:4. This “*son of Mary*” was also “*the Son of God.*”

The apostle Paul, in his “Revelation of Jesus Christ,” confirms John’s revelation and adds just a little to our understanding of the part of Christ in creation. Consider the following passages.

“For by (in) him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by (through) him, and for him:” Colossians 1:16.

Paul actually revealed that “*all things*” were created “*in Christ.*” The eternal Spirit of Christ is larger than the universe itself, which was created “through Christ” as God spoke the words of creation.

And he is before all things... Colossians 1:17. “*Christ is*” before the universe was. “***...and by (in) him all things consist.***” Not only were all things created “*in Him,*” but in verse 17, “*...in Him all things consist.*” If Christ were to cease to exist, the universe must immediately pass away, for there would be no place found for its existence. The present universe will pass away one day, to make way for the “*new heavens and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness*” II Peter 3:12-13, which will also be “*created in Christ*” Ephesians 2:10, II Corinthians 5:17.

“And he is the head of the body, the church...” Colossians 1:18. Consider in the light of the revelation of who He is, that He is our head, and we are His body. The magnitude of this is greater than the imagination can reach. We who are “born of God” are “joint heirs” with Him Romans 8:17. ***“...who is the beginning...”*** In these four words we see the most overwhelming of all revelations of who Christ is. He is ***“the beginning.”*** Three times in the book of Revelation, He said, ***“I am the beginning and the end”*** Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13. With this understanding, the first chapter of Genesis gains so much, and confirms the revelation of the apostles that ***“all things were created in Him.”*** The first chapter of the bible begins, ***“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”*** With this understanding, if we can believe it, “the beginning” ceases to speak of a “time” of creation, but the “place of creation,” which is **in** the Christ of eternity, ***“who is the beginning.”***

Jesus is the Christ!

The Apostle John wrote, ***“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God”*** I John 5:1. This revelation of John takes on true meaning for those who understand who Christ is. No longer can we believe everyone who “believes in Jesus” has the guarantee of heaven when they die. The weak and sickly church that must begin every service with a “sinners prayer,” because they believe “we are all sinners who must sin every day;” if they do not wake up to “who Christ is,” and “what He came into the world to do,” will be rejected at the judgement bar, and lost for all eternity. If Jesus is “the Christ” and Christ is everything the Old Testament prophets tell us He is, it is obvious He did not come into the world to be our “whipping boy,” to “take our punishment” and “pay our debt.” Instead, Christ, “in whom” and “through whom” and “for whom” all things were created, came into this world to destroy the devil Hebrews 2:14, and undo all the

works of the devil I John 3:8. He came as *“the meek and lowly Jesus,”* but that does not take away from who He is. He is the *“seed of the woman”* who *“bruised the head of the serpent”* Genesis 3:15. He is *“the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”* John 1:29. His blood *“cleanseth us from all sin”* I John 1:7. He *“loved us, and gave Himself for us”* Galatians 2:20, not to *“take our punishment,”* but to *“wash us from our sins in His own blood, and make us to be a kingdom of priests unto God...”* Revelation 1:5-6.

Peter’s revelation was, ***“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God”*** Matthew 16:16. When Peter spoke these words to Jesus, He did not have the understanding which the apostles Paul and John gave us years later. He did, however, receive a revelation from the Father that *“Jesus is the Christ.”* With this revelation, there was only one text in the entire bible he could make this statement from, which is Daniel 9:24-27. God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Daniel of the coming of one called *“The Messiah, the Prince.”* This is the one Peter spoke of as *“The Christ, the Son of the living God.”* Certainly the *“Son of God”* is the *“Prince of God,”* and *“The Christ”* is the Greek counterpart of the Hebrew *“The Messiah.”* Daniel foretold the very year *“The Christ”* would appear in ministry, and Luke recorded the mood in Israel as that year began; ***“And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not”*** Luke 3:15. The entire nation was expecting *“The Christ”* to come. They knew the prophecy by heart, for it had been preached in the synagogues throughout their entire lifetime. The people knew what *“The Christ”* would do. It was the main focus of the message Gabriel brought to Daniel; *“to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy”* Daniel 9:24. The children of Israel had been punished for centuries because of their *“transgressions,”* but *“The Christ”* would *“finish the*

transgression.” Sin had cursed the entire world since its entrance with Adam’s disobedience, but “The Christ” would “*make an end of sins.*” He would “*reconcile*” them to favor with God, and “*bring in everlasting righteousness.*” To “*seal up the vision and prophecy,*” He would fulfill every vision and prophecy of the prophets of God, who spoke of redemption and restoration. Finally, the “*Most Holy*” would be anointed. This was the first to be fulfilled, when the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus of Nazareth at John’s baptism, and the Father spoke from heaven, “*This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased*” Matthew 3:16:17.

