The gospel of Christ and the word of God.

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my Saviour, the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for all my sins by shedding His blood on the cross, and has given me everlasting life though faith alone in Him. To God my Father and my Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ be glory forever.

Introduction

This book contains lots of scripture. Since that is the true word of God, then those words are the most important words in all existence. Therefore, I will have tried to keep my words to a minimum. To emphasize important words in certain verses, I have added both bold and underline formatting. If words are both in bold and underlined, then those words are very important. In some cases, words may be in all capital letters. This is to draw special attention to those words and to keep my words to a minimum.

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1. Where will you spend eternity? The gospel of Christ preached, declared and defended. (to TOC) (back)

"it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe … we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor 1:21b, 23b)

Where will you spend eternity?

This is the most important question that you will ever consider. What will happen when you die? Would you go to heaven? Are you saved? If you have never believed that you are saved forever through faith alone in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ or have trusted in something else, you are not saved.

The word of God, the Holy Bible, says that you can know that you are saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13a)

1. To understand this good news (the gospel) you must understand **the bad news**:
"For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23)

Sin is breaking God's law. If you have ever lied, stolen anything, cheated someone, cursed, used God's or Jesus' name in cursing, hated anyone, disobeyed your parents, believed or supported the lie of evolution, coveted someone's spouse, are married and lusted after someone not your spouse, committed adultery, fornication or murder, you have sinned. Every thought, word, and deed that breaks God's law is sin.

God is holy and will punish sin by everlasting separation from God in the lake of fire.
"For the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23a)
"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement" (Heb 9:27b)
"death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" (Rev 20:14b)

“unbelieving … and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire” (Rev 21:8b)

Until all your sins are forgiven by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you are under God’s damnation.

2. **The good news** (the gospel) is that Jesus Christ loved us so much that He was crucified to pay for all our sins by His shed blood on the cross. He then rose from the dead. Here is the declaration of the gospel of Christ from the word of God.
“I declare unto you **the gospel** .. By which also ye are saved … **how that Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures and that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:1-4)

Instead of God pouring out His just wrath on us sinners, the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, placed our sins on Him, and poured out His wrath on His own Son on the cross. Christ is our substitute who bore our sins. Christ did what we cannot do. The shed blood of Jesus Christ is the atonement for our sins.
“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24a)
“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Cor 5:21)
“without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb 9:22b)
“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8)
“In whom we **have redemption through his blood**, **the forgiveness of sins**” (Eph 1:7a)
“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood**” (Rom 3:25a)
“Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood**” (Rev 1:5)
“the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:17b)

You must believe that Jesus Christ is God Almighty, Creator, the Son of God. Referring to Jesus Christ, the word of God says:
“Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my **God**” (John 20:28b)
“**God** was manifest in the flesh” (1 Tim 3:16b)
“by him were all things **created**” (Col 1:16b)
“the Almighty” (Rev 1:8)
“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” (John 20:31b)
“Jesus is the Lord” (1 Cor 12:3)
“the Saviour” (Phil 3:20b)
Jesus said, “if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.” (John 8:24b)

You must believe that you have sinned and can never be good enough or do anything to earn salvation.
“**There is none righteous, no, not one**” (Rom 3:10b)
“there is none good but one, that is, God.” (Mark 10:18b)
“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation” (2 Cor 7:10a)

Salvation is a gift given freely by the grace of God through faith alone in Jesus Christ. You cannot earn or work for a gift else it is not a gift. Good works, sacraments, observing days, church membership or attendance, baptism, religious rituals will not help you. You must repent from trusting in these or any other works. Trust only in the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood as the complete, finished and only payment for all your sins and God will forgive all your sins and count toward you the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ as a gift. That is the only righteousness that can save anyone.
"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all that believe" (Rom 3:22a)
"But to him that **worketh not**, but believeth on him that justifieth **the ungodly**, **his faith** is counted for righteousness." (Rom 4:5)
"the foundation of repentance from dead works" (Heb 6:1)
"For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God: Not of works** …" (Eph 2:8-9)
"**the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**" (Rom 6:23b)
"But if it be of works, then it is no more grace" (Rom 11:6b)
"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3:5a)

You must repent of belief in any other God, gods, idols and false religions.
"God … commandeth all men every where to repent:" (Acts 17:30b)

You must believe that there is no other way to salvation.
"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)
Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**." (John 14:6b)
"And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins" (Heb 10:11)
But Jesus Christ "**offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**" (Heb 10:12b)

The only way to be saved is to believe that you are saved forever just through faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood as the complete payment for all your sins.
"**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**" (Acts 16:31b)
"whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15b)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already" (John 3:18a)
He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3:36)

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim 1:15b)

“**the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God **unto salvation to every one that believeth**” (Rom 1:16b)

Jesus, who never sinned, was beaten, mocked, spat upon, and the hairs of His beard pulled out. They put a crown of thorns on Him and beat it onto His head. His back was scourged repeatedly, tearing open His flesh. He carried a rough wooden cross to Calvary. They drove metal spikes into both of Christ’s hands and feet, crushing bone and into nerve tissue. Jesus then hung on that torturous cross for six hours. Our sins cost Christ that punishment. Yet Jesus endured all that unto death **to shed His blood as payment for all your sins** because of how much He **loves you**. Now picture in your mind, Christ on the cross being crucified. Jesus out of love is paying for all your sins, every sinful thought, word and deed. Maybe you have believed many lies and may have considered Christ your enemy. But there is Christ loving you more than anyone has ever loved you There is nothing that you can do to be saved, any attempt is to reject Christ crucified. Now just believe and be saved. The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves His sacrifice was accepted by God.

“he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities” (Isa 53:5)
“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame” (Heb 12:2a)

Any attempt to earn salvation through works or merit is to mock and despise His great sacrifice.
“They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him” (Titus 1:16a)
As Christ died on the cross, He declared to the world and for all time, “It is finished” (John 19:30b). Noting can be added to the finished work of salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ at the cross.

There are many that believe or teach that a person can lose salvation. This is a false teaching. Jesus Christ is not a liar, or a bungler or makes mistakes. Paul wrote this about Christ:
“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” (Heb 7:25b) So the real Jesus Christ doesn’t lose the saved.
Paul wrote about the gospel:
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” (Rom 1:16a). So, once a person believes the gospel of Christ, the power of God ensures salvation. When does the power of Good fail?
The Lord Jesus Christ said: “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Heb 13:5b). So, if a person lost salvation, died, and went to hell, Jesus would have to be there forever with them. Christ said:
“My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27a) and “they know not the voice of strangers” (John 10:5b)
Jesus Christ the Lord also said the following, listen to His voice:
“That whosoever believeth in him SHOULD NOT PERISH, but have eternal life.” (John 3:15)

“And I give unto them eternal life; and THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” (John 11;28)
“And whosoever liveth and believeth in me SHALL NEVER DIE. Believest thou this?” (John 11:26)
Obviously once saved by the Lord Jesus Christ, a person is saved forever. There are many other verses presented here and in scripture that prove this. Listen to Jesus Christ and stop listening to the voice of strangers, aka, false teachers. Believing that you can lose salvation is just a works-based salvation in disguise. It is “another gospel” and “another Jesus”. You did nothing to get saved and there is nothing that you need to do to keep it. God does it all.

Salvation is guaranteed forever the moment you trust in Christ, nothing can take it away. Eternal life with God is beyond our imaginations. Think of the happiest moment you ever had. Well, it is way beyond that and forever.
“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (2 Cor 2:9)
“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” (Rev 21:4)

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest news ever and it is about the greatest love ever.
“to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge” (Eph 3:19)

If you do not believe the gospel of Christ before you die, then it will be too late. You will be judged by God and realize the horror of eternal separation from God in hell which is everlasting torment. Please understand that you could die any moment. I would hate that you or any that you know and love should have that happen to them or you. I love you too much to not warn you. Please, I beg you to consider salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation is a one-time event received through faith alone in the risen Lord Jesus Christ crucified for our sins.
Jesus said, “**Ye must be born again**.” (John 3:7b)

3. **To be saved**, believe that you have sinned and are justly under God’s damnation (ungodly). Until you believe you are damned and need Christ as your Saviour, you cannot be saved. Do not trust in any merit of your own, works, or any other way. Now just believe and trust in Jesus Christ alone as your Saviour. Believe in who He is – God Almighty, the Son of God, and the only Saviour. Believe in what Christ did for you - completely paid for all your sins by shedding His holy blood on the cross, was buried and rose from the dead. Now believe and trust in what Jesus has promised you – everlasting life guaranteed forever through faith in Him.

Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **believeth on me hath everlasting life**.” (John 6:47)

If you have believed in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ and trusted in His total payment for all your sins by His shed blood, you are saved forever and cannot lose your salvation. The Lord Jesus Christ is God and the Almighty Saviour, never lost anyone who trusted in Him, and would never lie.
“him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37b)
“**I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish**” (John 10:28b)
“In whom **we have redemption through his blood**, even the forgiveness of sins” (Col 1:14)
“having forgiven you all trespasses” (Col 2:13b)
“I will never leave thee nor forsake thee” (Heb 13:5b)
“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phi 1:6)
“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:1)

Now that you are saved, tell others the gospel of Christ so that they too can be saved (Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Acts 16:30-31, Rom 3:25, Eph 1:13, 2:8-9).
Read the Holy Bible as often as possible. It is the word of God. It is how God communicates to us and we learn God’s ways and the truth. Concentrate on the Gospel of John, the later part of the Acts of the apostles (9-28) and especially Paul’s letters (Romans through Philemon). Paul is “the apostle of the Gentiles” (Rom 11:13b) and his letters preach, declare and defend the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom 1:15-16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Phil 1:17, Rom 15:16, 2 Tim 4:17). Paul’s letters are the doctrine for the saved Gentiles in this age of grace and are the key to understanding the rest of scripture (2 Tim 2:7, 2 Peter 3:15-16). Note, Romans is the preaching of the gospel of Christ. All quotes and scripture references are from the King James Bible – the word of God in English.

2. How to read, understand and study the Bible, the word of God. Plus, a Bible reading plan. (to TOC) (back)

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scripture (2 Tim 2:7, 2 Peter 3:15-16). Note, the epistle to the Romans is the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

While “all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable” (2 Tim 3:16), not all scripture is written to or about us, the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. The word of God says to “study to show thyself approved unto God … rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). The Bible has been written to many different groups of people over all time. So that we do not get instructions and doctrine not written to us, “rightly dividing” is necessary. The most important division is that we are not under the law given by God in the Old Testament to the children of Israel. That law consisted of many ordinances: observing holy days, a priesthood, a sacrificial law, temple service, dietary restrictions, etc. We “are not under the law, but under grace” (Rom 6:14). In fact, almost the entire Old Testament (except Genesis and Job) is written to and about the children of Israel under the law. However, Genesis 1-22 is important to read as it is foundational to understanding the real God and the basis of the gospel of Christ.

The New Testament is about the Lord Jesus Christ (God the Creator, the Word made flesh, the Son of God, the Lord, and the only Saviour) who is the fulfillment of the promised Saviour in the Old Testament (Gen 3:15, Isa 53). However not all of the New Testament is written to or about us, the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. For example, James is written “to the twelve tribes scattered” (James 1:1), that is, it is specifically written to those of the children of Israel who are believers in Christ, but not written to us the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. Hebrews is written to believing Hebrews (the children of Israel) not to Gentiles. However, it does contain much doctrine about Christ. The early part of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1-8) is about the 12 apostles preaching mostly to the children of Israel. But the later part of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9-28) is predominantly about the ministry of our apostle Paul, “the apostle of the Gentiles” (Rom 11:13).

There are 4 gospel accounts, with Matthew, Mark and Luke being very similar, and John somewhat different in what they record. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus Christ and the apostles are preaching “the gospel of the kingdom”. This kingdom was promised to the children of Israel (Rom 15:8). It consisted of miraculous healings as evidenced in the Isaiah scroll that Christ read in the temple and what Christ did (Luke 4:17-18, Matt 4:23). The children of Israel were told that by the testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses shall every word be established and that is why these 3 are very similar. However, most of the children of Israel did not believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah, because they were looking for a conquering king and not a Saviour crucified for their sins. Some even stoned Stephen (Acts 7:58-60). Thus, that kingdom was put on hold when Jesus Christ, the King of kings, ascended in the clouds to heaven (Acts 1:6-11). There will be no kingdom of God on earth until the Lord Jesus Christ returns in the clouds of heaven and sets up His 1000-year reign (Dan 7:13-14, Rev 1:7-8). After that is a new heaven and a new earth where dwells righteousness (2 Pet 3:13). After that is eternity. The kingdom that is coming soon is that of the antichrist run by Satan in the tribulation and the tribulation occurs after the rapture of the church. This is described in the book of Revelation.

The gospel of John is written to the whole world, both Jews and Gentiles. It contains many passages about who Jesus Christ the Lord is and how salvation is just by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ and is guaranteed forever from that moment of belief (John 3:14-18, 3:36, 6:47, 10:28-30, 11:25-26). However almost all of the gospel of John is written about events that occurred before the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, the fully revealed gospel of salvation is given in the letters of Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles. The letters of Paul that are written to us, Romans through Philemon, all begin with "Paul" (2 Thess 3:17). Paul is "the apostle of the Gentiles" (Rom 11:13) and his letters preach, declare, and defend the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom 1:15-16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Phil 1:17, Rom 15:16, 2 Tim 4:17). Note again that the epistle to the Romans is the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

So here is a reading plan. If you have not read the Bible or are not that familiar with the Bible, read the whole Bible from beginning to end so you know what it says. The disadvantage to this is that parts of the Old Testament can be quite tedious. So, you could just skip the tedious parts. Or you could just defer reading the Old Testament, except for Genesis 1-22, and skip to reading the whole New Testament. Or you could skip directly to the gospel of John, later Acts (Acts 9-28) and Paul's letters. From then on, read Paul's letters as many times as possible. Then less frequently, the gospel of John and later Acts (9-28). Then even less frequently the rest of the New Testament. Finally, read the Old Testament the least frequently of all, with the exception of reading Genesis 1-22 more often than the rest of the Old Testament. This way, you will have concentrated your efforts on the doctrine of the church and the key to understanding all scripture, which is Paul's letters (2 Tim 2:7, 2 Peter 3:15-16).

There are very many names of people and places in the Bible. Many are unfamiliar. So, to learn correct pronunciation, an audio version of the King James Bible is a good idea, especially a dramatized version which really helps with recall. You can read along while listening. You can listen while in your car or walking.

If you are having a group Bible study or fellowship with a church in a house, then reading while listening to Paul's letters will give you some of the best sermons ever. All churches should frequently do this too. Go through the whole letter and then discuss what is actually written. You could break the letter up and have discussions after each chapter. You could start off such gatherings by breaking bread and sharing a meal or some food. This is a great time to fellowship with each other. After that, sing some good Christian songs. After that, you can spend time learning the word of God, especially Paul's letters.

If you read or listen to the Bible 15 minutes per day, you could read all of Paul's letters at least 20x, and the Gospel of John and later Acts 3x, and the rest of the New Testament in a year. If you read or listen to the Bible 30 minutes per day, you could read Paul's letters at least 30x, the Gospel of John and later Acts 5x, the rest of the New Testament and the entire Old Testament once in a year. Imagine how many times if you continue this for more years.

When reading the Bible, read in faith, believing everything it says. Modern science has produced skepticism in miraculous events. But this just stems from the false assumption that there is no God. Satan “deceives the whole world”, sometimes when modern science uses the no God assumption. “With God all things are possible” (Matt 19:26), including miraculous events.

The more you read or study the word of God, especially Paul’s letters, the more you will be able to discern truth from error. You will be able to recall verses, phrases, and passages without even trying to memorize them. You can also recognize deception easier.

It is good to have a hard copy of the King James Bible to read and study. You can mark it up by highlighting important passages, even color coding by topic. You could also make use of an online Bible site or an app. The big advantage with today’s technology, you have access to it almost wherever you go. You can also use it for quick searches. Just type a word or any phrase to see if it is even in the Bible. Pay attention to determine if it is in Paul’s letters. Make sure to use the King James Bible.

The Bible explains how to understand the word of God. Isaiah 28 contains one of those instructions. “Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept” (Isa 28:10). A Biblical precept is a fundamental statement of truth that is absolutely clear. John 1:1-18 contains a set of precepts of who Jesus Christ is. It is clear and undeniable. John 3:14-18 is the precept of how one is saved forever by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some other important precept passages are Acts 16:30-31, Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Rom 11:13 and Gen 1. In post 15 of this book are sets of scripture references organized by topic. These scriptures define fundamental precepts. For some of these topics, the references should be considered in the order listed.

While right division leads to recognizing the gospel of John, later Acts (9-28), and especially Paul’s letters as written to us, the saved Gentiles, there is another way to apply right division. If a passage, verse, or phrase sounds like damnation, it is not written to us, or the subject of the passage is being misunderstood. Salvation is guaranteed forever, by grace at the moment of faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood as the complete, finished and only payment for all our sins.