Oh how those who knew Him rejoiced: “*You are the one who will finish the transgression;*” you will “*make an end of sins*” and “*bring in everlasting righteousness.*” What a wonderful and glorious day for those who believed, and so it is today for those who also “know who He is,” and “what He came into the world to do.” The unbelieving Jews still believe “*when Christ comes, He will make an end of sins,*” but they do not believe “*Jesus is the Christ.*” It is a weak and sinful church that has blinded the eyes of the modern Jew to the truth Romans 11:25. “*If Jesus were the Christ*” they reason, “*...those who trust in him would not be sinners,*” and they are correct in their reasoning. Jesus Christ died to “*take away the sin of the world*” John 1:29, thus He “*makes an end of sins*” in everyone who “*knows the truth*” which Jesus said “*will make you free*” John 8:32 “*...from sin*” John 8:34-36. The apostle John gives the conclusion repeatedly; “*...whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not*” I John 3:6, “*...whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin*” I John 3:9, and “*We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not*” I John 5:18. Dare we contradict that beloved Apostle who gave us this “*Doctrine of Christ?*” He said, “*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*” II John 1:10-11

“The Grace of Christ”

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*“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**”* Jude 1:4

Only twenty-four years after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians, saying, *“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into **the grace of Christ** unto another gospel: Which is not another; **but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ**”* Galatians 1:6-7. Ten years later, Paul warned the elders at Ephesus, *“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock”* Acts 20:29. About this same time, Jude warned that ungodly men had *“crept in unawares”* and were *“turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.”* He exhorted us to *“earnestly contend for **the faith** which was once delivered to the saints.”* The “church” was in great danger of losing *“the gospel faith”* which it had received from the original apostles of Jesus Christ. The message of “God’s grace” was quickly being transformed into a lascivious doctrine by false teachers, whom the apostle John identified as *“many antichrists”* I John 2:18.

The church of the 1st century entered into a great “falling away” that lasted for three centuries, and then plunged into twelve hundred years of religious dark ages until the reformation of the 16th century. During the past five hundred years, the “church” has been splintered into many hundreds of factions, and the past one

hundred fifty years has given us hundreds of different versions of the bible. Considering these undeniable facts, how can we know what the truth of the gospel is, and in particular, what grace is? If “the grace of our God” was turned into a lascivious doctrine by false teachers 19 centuries ago, who, in all the years since that time, has corrected the error and given us the truth about the grace of our God? The studies which show 68% of the men, and 54% of the pastors in today’s church regularly watch pornography is proof enough that the modern doctrine of grace is not working. How can we know the truth?

The truth that makes its believers “*free from sin*” Romans 6:7, 18, 22, is clearly presented in the scriptures (ΚΙΥ). If we will believe what God has said through His “holy men of old” (the apostles and prophets) II Peter 1:21, we will enter into the “glorious liberty” Romans 8:21 and “rest” Hebrews 4:3 of the children of God. To do so, however, we must put aside every philosophy of life and tradition of men and simply trust in Jesus Christ, who “*loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood*” Revelation 1:5. Consider the following presentations of Grace in the scriptures.

The Grace:

*“Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, **who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.**”* I Peter 1:10-11

God spoke to the prophet Isaiah in visions of “*a new heavens and a new earth*” Isaiah 65:17 and “*a new Jerusalem*” verse 18 which He would create. He gave promise to the New Jerusalem, saying, “*Thy people also shall be all righteous...*” Isaiah 60:21, and “*They shall call them, **The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD:***”

and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken” Isaiah 62:12. In Psalms 22, David wrote the most perfect description of the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, and then spoke of “the glory” of a new creation “seed” that would come out of His sufferings. He said, *“A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this”* Psalms 22:30-31.

The prophets searched diligently, “What is this? When shall this be?” When seeing the “New Jerusalem,” whose inhabitants are “*all righteous,*” and would be called “*the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD,*” the prophets were seeing our “*so great salvation*” Hebrews 2:3, which was purchased by the holy blood of Jesus Christ. Peter called it “**The Grace**” that came to us through the sufferings of Christ. It is “*the glory that follows.*”

This Grace:

*“By whom also we have access by faith into **this grace wherein we stand.**”* Romans 5:2

When Paul used the term “*this grace,*” he is referring to “*the grace*” which the Old Testament prophets prophesied of. It is “*grace wherein we stand.*” Many believe grace is for those who fall. I have heard it said that grace is a safety net so when a person falls into sin, grace catches them so they can't fall into Hell. Such teaching comes out of the doctrine of lascivious grace. Paul said, “*Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace*” Romans 6:14.

Grace to serve God acceptably:

*“... let us have grace, whereby we may **serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.** For our God is a consuming fire.”* Hebrews 12:28-29

We are told “*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” Hebrews 10:31. God has never changed. He hates sin. The Law of Moses was given to destroy sinners, but Christ came into the world to destroy sin. Under the Law of Moses, God was a “*consuming fire*” Deuteronomy 4:24. Under the covenant of grace, God is still a “*consuming fire*” Hebrews 12:29, but grace is given to the believer “*whereby we may serve God acceptable with reverence and godly fear.*”

Grace to labor more abundantly:

“His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” I Corinthians 15:10

Everything Paul was, and everything he did was the product of the grace of God. What was he? He was the greatest of all the apostles, but he viewed himself as “*the least of the apostles*” I Corinthians 15:9. Even though he “*laboured more abundantly than they all,*” he disclaimed the honor, saying, “*yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me.*” The grace of God had taken the “*chief of sinners*” I Timothy 1:15 and transformed him into the greatest of the apostles.

Grace for ministry:

“That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.” Ephesians 3:6-7

Saul of Tarsus was given perhaps the greatest charge ever given to a man soon after God saved him. The promise of God to Abraham was “*In thy seed (Christ Galatians 3:16) shall all the nations (Gentiles) of the earth be blessed*” Genesis 22:18. Paul said, “*That the*

Gentiles should be fellowheirs...I was made a minister.” Paul was not chosen because of his speaking abilities; the Greeks mocked him, saying *“For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible”* II Corinthians 10:10. God chose one who was weak in “bodily presence” and “contemptible” in speech to “confound the wise” and to “confound the mighty” I Corinthians 1:27. It should be noticed that grace for ministry was given to Paul *“by the effectual working of His power,”* which speaks of the Holy Ghost.

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery....” Ephesians 3:8-9

Grace according to the gift of Christ:

“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” Ephesians 4:7

Has God called you to ministry? He will qualify you for whatever He has called you to do. The apostle said, *“by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all...”* I Corinthians 15:10. What was Paul? He was perhaps the greatest of all apostles, because *“His grace which was bestowed on me was not in vain.”* In times of great persecution, Jesus said to Paul, *“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness”* II Corinthians 12:9. The apostle found “His grace” to be “all-sufficient,” not only in sufferings, but in ministry as well to fulfil the heavenly calling which Christ had given him.

Amazing Grace:

Grace does not cover sin. Grace does not blind God to our sin. It does not give us permission to continue in sin Romans 6:1. Amazing

grace is that the eternal Christ, by whom all things were made John 1:3, would become a flesh and blood man, to shed His precious blood and die the horrible death of the cross as *“a lamb without blemish or spot”* I Peter 1:19, to *“take away the sin of the world”* John 1:29. This is indeed *“unmerited favor”* and *“amazing grace.”* This is where *“God so loved the world...”* John 3:16. This is where Christ *“loved us, and gave himself for us”* Galatians 2:20; where He *“...washed us from our sins in His own blood”* Revelation 1:5. Grace is not given to sinners, but to believers. The sinner who believes is made free from sin Romans 6:7, 18, 22 and delivered from the Law Romans 7:6 *“to serve the living God”* Hebrews 9:14. The experience of those who are “under grace” is *“righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost”* Romans 14:17. Those who “continue in sin” and believe “grace” has them covered are the true victims of the doctrine of “lascivious grace.” They should understand, there will be no “unmerited favor” when we stand before Christ to give account of the deeds we have done in our body. The apostle Paul said of that day, *“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men”* II Corinthians 5:11. Our sincere prayer is that the truth in this short message will persuade many.

“If I Were the Devil...”

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Satan was totally defeated when Jesus Christ died upon the cross. He was cast from the heavens and goes forth in great wrath, because he *“knows that he hath but a short time.”* Revelation 12:12. His defeat is so complete, that everyone who believes the truth of the gospel is made free from sin and may serve God without fear of this defeated foe. One day I asked myself a question. “If I were the devil, defeated and awaiting final judgment, yet still filled with wrath, what would I do?”

If I were the devil, I would diversify. I would establish many “camps” where people could hear anything they wanted to hear, and believe it is true. This would fulfil what Paul said to Timothy; *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears”* II Timothy 4:3. If I were the devil, I would certainly send teachers into the churches to tell the people what they want to hear.

If I were the devil, I would tell the people that God does not want everyone to be saved. I would tell them that God has chosen only a few to be saved, and leave the rest to be damned. I would base this teaching on a word that in all its forms is used only four times in the bible. I would call my new doctrine *“predestination.”* I would know that many people would be lost for no other reason than they would think Christ did not die for them. They would not understand that Christ died for all; that *“whosoever will”* may come Revelation 22:17.