The reason that it is important to rightly divide the word of God and get the precepts correct is that in “the last days perilous times shall come” (2 Tim 3:1). “Evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim 3:13). Many will subtly preach “another Jesus”, “another gospel” and “another spirit” (2 Cor 11:1-4). Paul is to present the church as “a chaste virgin to Christ” (2 Cor 11:2) and Philadelphia is warned to “let no man take thy crown” (Rev 3:12).

God is not burdensome to His children and makes things simple so that we are not deceived. So, while “all scripture is given by inspiration of God”, the Almighty has made

it easy for us. Instead of equally studying almost 800,000 words in the whole Bible, Paul's letters are the doctrine of the church and the key to understanding all scripture. These 13 letters, Romans through Philemon, have a bit over 40,000 words and all begin "Paul". Thus "rightly dividing" allows you to concentrate your efforts and get things right. Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, explains it all (2 Tim 2:7).

Those that get the gospel of salvation (the gospel of Christ) correct, mostly use the letters of Paul, combined with what is said by or about Jesus Christ in the gospel of John. They also rightly divide the word in that the saved Gentiles are not under the law given in the Old Testament to the children of Israel. They also know precept must be upon precept, and context is important (Isa 28:9-10). Finally, they believe the Bible is completely true and nothing else is needed to determine truth (2 Tim 3:16-17). The areas of variance in lesser doctrines come from using an incorrect precept or not rightly dividing.

Those that do not get the gospel of salvation correct have false precepts, and do not rightly divide (Isa 28:13). They may not quite believe the entire Bible is true, or many times will have additional writings that are added, possibly an additional book or catechism. Unfortunately, that ignores the command of God to "add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" (Prov 30:6).

Use the King James Bible exclusively. Since the 1960s, there has been a proliferation of new bible versions. Unfortunately, many of these contain a number of changes, and many of these changes are serious errors because they now consider what a small set of manuscripts say. Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are two of those manuscripts.

Multiple versions of THE word of God or THE Bible makes no sense and is confusing. The Bible says, "God is not the author confusion … in all churches of the saints" (1 Cor 14:33). So, God did not author multiple conflicting versions. Paul wrote that we should "all speak the same thing" but that is impossible with different conflicting versions. The word of God says, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps 119:89). So, God has only one version not many. Also note that in the declaration of the gospel in 1 Cor 15:3-4, the phrase "according to the scriptures" appears twice. So, God warns that changes to the Bible could be an attack of the gospel of salvation itself. Unfortunately, that is the nature of some of the changes in these many new versions. These new versions have errors which make them inconsistent internally, but Christ said, "the scripture cannot be broken". So, these new versions are not THE scripture. "THE whole armor of God" includes "THE word of God", so these new versions are not "THE whole armor of God". These new versions contain things that are proven to be not true, that is, lies. Satan is "the father of it", that is lies. Christ said to the Father, "thy word is truth", so these many new versions are not the word of God. The word of God says, "God that cannot lie", so again these new versions are not the word of God. The word of God says that the word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword", these new versions are a dull plastic spoon in comparison. These many versions which conflict with each other and are self-contradictory in many places appear in "the last days" when "evil men and

seducers wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived". They appear in the last church age "the church of the Laodiceans" which is "lukewarm".

Consider that in 1960, which Bible version would you have read? Not a new version because none of these many new versions even existed. The only answer is the King James Bible or possibly the Geneva Bible which is nearly the same. The same answer is true from 1611 to 1960. The claim is that Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are the earliest and best manuscripts. They are not. They were written about 300 years after the originals and were modified in the centuries since. They disagree with the vast majority of manuscripts (the majority across geographic area, languages and across the centuries) in thousands of places. They also disagree with each other in thousands of places. It is delusional to use them at all. They could not possibly be the best and they are not the earliest.

The number of errors in these many new versions are many and touch on a large number of doctrines. They remove many of the proofs that Christ is God, even adding things that deny that Christ is God. They lower the titles of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some even accuse Christ of sin. They remove many passages about worship of Christ in the gospel accounts. They add works for salvation and even show salvation as a process. They add things that show losing salvation. The promote bearing false witness, pride, fornication, and abortion. They preach another Jesus, another gospel, and another spirit. They destroy many important warnings and prophecies, many of these are essential to protecting the gospel of Christ. They promote idolatry, pantheism, and new age spiritualism. They remove Paul as the apostle of Christ and remove right division. These last changes switch the gospel from the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to the gospel of the kingdom sent to the Jews in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This also further reduces the titles of Christ. Again, many of these changes are serious errors because they now consider what a small set of manuscripts say. Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are two of those manuscripts.

Unfortunately, the language of the King James Bible is a bit old. The text of most King James Bibles available today is from circa 1769. Some of the spelling has not been updated. Some of the words are also unfamiliar, although the Bible has a built-in dictionary, and the definition is fairly obvious. Online dictionaries are available. Some of the verb endings are antiquated. The King James Bible uses the words "thee", "thou", "thy", "thyself", "thine", and "ye". The ones that begin with "t" are second person singular pronouns. The distinction between singular and plural second person pronouns are not used much in today's English. Modern English uses "you", "your", "yours", and "yourself" only. However, in the original languages that the originals were written in, that distinction does exist. Without that distinction, a passage or verse could be misinterpreted, although most can be understood correctly.

While the language of the King James Bible is a bit old, I strongly advise you to use the King James Bible exclusively and not any new bible version at all. An audio version of the King James Bible can help.

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3. Jesus Christ is God, the Creator of all things, the Almighty, the Word, the Lord, the Son of God, the Saviour, the only way, never sinned, etc. (to TOC) (back)

The gospel of John declares that Jesus Christ is God in its first verse. Referring to Christ, John wrote:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. - John 1:1

The Bible is quite clear that God created all things. This is clearly shown in Genesis 1 and other parts of the Old Testament (Exo 20:11, Exo 31:17, et al).

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. - Gen 1:1

But the New Testament declares that Jesus Christ created all things. So, the following verses prove that Jesus Christ is God Almighty.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. - John 1:3

He was in the world, **and the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not. - John 1:10

For by 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 him, and for him**: - Col 1:16

In the following verse Jesus declares Himself as “I AM”.

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I AM**. - John 8:58

God used the same phrase about himself in the Old Testament. That phrase means always existed and always will exist. That means Christ is God.

And God said unto Moses, I AM That I AM: and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. - Exo 3:14

In the following verse, Thomas calls Jesus Christ, “God”. Christ did not correct him, so Christ is God.

And Thomas answered and **said unto him**, My Lord and **my God**. - John 20:28

In the Old Testament, God refers to Himself as “the first” and “the last” in Isa 41:4, Isa 44:6 and Isa 48:12. Jesus Christ is called “Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the

ending" in Rev 1:8. Christ is called "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last" in Rev 1:11. Jesus Christ is called "the first and the last" in Rev 1:17. Christ is also called "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end" in Rev 21:6. Finally, Christ is called "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last" in Rev 22:13. All these prove that Christ is God.

In Rev 1:8, Christ is called "**the Almighty**". Thus, Jesus Christ is God.

In Rev 22:6, Jesus Christ is called "**the Lord God of the holy prophets**". Again, this is another proof that Christ is God. Note, one of the purposes of the book of Revelation is to declare who Christ is, and that is, Christ is the Almighty, God. Revelation begins with the phrase, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

In Micah 5:2, Jesus Christ is said to be "**from everlasting**", meaning He has always existed. This is another proof that Christ is God.

In Heb 7:3, the phrase "**having neither beginning of days**" is attributed to Christ. Thus, Christ has no beginning and is thus God.

Heb 1:8 says, "But **unto the Son he saith, Thy throne O God**". Thus, Christ is called God.

In Heb 1:6, it says of Christ, "**let all the angles of God worship him**". The angels only worship God, so Christ is God.

In Heb 1:2, it says of Jesus Christ, "**by whom also he made the worlds**". So, Christ is the Creator, that is, God Almighty.

In Isa 9:6, it refers to Christ as "**The Mighty God**". Again, this proves Jesus Christ is God.

In Daniel 9:24, Christ is referred to as "**the most holy**". That proves He is God.

In Rom 15:12, Jesus is referred to as "the root of Jesse". In Rev 5:5, Christ is called "the Root of David". And in Rev 22:16, Christ is called "the root and offspring of David". But in the genealogy of Christ found in Luke 3, the root of Jesse and the root of David is God. So, Christ is God.

In 1 Tim 3:16, describes Christ as "**God manifest in the flesh**". So, Jesus Christ is God.

Phil 2:6 says of Christ, "**Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God**". Again, this proves Christ is God.