If I were the devil, I would convince as many people as I could that God’s greatest desire is for them to be very rich and successful in the things of this present world. I would go so far as

to convince them that “prosperity” was included in the “atonement,” meaning that Christ died on the cross for our worldly success. I would do everything to include so many things in the atonement that the people would totally lose sight of the fact that Christ came into this world as “*the seed of the woman*” to “*bruise the head of the serpent*” Genesis 3:15, and to “*destroy the works of the devil*” I John 3:8. I would not want them to know that Jesus died as “*the Lamb of God,*” to “*take away the sin of the world*” John 1:29. If I were the devil, I would certainly never want anyone to know that.

If I were the devil, I would tell the people their sins are forgiven, “*past, present, and future,*” even before they commit them. After enough people accepted this teaching, I would reason with them that since they have already been forgiven, there is no reason to repent when they sin. If I were the devil, that’s what I would tell the people.

If I were the devil, I would tell the people Jesus died “*to take the penalty for their sin.*” I would know that when the people believed this, they would soon believe they could continue in sin and never suffer the penalty. I would use this teaching to blind the eyes of the people to the scriptures that say Christ died “*to take our sin away*” John 1:29, I John 3:5.

If I were the devil, I would also tell the people that Jesus died to “*take their punishment*” for sin. I would hide from them the fact that God has never, in all the history of the world, punished anyone who would repent and turn to trust in Him Ezekiel 33:11.

If I were the devil, I would seek to convince the people that God is the true enemy that Jesus came to hide them from. I would convince them that the “*blood of Jesus*” would cover their sins so God could not see them. I would do everything possible to

keep them from seeing and understanding that “...*the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

If I were the devil, I would continuously tell the people that “*sanctification*” is a “*process*” that will continue for the rest of their lives, and that they will never be completely sanctified as long as they live. I would have my ministers say to the people in almost every service, “*We are all sinners; we sin every day; as long as we live in a body of flesh, we will sin.*” I would have them tell the people, “*God sees you as righteous and holy, because you are covered with an invisible garment of righteousness, which only God can see.*”

If I were the devil, I would do all in my power to keep the people from understanding the words of the apostle Paul to the Hebrews; “...*we are sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all*” Hebrews 10:10, or, “*Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate*” Hebrews 13:12. I would not want them to understand, when Jesus said on the cross, “*It is finished,*” **it** (our complete salvation and sanctification) **was finished**. If I were the devil, they must never understand that.

If I were the devil, I would not want the people to know who Jesus is. If they understood that Jesus is “*the Christ*” who came into the world “*to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness...*” Daniel 9:24, they would “*trust in Christ,*” and go free from sin to serve God. If I were the devil, I would have lost all power over those who understood “...*who Christ is, why He came into the world, and why He died on the cross.*” If I were the devil, they must never understand that.

If I were the devil, I would not want the people to know I was cast down from heaven when Christ died on the cross Revelation 12 10-

11. I would not want them to see the terrible deadly wound in my head which I received from Jesus Christ, “*the seed of the woman*” Genesis 3:15. I would not want the people to understand that I cannot touch them as long as they “*abide in Christ.*” I would seek to entice them out of their rest in Christ to come and wage “spiritual warfare” against me so I could devour them.

Above all, **if I were the devil**, I would flood the people with different versions of the bible. I would give them bibles that change the words “*us which are saved*” I Corinthians 1:18 into “*us which are being saved,*” so they would think salvation and sanctification are a process. I would also have them eliminate the passages that say a child of God “*does not commit sin*” I John 3:9 and replace it with the words “they do not practice sin.” I would so fill these scriptures with philosophy that the people would never understand the words of Jesus when He said, “*the truth shall make you free.*” John 8:32.

I am not the devil, and I certainly am not “*The Christ.*” I did not invent these erroneous doctrines I have written about in this message, but the devil did. I did not suffer and die on the cross to make you free from sin, but Jesus “*The Christ*” did. It is with a godly fear that I have written this message, seeking to awaken the church without doing harm to any soul. Because I can “see,” I must tell you what I see. That is the ministry God has committed to me.

Undeniable Gospel Facts

1. The same day sin entered into the world through Adam’s transgression, God gave the promise of “*The Seed of the Woman*” who would “*bruise the head of the serpent*” Genesis 3:15. The promise was that a woman would give birth to a child who would destroy the serpent and all of his works.

2. On the same day Abraham “offered” his son Isaac on the altar to God, God promised a “*seed of Abraham*” who would “*possess the gate of His enemies*” Genesis 22:17. The apostle Paul tells us plainly, “*Abraham’s seed ...is Christ*” Galatians 3:16.