In 1 Cor 15:47, Jesus is referred to as "**the Lord from heaven**" and 1 Cor 12:3 says, "**Jesus is the Lord**". The Lord is God (see Exo 6:2, et al), so both declare that Jesus Christ is God.

The following refers to Jesus Christ and calls Jesus Christ “Lord God Almighty”.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, **17** Saying, **We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty**, which art, and wast, **and art to come**; because **thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned**. **18** And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. – Rev 11:16-18

In Rev 19:1 it refers to Christ as “the Lord our God” which proves Christ is God.

In Titus, the phrases, “God our Saviour” and “Christ our Saviour”, appear together 3x, once in each chapter of Titus. So, Christ is God.

In John 3:13, Christ, while on earth says, “**the Son of man which is in heaven**”. Only God can be in 2 places at once. So, Christ is God.

In 1 Tim 6:15, Jesus Christ is called “**the blessed and only Potentate**”. That means Christ is God.

In Rev 19:13 and 1 Tim 6:15, Christ is called “the King of kings, and Lord of lords”. All these show that Christ is God.

In 1 Tim 1:17, Jesus is called “**the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God**”. So, the Lord Jesus Christ is God.

In Titus 2:13, Jesus Christ is called “**the great God**”. This is another proof that Jesus is God.

In 2 Pet 1:1, Christ is called, “**God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**”. In Jude 1:25, Jesus Christ is referred to as “to the only wise God, our Saviour”. Both prove Christ is God.

The following passage shows that Christ is God.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. - 1 Thess 4:14

The following passage also proves that the Lord Jesus Christ is God.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before **the judgment seat of Christ**. **11** For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall **confess to God**. **12** So then every one of us shall **give account of himself to God**. - Rom 14:10-12

Speaking of Jesus, Acts 20:28 says, “**to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood**.” Again, this shows Christ is God.

In Acts 7:59, Stephen is "**calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus**, receive my spirit." Thus, Jesus Christ is God.

In Rom 9:5, it says, "**Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever.**" This again shows that Christ is God.

In John 5:23, Jesus Christ says, "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father." We honor the Father as God, so we must honor the Son, Jesus Christ, as God.

In Zech 12:10, God says, "they shall look upon me whom they have pierced". This is a direct proof that Christ is God crucified on the cross.

The following verse declares the triune God Almighty, which means one God in three persons. So, Christ, who is the Word, is God, as is the Father and the Holy Ghost.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. - 1 John 5:7

The triune God Almighty is shown in the following verse. Note that "name" is singular. Thus, one God in three persons. Jesus Christ, who is the Son, is God, as is the Father and the Holy Ghost.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: - Matt 28:19

The triune God Almighty was revealed in Genesis 1. Note in the following passage God refers to God as plural 3 times in verse 26. God does not give His glory as Creator to another (see Isa 42:8). So, the 3 plural pronouns must refer to God alone. So, although there is only one God, singular, God must also be plural. The 3 plural pronouns reveal that there is one God in three persons. The 3 creates in verse 27 also reveal the triune God Almighty.

26 And **God said**, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness … **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. - Gen 1:26-27

The Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit are revealed at the baptism of Jesus Christ in all 4 gospel accounts (Matt 3:16-17, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32). The Father says, "thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" and the Holy Spirit descends as a dove upon Jesus.

In the following verse, God is speaking, but the "me" referred to is Jesus Christ. This reveals the triune God Almighty.

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me. - Isa 48:16

Jesus Christ says, "**I and my Father are one**" (John 10:30). So, both the Father and the Son are God.

In Matt 4:10, Jesus says, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Therefore, when Christ is worshipped, it proves the He is God. There are 13 times in the 4 gospel accounts where Christ is worshipped.

And he said, Lord, I believe. **And he worshipped him**. - John 9:38

And **they worshipped him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: - Luke 24:52

Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, **worshipping him**, and desiring a certain thing of him. - Matt 20:20

See also the following verses where Christ received worship: Matt 2:2, Matt 2:11, Matt 8:2, Matt 9:18, Matt 14:33, Matt 15:25, Matt 28:9, Matt 28:17, Mark 5:6, Luke 24:52.

The title "the Lord" is used only for God. This is seen in both the Old and New Testament.

And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord: - Exo 6:2

… the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream … - Matt 2:13

The phrase "God is the LORD" and "the LORD is God" appear 3x each in the OT.

Consider that John the Baptist was "to prepare the way of the Lord" (Matt 3:3, Matt 11:10, Mark 1:2-3, Luke 1:76, Luke 3:4, Luke 7:27). Of course, this refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, who then must be God. This was predicted in the Old Testament in Isa 40:3. It is also predicted in Mal 3:1, where in addition to that, the Lord will come to his temple.

Jesus Christ is called "the Lord" many times.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, **which is Christ the Lord**. - Luke 2:11

So, God is the Lord, the Lord is God and Jesus is the Lord, so the Lord Jesus Christ is God.

See also: Matt 3:3, Matt 21:3, Matt 28:6, Mark 1:3, Mark 11:3, Mark 16:20, Luke 1:17, Luke 3:4, Luke 7:13, Luke 7:31, Luke 10:1, Luke 11:39, Luke 12:42, Luke 13:15, Luke 17:5, Luke 17:6, Luke 18:6, Luke 19:8, Luke 19:31, Luke 19:34, Luke 22:31, Luke 22:61, Luke 24:34, John 1:23, John 4:1, John 6:23, John 11:2, John 20:2, John 20:18, John 20:20, John 20:25, John 21:7, John 21:12, Acts 2:21, Acts 2:25, Acts 2:47, Acts 4:33, Acts 5:14, Acts 8:24, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:5, Acts 9:6, Acts 9:10, Acts 9:11, Acts 9:15,

Acts 9:17, Acts 9:27, Acts 9:29, Acts 9:31, Acts 9:35, Acts 9:42, Acts 10:48, Acts 11:16, Acts 11:17, Acts 11:21, Acts 11:23, Acts 11:24, Acts 12:11, Acts 12:17, Acts 13:2, Acts 13:10, Acts 13:11, Acts 13:47, Acts 13:48, Acts 13:49, Acts 14:3, Acts 14:23, Acts 15:17, Acts 15:35, Acts 15:46, Acts 16:10, Acts 16:14, Acts 16:15, Acts 16:31, Acts 16:32, Acts 17:24, Acts 17:27, Acts 18:8, Acts 18:9, Acts 18:25, Acts 19:10, Acts 19:17, Acts 20:19, Acts 21:14, Acts 21:20, Acts 22:10, Acts 22:16, Acts 22:19, Acts 23:11, Rom 4:8, Rom 9:28, Rom 10:13, Rom 11:34, Rom 12:11, Rom 12:19, Rom 14:6, Rom 14:8, Rom 14:9, Rom 14:11, Rom 15:11, Rom 16:2, Rom 16:8, Rom 16:11, Rom 16:12, Rom 16:13, Rom 16:22, 1 Cor 1:31, 1 Cor 2:8, 1 Cor 2:16, 1 Cor 3:5, 1 Cor 3:20, 1 Cor 4:4, 1 Cor 4:5, 1 Cor 4:17, 1 Cor 4:19, 1 Cor 6:13, 1 Cor 6:14, 1 Cor 6:17, 1 Cor 7:10, 1 Cor 7:12, 1 Cor 7:17, 1 Cor 7:22, 1 Cor 7:25, 1 Cor 7:32, 1 Cor 7:34, 1 Cor 7:35, 1 Cor 7:39, 1 Cor 9:1, 1 Cor 9:1, 1 Cor 9:2, 1 Cor 9:5, 1 Cor 9:14, 1 Cor 10:21, 1 Cor 10:22, 1 Cor 10:26, 1 Cor 10:28, 1 Cor 11:20, 1 Cor 11:23, 1 Cor 11:26, 1 Cor 11:27, 1 Cor 11:29, 1 Cor 11:32, 1 Cor 14:21, 1 Cor 14:37, 1 Cor 15:58, 1 Cor 16:7, 1 Cor 16:10, 1 Cor 16:19, 2 Cor 2:12, 2 Cor 3:16, 2 Cor 3:17, 2 Cor 3:18, 2 Cor 5:6, 2 Cor 5:8, 2 Cor 5:11, 2 Cor 6:17, 2 Cor 8:5, 2 Cor 8:21, 2 Cor 10:8, 2 Cor 10:17, 2 Cor 10:18, 2 Cor 11:17, 2 Cor 12:1, 2 Cor 12:8, 2 Cor 13:10, Gal 1:19, Gal 5:10, Eph 2:21, Eph 4:1, Eph 4:17, Eph 5:8, Eph 5:10, Eph 5:17, Eph 5:19, Eph 5:22, Eph 5:29, Eph 6:1, Eph 6:4, Eph 6:7, Eph 6:8, Eph 6:10, Eph 6:21, Phil 1:14, Phil 2:24, Phil 2:29, Phil 3:1, Phil 4:1, Phil 4:2, Phil 4:4, Phil 4:5, Phil 4:10, Col 1:10, Col 3:16, Col 3:18, Col 3:20, Col 3:23, Col 3:24, Col 4:7, Col 4:17, 1 Thess 1:6, 1 Thess 1:10, 1 Thess 3:8, 1 Thes 3:12, 1 Thess 4:6, 1 Thess 4;15, 1 Thess 4:16, 1 Thess 4:17, 1 Thess 5:1, 1 Thess 5:2, 1 Thess 5:12: 1 Thess 5:27, 2 Thess 1:9, 2 Thess 2:8, 2 Thess 2:13, 2 Thess 3:1, 2 Thess 3:3, 2 Thess 3:4, 2 Thess 3:5, 2 Thess 3:16, 1 Tim 6:15, 2 Tim 1:8, 2 Tim 1:16, 2 Tim 1:18, 2 Tim 2:7, 2 Tim 2:14, 2 Tim 2:19, 2 Tim 2:22, 2 Tim 2:24, 2 Tim 3:11, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 2 Tim 4:14, 2 Tim 4:17, 2 Tim 4:18, Phile 1:16, Phile 1:20, Heb 1:10, Heb 2:3, Heb 7:21, Heb 8:2, Heb 8:10, Heb 8:11, Heb 10:16, Heb 10:30, Heb 12:6, Heb 12:14, Heb 13:6, Heb 13:20, James 1:7, James 1:12, James 2:1, James 4:10, James 4:15, James 5:7, James 5:8, James 5:10, James 5:11, James 5:14, James 5:15, 1 Pet 1:25, 1 Pet 2:3, 1 Pet 2:13, 1 Pet 3:12, 2 Pet 2:1, 2 Pet 2:9, 2 Pet 2:11, 2 Pet 2:20, 2 Pet 3:2 , 2 Pet 3:8, 2 Pet 3:9, 2 Pet 3:10, 2 Pet 3:15, Jude 1:5, Jude 1:9, Jude 1:14, Rev 1:8, Rev 1:10, Rev 14:13, Rev 17:14

That is over 200 times where Christ is called the Lord, all which prove Christ is God.

The following titles also show that Christ is God: the Lord Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord Christ, Christ Jesus the Lord, and our Lord Jesus Christ. These occur over 110 times. Again, all these prove Christ is God.

In fact, every time that Jesus Christ is called “Lord”, it indicates that Christ is God since there is only one Lord, who indeed is God. And this occurs about 500 times in the New Testament.

It is established fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. For example:

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; - Mark 1:1

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. - John 20:31

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. - Acts 8:37

Christ is called the Son or the Son of God 120 times in the New Testament. From the following passage and others, the title the Son of God declares that Jesus Christ is God.

… said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. - John 5:14.

There are several passages from the Old Testament which reveal the Son of God, Jesus Christ. For example, in Isa 53, begins with the following verses:

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? **2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant …- Isa 53:1-2

Now from 1 Sam 2:31, an arm is used to describe a son. So, the arm of the Lord is the Son of the Lord, that is, the Son of God. And this is an actual man as revealed by the phrase “he shall grow up” in verse 2. Later in that chapter, Christ is described as dying for our sins and rising from the dead.

This is predicted in Isa 9:14, where it says, “a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son”. This is the virgin conception and birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Since God is His Father, a man could not be His father. This was revealed in Gen 3:15, where God said, “her seed”, not their seed. It is also revealed later in Gen 3:20, where Eve is “the mother of all living” but Adam is not the father of all living.

John the Baptist said of Jesus Christ, “Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world”. This is a fulfillment of what Abraham said to Isaac, “God will provide himself a lamb” (Gen 22:8). In fact, this is the very location where Christ would be crucified, since you can see Calvary from where the temple was built (Gen 22:1, 2 Chron 3:1). Thus, God Himself would be the Lamb of God who would be crucified for the sins of the world. This was promised in Gen 3:15 and is further expounded on in Isa 53, where the Son of God would be crucified for all sins and rise from the dead. Again, this proves Christ is God.

In the New Testament, on many occasions, Jesus Christ forgave sins. But from scripture, only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:5-11). So again, Jesus Christ is God.

The following verse shows that Jesus is the Word made flesh. Thus, Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.

And the Word 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. - John 1:14

Christ is also called the Son of man. The title is from the Old Testament. From an analysis of Dan 7:13-14, it is clear that the Son of man is indeed God. Jesus is called the Son of man over 80 times in the New Testament.

Finally, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Saviour, the only Saviour and the only way to salvation. Without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is impossible to be saved and until saved, a person is under the wrath of God and will end up in hell forever if they die without Christ as their Saviour. Here are just some of the verses which declare these things.

And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. - John 4:42

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. - John 14:6

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. - John 3:36

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - Acts 4:12

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. - John 3:18

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. - 1 John 4:1

Speaking of Jesus Christ, the word of God says, “every knee shall bow” (Rom 14:11) to Jesus and “every knee shall bow” (Phil 2:10) at the name of Jesus. It also says that His name is above every name in Eph 1:21 and Phil 2:9. A person’s eternal judgement is based on belief in Christ. Who could Jesus Christ be except God?

The very name, Jesus, means God as Saviour. The children of Israel are God’s people.

… and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. - Matt 1:21

In the Old Testament, the name of The LORD is written as 4 Hebrews letters. This is called the Tetragrammaton. This occurs almost 7000 times in the OT. Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a meaning. The meaning of the letters of the Tetragrammaton is “hand behold, nail behold”. In the OT, many times God describes using His hand or hands when creating or making all things. In Ps 22:16, God says they “pierced my hands and my feet”. In Zech 12:0, God said that “they shall look upon me whom they have pierced”. In Zech 13:6, they ask “what are these wounds in thine hands?” So, the Tetragrammaton, which means “hand behold, nail behold” is a reference to Jesus

Christ, God the Creator, with His hands nailed to the cross. And this occurs almost 7000 times in the OT, each a declaration of Jesus Christ as God the Creator and Saviour, the first and the last.

Once last point along these lines can be made. In the Hebrew text, numerous times there appears a pair of untranslated letters, Aleph and Tau. They are the first and the last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. That is the equivalent of Alpha and Omega in Greek. This pair of letters identifies the direct object that is being referenced. An Aleph and Tau pair exists in both Gen 1:1 and in Zech 12:10. Here are the verses with the pair translated in parentheses.

In the beginning God (the first and the last) created the heaven and the earth. - Gen 1:1

they shall look upon me (the first and the last) whom they have pierced - Zech 12:10

So, you can see that these verses, the Tetragrammaton and the Aleph, Tau pairs in these 2 verses all proclaim Christ as God the Creator with His hands nailed to the cross as Saviour.

The Lord Jesus Christ is also “the bread of life”, “the light of the world”, “the good shepherd”, “the door of the sheep”, “the resurrection and the life”, “the true vine” and “the truth”.

Just one last point, in Heb 4:15, it is stated that the Lord Jesus Christ was “without sin”. This is declared several other places in scripture. Christ never sinned, not in thought, not in word, not in deed, and never broke the law of God.

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4. Salvation is guaranteed forever by grace through faith alone in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as the complete, finished and only payment for all our sins and without any works of any kind. (to TOC) (back)

From the verse below, it clearly states that those that believe the gospel of Christ are saved forever, because the power of God guarantees that from the moment a person believes the gospel of Christ. The power of God never fails, and God does not a promise something that is not true and does not make mistakes.

For **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:16

In the following passage, Paul declares the gospel of Christ in verses 3 and 4. It is the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** **By which also ye are saved**, if

ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; **4** **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** - 1 Cor 15:1-4

In the following passage, Paul and Silas are asked the definitive question, and they give the definitive answer as to what a person needs to do to be saved. And it is just to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that guarantees salvation forever.

30 And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved**? **31** And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**, and thy house. - Acts 16:30-31

The following passage shows that forgiveness of sins and salvation come from trusting in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed on the cross as the payment for our sins.

22 Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference: **23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** **Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood,** to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. - Acts 3:22-26

Note that salvation occurs at the moment that a person trusts in Christ and the gospel of Christ for their salvation.

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, - Eph 1:13

The following passages all show that forgiveness of sins and redemption come from trusting in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed on the cross as the payment for our sins.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; - Eph 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: - Col 1:14

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** - 1 John 1:7

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood**, - Rev 1:5

In verse 17, Paul makes it clear that water baptism is not part of salvation, does not save nor is it required for salvation. It is just by believing the gospel of Christ.