3. God gave a “sign” to the prophet Isaiah: “*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us)*” Isaiah 7:14. By this we understand “*the Seed of the woman*” would be “the son of a virgin.” If He is “*God with us,*” He must also be “*the Son of God.*”

4. The angel Gabriel brought a message direct from God to the prophet Daniel. He told of the coming of one called “*The Messiah the Prince (The Christ)*” Daniel 9:25. Gabriel also told Daniel why God would send “The Christ” into the world: “*...to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness...*” Daniel 9:24.

5. The angel Gabriel revealed to Joseph, the espoused husband of a virgin girl named Mary, that her child was conceived by the Holy Ghost Matthew 1:20. Gabriel also revealed both His name and His purpose; “*...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins*” Matthew 1:21.

Christ is the creator of all things. He came into the world as “*the Seed of the woman*” to “*bruise the head of the serpent*” and to “*save His people from their sins.*” His coming had nothing to do with “*taking our punishment,*” or “*paying our debt;*” No! He “*destroyed the devil*” Hebrews 2:14, and He “*destroyed the works of the devil*” 1 John 3:8. Peter said of Christ, He “*...bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should (would) live unto righteousness...*” 1 Peter 2:24. Christ bore our sins on the cross, not to “*pay our penalty*” for sin, but to nail our sin to His cross. It is on the cross with Christ that our “*body of sin*” was destroyed Romans 6:6.

Jesus Christ suffered the cross as a “sacrifice victim.” He was “*The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world*” John 1:29, but He was not a victim. He was the mighty creator who came to earth for the sole purpose of destroying the devil and delivering the people from sin. The cross did not interrupt His plan for redemption; the cross was His plan. The apostle Paul says it was “*through death*” that He “*destroyed the devil*” Hebrews 2:14. It was “*through death*” that He reconciled us to God, “*holy, unblameable and unreprouceable in His sight*” Colossians 1: 21-22. Four days before Christ died for us, He said to His disciples, “*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out...*” John 12:31. He knew before He died on the cross what His death would do. Jesus said, “*For this cause came I unto this hour*” John 12:27.

God used the death of Christ “*to deliver us from the power of darkness, and translate us into the kingdom of His dear Son*” Colossians 1:13. Our “*kingdom*” is Christ! We who are born of God “*abide in Christ!*” The apostle John says of Christ, “*...in Him is no sin; whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not*” 1John 3:5-6. As surely as there is no sin in Christ, there is no devil in Christ. Even though Satan “*makes the world a wilderness, and destroys the cities thereof*” Isaiah 14:17, our “*kingdom*” is secure. The psalmist says, “*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*” God’s secret place is Christ. He is the kingdom of God, a kingdom of “*righteousness, peace, and joy...*” Romans 14:17.

The Reality of a Believer

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John, The “*freedom from sin*” that I preach is a work of grace, and not of works. Jesus promised to give “*rest*” to those who come to Him. The apostle Paul said, “*For we which have believed do enter into rest*” Hebrews 4:3 and “*He that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works*” Hebrews 4:10. When Paul says, “*Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest*” Hebrews 4:10, he is not speaking of our works. The word “*labour*” was translated from the Greek word “*spoudazo*,” which means “*to use speed.*” Don’t hesitate! Be quick to believe what God has said in the gospel of Christ and cease from your own works!

It is a common error to believe that we are “*saved by grace*,” but “*kept*” through our own works or efforts. Jude closes his short epistle saying, “*Now unto him that is able to **keep you from falling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy...*” Jude 1:24-25. The words “*from falling*” were translated from the Greek word “*aptaistos*,” which means “*not stumbling*, that is, (figuratively) *without sin.*” John, it is a mistake for anyone to think they can “*keep themselves*” from sinning through their will power. Only Christ can keep us, which He does absolutely as long as we abide in Him.

You wrote, “*I do have victory over sin more than ever before because the truth is setting me free from faith to faith.*” We must understand that our wonderful salvation is not based upon “*victory over sin*,” but “*freedom from sin.*” “*Victory over*” is an “*active*” term, which requires our effort. “*Freedom from*” is a passive term, which requires our rest. I realize this is hard to comprehend, but I illustrate as follows;

A man-eating lion is loose in my house. If I am to live in that house, one of two things must happen; **1.** I must have power over

the lion, which means I must be a trained lion tamer. If I have that power over the lion, I can keep him at bay. I can make him lie down, roll over, sit up and beg, but there is one thing I cannot do. I cannot rest in sleep, because if I am not *“ever vigilant,”* the lion will kill me. **2.** I am not a lion tamer. If I must live in the house with the lion, I will soon be devoured, but I know a *“lion killer.”* So I bring Him into my house and he kills the lion and takes his carcass away. Now, I can rest without fear of the lion, because the lion is dead. Christ did not come into the world to tame the lion (sin), but to kill the lion. In fact, He came into the world to destroy Satan ^{Hebrews 2:14} and nail sin to His cross ^{I Peter 2:24}. He did this for *“whosoever”* will believe and trust in Christ who did it through His death on the cross.

John, you also wrote, *“...reality shows me that we don’t ‘abide in Christ’ 100% of the time, and so we make the foolish choice to sin.”* We must have a correct view of what *“reality”* is. The apostle Paul says, *“...we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the **things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal**”* ^{II Corinthians 4:18}. We look at the things around us, and think they are the *“reality”* because we can see them with our eyes, touch them with our hands, smell them, hear them, etc. These are not the reality, however, because they will all pass away. The *“reality”* is that which is eternal. The *“new heavens and earth”* will be the reality of which the present heavens and earth is only a fallen image. The new man in Christ Jesus is the reality, and the gospel of Christ is the reality. If our experience does not match the word of God, the *“word of God”* is still the *“reality,”* and our experience is the lie.

When God first began teaching me the *“truth as it is in Jesus”* ^{Ephesians 4:21}, I argued with Him. Concerning ^{I John 3:9}, *“Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin...,”* I said, *“I know by experience that those who are born of God do sin.”* The Spirit of God rebuked me sharply; *“You do not know anything by experience; you only know by my word.”* We must *“...let God*

be true, but every man a liar” Romans 3:4. As long as we judge what reality is by our experience, we must continue in sin, because we will never be free. I made a choice over thirty years ago to “*believe God*” even when I did not understand. It was when I believed without understanding, and without “*experience*” to prop me up, that God gave me understanding, and with that understanding came glorious freedom from sin.

John, again, you wrote, “...*so we make the foolish choice to sin.*” When Christ has taken our sin away, which condition is received by grace through faith, and not by works Ephesians 2:8, we do not have the “*choice*” to sin, because our hearts have been “*purified by faith*” Acts 15:8-9. Jesus told us everything that defiles a man “*comes out of the heart.*” “*For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man*” Mark 7:21-23. All these evil things are in the heart of man until such time that Christ, who “*came into the world to make an end of sins*” Daniel 9:24-25, takes sin out of the heart of those who believe and trust in Him to do it. Those “*evil things*” Jesus spoke of in this text are not in the heart of those who “*know the truth*” John 8:32 and “*trust in Him*” Ephesians 1:12-13.

I come to the part of your letter that asks how long since I have sinned. On pages ten and eleven of the booklet “*Is a Christian also a sinner,*” which I have sent to you, I go into some detail concerning what the apostle John called “*sin unto death*” and “*sin not unto death.*” When sin is taken out of the heart of man, it is impossible for that person to “*sin a sin that is unto death*” unless they have been moved away from Christ. John told us to pray for those among the believers who “*sin a sin not unto death*” I John 5:16. He continued to say “*There is a sin unto death; I do not say that you should pray for it*” (verse 16), and in the seventeenth verse, “*There is a sin not unto death.*”

The sins that are “unto death” are clearly listed; “*Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God*” I Corinthians 6:9-10. These are the sins that are impossible for the children of God to commit, because these things are not in the heart of those who are “born of God.” Sadly, I did commit some of these sins after I was “born again,” but I was first “moved away from Christ” before any of these things were possible. I was backslidden and lost during that horrible time which came into my life over forty years ago. If I had died during that time, I would have been eternally damned. It was after I was forgiven and even restored to ministry that I began a desperate search to find the answer for the sin problem that is in the heart of man. My mind was sometimes tormented by the horrible sins I had committed and even though I was not sinning, my mind was still troubled with sinful thoughts. It was in the spring of 1991 that the understanding of Hebrews 9:13-14 shone into my heart as a great light. “*For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*” In a moment of time, the Spirit of God came upon me and the filth that troubled me at nights turned off like you would turn off a faucet. I can honestly say that since that day, I have been free.

Have I sinned since that day? Not a single sin “that is unto death.” Those are the sins that require sin in the heart to commit, and those whose heart is pure cannot commit them. “Sins not unto death” are a different story. These do not consist of the “evil fruit on a corrupt tree,” but of “lack of fruit on a good tree.” The apostle Paul says, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law*” Galatians 5:22-23. A lack

of any of these in a child of God's life is what John calls a "*sin not unto death.*" Certainly, there have been many times that I have not shown enough love, joy, peace, etc. Oftentimes not gentle enough or patience enough, and sometimes not meek enough. These are the things John told us to pray for one another concerning. If a person "*dies in sin*" they will be eternally lost because of those "*sins unto death*" which are still in their heart. Concerning the "*works of the flesh,*" Paul says, "*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God*" Galatians 5:19-21. How many times must the apostles tell us these things before we believe them, and how many times must they tell us that Christ died to take these things away before we will believe the truth and trust in Christ?