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**. **18** **For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God**. **19** For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. **20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe**. **22** For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: **23** **But we preach Christ crucified,** unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; - 1 Cor 1:17-23

The following verse declares that salvation is by believing in the name of Jesus Christ, which means God as Saviour.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, **even to them that believe on his name**: - John 1:12

In the following passages, Christ testifies that salvation is guaranteed forever by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **15** **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life**. **16** **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life**. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **18** **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. - John 3:14-18

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. - John 6:47

In the following verse, John the Baptist testifies that salvation is guaranteed forever by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. - John 3:36

Again, Christ affirms that salvation is just by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. **40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. - John 6:39-40

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. - John 10:9

25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this**? - John 11:25-26

The apostle John affirms the same thing.

But these are written, that ye might believe **that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name**. - John 20:31

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. - 1 John 5:13

Here Christ says that He will never leave the saved. So, if a person ends up in hell forever, Christ will have to be there too. So that is not true.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**. - Heb 13:5

In Acts 10:36-44 Peter preaching to Cornelius and the others with Cornelius. They just believe in Christ as Peter instructed them, and they were saved forever.

In the following 2 passages, Paul again shows that salvation is just by faith.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.** - Acts 13:38-39

For what saith the scripture? **Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness**. - Rom 4:3

Christ clearly states that “they shall never perish”. And eternal life would not be eternal if it can be lost.

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. - John 10:28-29

A gift cannot be earned, and to have the gift of eternal life means it cannot be lost.

For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord** - Rom 6:23

Christ paid for our sins on the cross and we get His perfect righteousness counted toward us just by believing that.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. - 2 Cor 5:21

Note how we are saved from wrath through faith in His blood.

6 For when we were yet without strength, **in due time Christ died for the ungodly**. **8** **But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**. **9** Much more then, **being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.** - Rom 5:8-9

In the following passages, it is clear we are saved by believing the gospel of Christ and we have peace with God. If a saved person could lose salvation, they would not have peace.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: - Rom 5:1

Christ came into the world to save sinners. What other choice is there since all have sinned and are sinners.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief**. - 1 Tim 1:15

There is no payment or remission of sins except by faith in the shed blood of Christ as the payment for our sins.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; **and without shedding of blood is no remission**. - Heb 9:22

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. -** John 1:29

The saved are saved to the uttermost so they cannot lose salvation.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. - Heb 7:25

When a person believes the gospel of Christ, they are saved forever and receive the Holy Ghost as a gift.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) - John 7:38-39

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,

because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. - John 14:16-17

God cannot repent of giving someone the gift of eternal life and the Holy Spirit. So, if the saved could lose their salvation, the Holy Spirit would be in hell forever and that is not true.

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. - Rom 11:29

Just believe in the shed blood of the risen and crucified Lord Jesus Christ on the cross to be saved.

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off **are made nigh by the blood of Christ.** - Eph 2:13

And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself**; … - Col 1:20

Notice how the saved are redeemed, past tense.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** - 1 Pet 1:18-19

Consider that in all of scripture, there is no one who was said to have lost their salvation. And if the saved could lose their salvation, how? Is it sin, which all who believe they can lose salvation do? And if you could lose your salvation, how would you get it back? Must you be born again, again? And if they lose salvation 10 times, must they be born again, again, again, again, again, again, again, again, again, again, and again to get it back? Note also that no one in scripture has ever been said to regain their salvation. Also consider that when the Philippian jailor and all in his house were saved, they rejoiced. But if Paul had mentioned that they could lose their salvation and go to hell forever, they would have been frightened out of their minds. As pagans, eternity in torment was not what they believed. Nor did Paul or Christ or anyone warn that a saved person that they could end in the lake of fire forever.

See also: Rom 1:17, Rom 1:5, Rom 1:8, Rom 1:12, Rom 3:27, Rom 3:28, Rom 3:30, Rom 4:3, Rom 4:5, Rom 4:9, Rom 4:11, Rom 4:12, Rom 4:13, Rom 4:14, Rom 4:16, Rom 4:17, Rom 4:18, Rom 4:19, Rom 4:20, Rom 4:21, Rom 4:22, Rom 4:24, Rom 5:2, Rom 5:10-11, Rom 5:15-21, Rom 8:1-2, Rom 9:30-33, Rom 10:6-17, Rom 14:1, Rom 16:26, 1 Cor 2:2, 1 Cor 15:11, 2 Cor 4:3-4, 2 Cor 4:5, 2 Cor 5:7, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Gal 1:4, Gal 2:16, Gal 2:20, Gal 3:2, Gal 3:5, Gal 3:6-9, Gal 3:11, Gal 3:14, Gal 3:22, Gal 3:24, Gal 5:5-6, Eph 1:19, Eph 3:17-19, Phil 3:9, Col 2:5-7, Col 2:20, 1 Thess 1:9, 1 Thess 2:13, 1 Thess 4:14, 2 Thess 1:10, 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Tim 3:16, 1 Tim 4:10, 2 Tim 1:9-10, 2 Tim 2:10, 2 Tim 3:15, Titus 2:11-14, Titus 3:5-7, Phile 1:5-6, Heb 4:2-3, Heb 10:10, Heb 10:14, James 2:23, 1 Pet 1:3-5, 1 Pet 1:9, 1 Pet 1:23, 1 Pet 2:6, 1 Pet 2:24, 1 Pet 3:18, 2 Pet 1:1, 1 John 2:2, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, 1 John 4:14-

15, 1 John 5:5, 1 John 5:20, Jude 1:3, Rev 22:17, John 5:24-25, John 6:29, John 6:35, John 6:44, John 6:68, John 20:29, Acts 5:12, Acts 11:14-15, Acts 11:17, Acts 13:38-39, Gen 15:6

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5. Works of any kind for salvation prevent salvation, and we are not under the law but under grace. (to TOC) (back)

The following passage shows that salvation, which is the gift of God (see Rom 6:23), is not of works. It is just by grace, (underserved favor) through faith in the gospel of Christ.

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

The following verse shows that grace and works are mutually exclusive. So, since salvation is by grace, works means no grace and no salvation.

And **if by grace, then is it no more of works**: otherwise grace is no more grace. **But if it be of works, then it is no more grace**: otherwise work is no more work. - Rom 11:6

In fact, if salvation were by works, then God would be in debt to those that worked for it, as declared in the following passage. Verse 5 shows only those that are not working for salvation have their faith count for salvation.

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. - Rom 4:4-5

In fact, a person must repent of works to be saved as shown in the following verse.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works**, and of faith toward God, - Heb 6:1

A person must cease from their own works to be saved as the next verse shows.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. - Heb 4:10

Christ testified that the works of the world are evil.

The world cannot hate you; **but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil**. - John 7:7

When asked for the works of God (plural), Christ that there is only one and that is to believe on Him.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? **29** Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent**. - John 6:28-29

The following passages show that no one is saved or justified by works.

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; - Titus 3:5

6 Even as David also describeth **the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works**, **7** Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. **8** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Rom 4:6-8

For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. - Rom 4:2

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, **and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified**. - Gal 2:16

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit **by the works of the law**, or by the hearing of faith? **5** He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law**, or by the hearing of faith? - Gal 3:2,5

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them**. - Gal 3:10

The following verses show that we are not under the law given by God in the OT.

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

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: - Gal 3:13

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. - John 1:17

There are many priests, even today, that are offering sacrifices for sins, but that will never take away sins.

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: - Heb 10:11

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. - Titus 1:16

Observing holy days as a requirement for salvation is also works.

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**? **10** **Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. 11 I am afraid of you**, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. - Gal 4:9-11

The only work of salvation is when Christ offered Himself as the sacrifice for sins on the cross. That is why He said, “it is finished”. No one can add to the finished work of Christ on the cross.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. - John 19:30

If a person is trying to earn salvation, which is works for salvation, they have fallen from grace.

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. - Gal 5:4

Just a little bit of works for salvation leavens the whole lump.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. - Gal 5:9

There is no law that could ever have been given that could bring salvation.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? **God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law**. **22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. - Gal 3:21-22

See also Rom 3:9-20, Rom 9:30-33, Rom 10:1-4, Gal 2:21, Gal 3:17-18, Titus 3:9-11, 1 Tim 1:3-7, 2 Tim 1:9

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6. Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles. And why rightly dividing the word of truth is so important. (to TOC) (back)

The word of God says that Paul is THE apostle of the Gentiles.

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as **I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office**: - Rom 11:13

Paul was chosen by Christ to preach the gospel of Christ.