John, you said that your friend is a skeptic. Remember "*doubting Thomas?*" When he was told about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, he said, "*Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe*" John 20:25. Thomas did not believe, but he was willing to believe. Jesus did not thrust him away, but appeared again on the eighth day especially for Thomas' sake. Seeing Jesus, Thomas fell before Him crying, "*My Lord and my God.*" If skepticism is an honest doubt in a person who is willing to believe, Christ will reveal Himself to them. If their skepticism, however, is because they "*love unrighteousness,*" the apostle said they will "*believe a lie*" and "*be damned*" II Thessalonians 2:11-12, which millions are doing in this generation.

It is hard for people to believe the truth when they first hear it because it is foolishness to them. They know they are not "*strong enough*" to live free from sin, so their first inclination is to believe

that it is only the “*self-righteous*” who would believe such a thing. It is a wrong understanding of “*grace*” that actually blinds the people. They think we are “*covered by grace,*” or that we “*go to heaven by grace.*” Neither of these is true. The truth is that we are “*made free from sin*” by grace. It is not by works. In my early experience I went to extremes trying to “*sanctify myself,*” and “*crucify my flesh.*” I fasted more days than I ate for three years straight. During the same time, I gave over 50% of my income to the church, and tried to pray several hours a day. Many of those around me thought I was the most consecrated young man they knew, but they didn’t know the struggle that was in my heart. This intense disciplined lifestyle actually helped in my backsliding, because a person can maintain such a lifestyle only for a period of time. Before I was “*made free from sin,*” which is the promise of the gospel of Christ, I had to cease from my own works Hebrews 4:10. I had to “*believe God,*” which is to “*believe the record that God gave of His Son*” 1John 5:10. God gave His record through the prophets of the Old Testament and the apostles of the New Testament. It is called “*the testimony of Jesus.*” John, the “*glorious liberty*” you seek is the gift of God to fallen man. It must be received as a gift, which means it is “*by grace*” and “*not by works.*” Believe and trust in Christ, who has already done the work. Spend time in His presence every day until you live “*in His presence.*” Very soon, you will say with the apostle Paul, “*I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...*” Galatians 2:20.

New Covenant Justification

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“But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.”

II Corinthians 3:14-16

Beyond any question, Moses was among the greatest of all who are recorded in the bible. Many of the things he wrote in his “Law of Moses,” however, only served to blind the people to the extent they rejected their long awaited messiah when He came into the world. That same Law of Moses also blinded the people to the truth of the gospel which Paul preached, and continued to hold them in bondage. We can easily see the error the Jews made in rejecting the gospel of Jesus Christ because of the blindness of their heart, but may fail to understand our modern traditions can also blind our hearts to the same gospel in our day.

At the close of the first century A.D., the church suffered a great *“falling away”* II Thessalonians 2:3, and by the sixteenth century A.D., the “church” had been under the bondage of the papal system for over a thousand years. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses”* Hebrews 10:28. Fifteen hundred years later those who openly disagreed with the pope and the cardinal system also *“died without mercy.”* The people of many nations were forced to purchase forgiveness for sins with money, which was used to build Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome. It was this selling indulgences for sin that so moved Martin Luther to publish his 95 theses against this abuse. It was his revelation of *“justification by faith”* that actually freed millions of people worldwide from the

bondage of the Roman Catholic Church of the dark ages. When they understood they did not need a man other than Jesus Christ to make intercession for them, they fled the catholic system by the millions, and the protestant churches were established on the doctrine of *“justification by faith.”*

We do not question the greatness of Martin Luther or the many other reformers of his day. Certainly God raised Luther up for this momentous work that others had suffered martyrdom seeking to accomplish. It is a sad thing, however, to note that five hundred years after Luther’s reformation, much of the church has become blinded to the truth of the gospel by the traditions of Luther, Calvin, and many others of their time. Is it asking too much of the people to hold what the Bible records about *“justification”* above that of any other man or woman of God since the first century? I think not, so I will give for your consideration the words of the Apostle Paul.

The tradition of justification by faith says we are justified, and nothing changes except the way God sees us. According to that tradition, God sees the “guilty” as “innocent,” the “unrighteous” as “righteous,” and the “unclean” as “clean.” In other words, the tradition says the only thing changed by our “faith” is “the way God sees us.” They use the character flaws and sins of Abraham and David among many others in the Old Testament as proof that those who are *“justified by faith”* continue as sinners without any change in their character whatsoever. We will show by the words of the Apostle Paul that this tradition is not true.