That **I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. - Rom 15:16

In the letter to the Romans, Paul preaches that gospel of Christ, which he got by revelation of Christ.

15 So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth … - Rom 1:15-16

Paul declares the gospel of Christ in the following passage.

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2 By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have **believed** in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** - 1 Cor 15:1-4

We are commanded to both study and rightly divide the word of truth, that is, the Bible.

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

A key to understanding all things is to consider what Paul says, that is, what he writes.

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. - 2 Tim 2:7

The Gentiles are to hear the gospel of Christ from Paul's letters.

Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. - 2 Tim 4:17

Paul's writings are set for the defense of the gospel.

But the other of love, **knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.** - Phil 1:17

Timothy is an evangelist, that is, one who preaches the gospel.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.** - 2 Tim 4:5

An evangelist, or a bishop or a deacon or a teacher are to consider what Paul writes and train others who will teach yet others. These can be pastors, deacons, or teachers or other gospel preachers.

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** **And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also**. **3** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. - 2 Tim 2:1-3

Peter confirmed that Paul's letters are the key to understanding scripture.

15 **And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you**; **16** **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction**. - 2 Pet 3:15-16

Paul got the gospel of Christ from direct revelation from Christ.

11 **But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ**. - Gal 1:11-12

All the other apostles agreed that Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles who preaches the gospel of Christ to the Gentiles.

7 But contrariwise, when they saw **that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me**, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; **8** (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, **the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles**:) **9** And when James, Cephas, 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, and they unto the circumcision**. **10** Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. **11** But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. **12** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. **13** And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. **14** **But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel**, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? **15** We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, **16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. - Gal 2:7-16

In the following passage, Paul again affirms that he is the apostle of the Gentiles who has the gospel of Christ by revelation from Christ.

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** **How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)** **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; **6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **7** 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. **8** 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; **9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: - Eph 3:2-9

The gospel of Christ as found in Paul's letters is the very basis of judgment.

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ **according to my gospel**. - Rom 2:16

The Lord Jesus Christ chose Paul for this ministry.

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:** - Acts 9:15

In Acts 15:1-20, the apostles agreed that Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles with the gospel of Christ.

In the following verses, Paul reveals that the Lord Jesus Christ had 2 missions. One was to confirm the promises made in the OT to Israel. This is the gospel of the kingdom as found in Mathew, Mark, and Luke. The other, the main mission, was to die for the sins of the world and offer salvation just by believing the gospel of Christ. This is confirmed in the gospel account of John.

8 Now I say **that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers**: **9** **And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy;** as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. - Rom 15:8-9

11 **He came unto his own, and his own received him not**. **12** **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name**: - John 1:11-12

The commandments found in Paul's letters are the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, **let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord**. - 1 Cor 14:37

The gospel of the Gentiles was kept hidden until Christ had risen from the dead.

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, **26** **But now is made manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: - Rom 16:25-26

The Gentile church starts in Antioch where the saved were first called Christians.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: **26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, **and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch**. - Acts 11:25-26

Again, Christ chose Paul for to be the apostle of the Gentiles.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. **16** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, **and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee**; **17** Delivering thee from the people, and from **the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee**, **18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. - Acts 26:15-18

The letters that Paul wrote to the Gentiles, Romans through Philemon, all begin “Paul”. They are the doctrine of the church in this age of grace.

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. - 2 Thess 3:17

A clue to when some of these letters were written is to look for Paul writing about his imprisonment. That can be used in combination with events in the Acts of the Apostles.

The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen. - Col 4:18

In early Acts, Peter and the other apostles were preaching to Jews only.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. **14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, **Ye men of Judaea**, **and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem**, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: - Acts 2:5,14

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, **Ye men of Israel,** why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? **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. - Acts 3:12,25

Later Peter preaches to the gospel to a group of Gentiles.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, **because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost**. - Acts 10:45

The apostles then know that the Gentiles can be saved just by believing the gospel of Christ.

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life**. **-** Acts 11:18

Unfortunately, the believing Jews began to trust in the law again.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: **21** And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. - Acts 21:20-21

Here are more verses which establish Paul's office as the apostle of the Gentiles.

16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. **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 Cor 4:16-17

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, **that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.** - 1 Cor 11:1-2

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; **3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;** - Titus 1:2-3

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

I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. - 1 Thess 5:27

According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. - 1 Tim 1:11

1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. **2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.** - 2 Cor 11:1-2

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. - Phil 3:17

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. - 2 Tim 1:13

See also: Rom 16:25-26, 1 Cor 3:10-11, 1 Cor 14:37, 1 Cor 15:1-2, 1 Cor 12:28, 1 Cor 13:10, Gal 1:9, Gal 2:1-2, Phil 3:17, 1 Tim 1:16, 2 Tim 1:6, 2 Thess 2:14, Col 1:25-27, Phil 2:19-22

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7. The word of God and how to understand it. (to TOC) (back)

The word of God has much to say about the word of God and how to understand it. The first bolded phrase below shows that God inspired the writers of the Bible to write the words of scripture. Thus, it is the word of God and all of it is true. The remainder of the passage shows what is its purpose. Verse 17 shows that nothing else is needed to understand the truth of God.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works**. - 2 Tim 3:16-17

The following verse states that the word of God is the truth and has no lies.

Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**. - John 17:17

From the very beginning the word of God is true and that includes the historical record of how God created all things in 6 days as revealed in Genesis 1.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. - Ps 119:160

There is only one version of the word of God, and it does not change.

For ever, O Lord, **thy word is settled in heaven**. - Ps 119:89

The words of Christ shall never pass, so they must be in the Bible today.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. - Matt 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33

God promises to preserve His word, so they must be in the world today.

6 The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**. **7** Thou shalt keep them, **O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever**. - Ps 12:6-7

It is by hearing and believing the gospel of Christ, which is in the word of God, that a person is saved forever by faith in the gospel of Christ.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. - Rom 10:17

In the following passage, we are commanded to study the word of God, and to rightly divide it. Note it says to “shew thyself approved unto God”. So, it is an individual study. It also says approved to God and not to some denomination or group. That also eliminates some courseware. Right division means that while all scripture is profitable, not all of scripture is written to the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. The biggest division is that the OT is written to the Jews and not to the Gentiles, with the exception of Genesis and Job. But not all of the NT is written to the saved Gentiles. For example, Matthew, Mark and Luke are primarily written to the Jews and has the gospel of the kingdom. James is written to the 12 tribes of Israel. Early Acts (Acts 1-8) is also written primarily to the children of Israel that believe in Christ. Right division shows that Paul’s letters are the doctrine of the church and also includes the gospel of John and later Acts (9-28). Thus, that should be the focus of Biblical study. Please see “How to read the word of God” for more details.

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

All scripture is given by the Holy Spirit to people who spoke and wrote the word of God.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. - 2 Pet 1:21

Verse 10 in the following passage shows how to understand the word of God. A precept is an absolute clear doctrine from scripture. That the Lord Jesus Christ is God Almighty, the Creator of all things, are fundamental precepts. That salvation is by grace through faith in the gospel of Christ is a precept. “Line upon line, line upon line” means that context must be considered else someone will have you straining at a gnat. Context could be just a verse or the verse that contains a phrase in a verse. However, it may include additional lines both before or after or both. It may extend to a single chapter. The originals are not divided into chapters. However, those who divided the text into chapters did not make arbitrary divisions but divided the chapters as dealing with one or more topics. The context could be just the book that it is contained. And the context may also include which testament that the book is in. For example, passages from the OT, which have to do with the law given to the children of Israel, are out of context when given to the saved Gentiles who are not under the law but under grace. So sometimes the context includes a whole book. Also note in verse 10 it says, “here a little, and there a little”. So, the determination of precepts is sometimes scattered in other parts of the word of God. Now look at verse 13 as it has almost the exact same way to understand the word of God. But note it says, “unto them”. This refers to false denominations and groups who have false precepts.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little**: **11** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. **12** To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. **13** But the word of the Lord **was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little**; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. - Isa 28:9-13

Many new versions of THE word of God, THE Bible, which disagree with each other and themselves in many places, is confusion and is not from God.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. - 1 Cor 14:33

God does not lie so the word of God does not have lies. It is all true,

In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began; - Titus 1:2

The word of God is not self-contradictory.

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and **the scripture cannot be broken**; - John 10:35

The following 2 verses, which declare the gospel of Christ, have the phrase “according to the scriptures” 2x. So, any change in the word of God should be considered as an attack on the gospel of Christ.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **according to the scriptures**; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **according to the scriptures**: - 1 Cor 15:3-4

God values the truth of His word even above His name, because if someone lies what is their name worth?