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one” Romans 3:10. Many of those who are blinded by tradition use this at their “proof text.” This is not, however, a blanket statement. Paul follows this with 8 verses from the Psalms of David and the prophets for confirmation, and concludes in verse 19, ***“...what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law.”*** Paul’s

conclusion is that among those who trusted in the Law of Moses, there were “*none righteous, no, not one.*”

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight...” Romans 3:20. After 1500 years under the Law of Moses, the fact that not a single soul out of the millions of those who trusted in the Law was truly “*righteous*” is actual proof that no one can be justified by the works of the Law.

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” Romans 3:24. There are three powerful statements in this short verse which we must consider:

1. We are “**justified freely,**” which means we are justified without our works, our money, or any other form of payment.
2. We are justified “**by His grace,**” which means our justification is a gift from God. Paul calls it a “*gift of righteousness*” Romans 5:17.
3. We are justified “**...through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**” With these words we begin to understand that our “*justification*” is not the same as that of Abraham. Abraham was “*justified by faith*” almost 2000 years before Christ died for us. Our justification requires “*the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*” We are “*the redeemed,*” but Abraham was not!

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law” Romans 3:28. To this point in explaining justification by faith, Paul has not mentioned Abraham. It is important to note that he did not need Abraham’s experience to understand that justification is “*by faith without the deed of the law.*” In fact, the message Paul gave from Abraham’s experience is “*what Abraham found*” Romans 4:1. After it was said of Abraham, “*...he believed in the LORD, and He counted it to him for righteousness*” Genesis 15:6, he struggled for 14 years, trying to receive the promise through his own abilities and works. It wasn’t

until Abraham was 99 years of age that he finally believed God to receive the promise, and within a year Isaac was born to Sarah.

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” Romans 5:1. It is as though Paul leaped completely over the 4th chapter on “what Abraham found” to give us this nugget of truth concerning those things given to us which Abraham did not receive; “...we have peace with God ***through our Lord Jesus Christ.***” Abraham also had “peace with God,” but his “peace” was not “*through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Abraham “believed God,” but his “peace with God” came when he “obeyed God” Hebrews 11:8. If Abraham had not obeyed God, we would have never heard of him beyond a single mention in the lineage records. The source of our “peace with God” is revealed in Paul’s message to the Colossians; “...having made peace through the blood of his cross” Colossians 1:20, and to the Ephesians; “For he is our peace...” Ephesians 2:14. This is the “peace” which Abraham could not receive.

“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” Romans 5:9.

“Much more then...” The words “*much more*” are used 5 times in this 5th chapter of Romans, indicating that our redemption is “*much more*” than the Law; and in this verse, that “*justified by His blood*” is “*much more*” than the justification received by Abraham.

“...being now...” The words “*being now*” speak of “*this present time*” as adverse to the time of Abraham before Christ shed His blood and died for us.

“...justified by His blood...” If we can believe them, these four words will revolutionize our thinking and bring another reformation to as many in the church as receive it. We are “*justified by His blood.*” Paul had previously qualified our

justification with the words “...*through faith in His blood*” Romans 3:25. Abraham was justified by “*faith alone*,” and his character was not changed. New Covenant justification requires that God do “*much more*” for man. It requires everything Christ did when He shed His blood and died for us on the cross. This is what Paul called “*justified by the faith of Christ*” Galatians 2:16, which speaks of His complete work on the cross. These things are necessary because of the transformation that is accomplished in those who receive New Covenant justification. Tradition has told us we are “*justified by faith*” and nothing changes. The “*revelation of Jesus Christ*” tells us we are “*justified by His blood*” and everything changes. I offer the following example.

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6-10

What can be more conclusive that the language the apostle uses in these verses? Paul offers no exceptions, but is clear; these “*shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

And such were some of you... It in the four letter word “*were*” that we see the power of the gospel. You “*were*” such as these, but “*being now justified by His blood*,” you are totally transformed from “*unrighteous*” to “*righteous.*” Paul then tells us what made the difference.

“...but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified...” 1 Corinthians 6:11. Somewhere between Luther and now, tradition has established that we are “*justified*” and nothing changes, so we enter into a process of sanctification, which must continue for the rest of our lives. Is it possible that the Apostle Paul understood more than the many orthodox theologians of our

day? Is it possible that even Luther, in the heat of controversy with the church of the dark ages, failed to see what Paul understood? I say it is not only possible, but it is certain and proven by the record of the scriptures. The record Paul gave is correct. If we are not “*washed,*” we are not “*sanctified,*” and if we are not “*sanctified,*” we are not “*justified.*” For each of these the shedding of the precious blood of Christ, the Son of God, was absolutely necessary. These are not three separate works, however, but together they define what it means to be “*justified by faith*” under the New Covenant of grace. It is that which the apostle called “*perfected (completed) forever*” Hebrews 10:14. Our redemption is a complete salvation!

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