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for **thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.** - Ps 138:2

THE armour of God is described in Ephesians 6:10-20. Part of THE armour of God is THE sword of THE Spirit which is THE word of God. So, a person must be saved, and they must have THE word of God, not many new versions of THE word of God, THE Bible, which disagree with each other and themselves in many places.

And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**: - Eph 6:17

THE word of God is sharper than any twoedged sword and is used to ferret out works for salvation. The many new versions of THE word of God, THE Bible, which disagree with each other and themselves in many places, are a dull plastic spoon by comparison.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** - Heb 4:12

Beware when reading commentaries. When someone adds to the word of God they may or may not be correct.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. - Prov 30:6

When reading the word of God believe everything it says. Many try and sow doubt in it. Some try to make people doubt that the miraculous events in the Bible, such as the creation of all things in 6 days about 6000 years ago or the worldwide flood. Or that God cannot preserve His word without error today. These all reject the fact that God is Almighty and with God all things are possible.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe**. - 1 Thess 2:13

The word of God, the holy scriptures are what brings salvation.

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

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8. There are two baptisms in the word of God and water baptism does not save. Water for salvation is works, and must be repented of for salvation. (to TOC) (back)

The 2 baptisms are described in the first chapter where the word “baptize” is mentioned in the first 5 books of the New Testament. Here are the verses from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Acts also has the 2 baptisms mentioned a 2nd time in Acts 15. Thus, there is water baptism that does not save or is required for salvation, and baptism by the Holy Spirit which occurs at salvation which happens when someone believes the gospel of Christ.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. **but he that cometh after me** is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost**, and with fire: - Matt 3:11

7 And preached, saying, **There cometh one mightier than I after me**, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. **8** **I indeed have baptized you with water**: **but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost**. - Mark 1:7-8

John answered, saying unto them all, **I indeed baptize you with water**; **but one mightier than I cometh**, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost** and with fire: - Luke 3:16

26 John answered them, saying, **I baptize with water**: **but there standeth one among you**, whom ye know not; **33** And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, **the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost**. - John 1:26,33

For John truly baptized with water; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. - Acts 1:5

15 And as I began to speak, **the Holy Ghost fell on them**, as on us at the beginning. **16** Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water**; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost**. - Acts 11:15-16

The 6th book of the NT shows that only believing the gospel of Crist is needed for salvation. Anyone who believes that water baptism is needed for salvation does not believe the gospel of Christ.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:16

The 7th book of the NT shows that water baptism is not even part of the gospel of Christ.

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. - 1 Cor 1:17

The following verse again describes that baptism of the Holy Spirit which happens when someone believes the gospel of Christ. They become part of the body of Christ, the church, forever.

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. - 1 Cor 12:13

The next 2 passages describe the baptism by the Holy Spirit which happens when a person believes the gospel of Christ and is saved forever. No one has ever been water baptized as described in these 2.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. - John 4:14

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **39** (**But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified**.) - John 7:38-39

When Peter was preaching the gospel of Christ to Cornelius and those with Cornelius, they were saved when they believed the gospel of Christ and they were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Because the Jews require a sign, Cornelius and those with him spoke in tongues so that Peter and those that were with hm would know that the Gentiles can now believe the gospel and get saved.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, **that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.** - Acts 10:43-44

Many use Peter preaching the gospel to the Jews in Acts 2:28 to try and convince people that water baptism saves. But below Peter is preaching right after that and does not even mention baptism, nor is there any mention that the about 5000 that believed being baptized.

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. - Acts 3:19

Here is an important verse which shows that salvation occurs when someone trust in Christ and believes the gospel of Christ. There is no water baptism at all. There are many passages which show this.

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, - Eph 1:13

If you have believed that water baptism saves, helps in salvation, or is needed for salvation, please repent and believe the gospel of Christ so that you can be saved. Water baptism only makes people wet and does nothing. And infant baptism is against scripture.

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9. Important passages for doctrine and prophecy. (to TOC) (back)

Paul warned that Satan will corrupt the gospel of Christ and cause that gospel and another Jesus and another Spirit to preached. Since Satan is very deceiving through subtilty, we are to be always vigilant against that and not bear with it.

1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. **2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: **for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ**. **3** **But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.** **4** **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him**. **5** For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. - 2 Cor 11:1-5

This has happened over the centuries and will happen until Christ returns after the tribulation of those days. First, there are many today, in a number of denominations, that claim to be an apostle or use the title apostle. But Paul was the last to become an apostle, so there are no apostles today. Some in the New Apostolic Reformation, NAR, claim that they are apostles. Satan has and will appear as an angel of light. It is probably true that the Mary appearances which have been occurring for years is really just Satan. The Book of Mormon supposedly came from the supposed angel Moroni. And some Mormons have used the title of apostle. Finally, Satan's minsters can pretend to be ministers of righteousness, aka, Christian ministers. Always look for false doctrine to spot these.

13 For **such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ**. **14** **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**. **15** **Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works. - 2 Cor 11:13-15

It the last day, we are commanded to take THE WHOLE armour of God. Not part of it or to take extra things but just the things listed below. Also, we are to guard against taking any substitute for any of these. For example, the many new versions are not THE word of God. Also note that the gospel of Christ is to be preached from Paul's writings.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places**. **13** **Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand**. **14** Stand therefore, **having your loins girt about with truth**, **and having on the breastplate of righteousness**; **15** **And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; **16** **Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked**. **17** **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**: **18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **19** **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**, **20** For

which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. - Eph 6:10-20

Please look at verse 3. The Roman Catholic Church does command that certain priests are not to be married and commands that some abstain from meat during Lent. They left the faith centuries ago.

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, **that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy**; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth**. **4** For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. **6** If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. - 1 Tim 4:1-6

First, we are the know this will happen. And the description shows that it has. Thus, this is a last days' sign for the church just before rapture. We are commanded to turn away from such.

1 This know also, **that in the last days perilous times shall come**. **2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, **false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good**, **4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. - 2 Tim 3:1-5

During that time there will be deceivers who are deceiving who are also deceived by those that are deceiving. This too has happened just before rapture.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. - 2 Tim 3:13

Paul warned that after his departing this would happen. Note the grievous wolves are inside the church. By the way, many churches have removed Paul as THE apostle of the Gentiles. That may show that they are grievous wolves.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock**. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. - Acts 20:28-30

The rapture is given by this prophecy and others. The phrase "caught up" in verse 17 means rapture.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, **concerning them which are asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **14** **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.** **15** **For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep**. **16** 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**: **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**. **18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words. - 1 Thess 4:13-18

The rapture is also given by the following passage too. To “keep from the hour of temptation, which shall come on all the earth, to try them that dwell upon the earth” means that the church must be raptured prior to the tribulation.

10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth**. **11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. - Rev 3:10-11

It is important to understand that the testimony of Jesus, what He said, is the spirit of prophecy.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: **worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**. - Rev 19:10

This is what awaits those that are saved.

But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him**. - 1 Cor 2:9

This is a prophecy for the great deception that will occur in the tribulation. Note how there is a falling away first before that. That is what is happening today. Please note the use of signs and lying wonders that will be used to deceive.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition**; **4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; s**o that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**. **5** Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? **6** And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. **7** For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **9** **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**, **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in

them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**. **11** And **for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness**. - 2 Thess 2:3-12

The day of the Lord begins with the rapture of the church. Just before that many will be saying peace and safety, but they will not escape. This is occurring today.

2 For yourselves know perfectly **that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**. **3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. - 1 Thess 5:2-3

We are to be preaching all doctrine in the last days and this passage shows why.

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine**. **3 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**; **4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. -** 2 Tim 4:1-4

This prophecy has also occurred. Today there are many new versions which disagree with each other and contradict themselves thus proving they are corrupted.

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. - 2 Cor 2:17

Of course many can handle even the word of God deceitfully.

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, **nor handling the word of God deceitfully** … - 2 Cor 4:2

Paul warns against anther gospel being preached. The book of Galatians is warning against a particular false gospel which includes observing days as holy days. There are no holy days in this age of grace.

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But **though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed**. **9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed**. - Gal 1:6-9

The following is the mystery of godliness, which describes Christ as God manifest in the flesh.

And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness**: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. - 1 Tim 3:16

The mystery of iniquity is opposed to the mystery of godliness.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. - 2 Thess 2:7

Note how what the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to devils in verse 20.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. **18** Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? **19** What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **20** But I say, **that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God**: and **I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils**. **21** **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils**: **ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.** - 1 Cor 10:16-21

The following passage is from the history of the church.

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed unto idols**, and to commit fornication. - Rev 2:14

That then continued with Jezebel which is not a church at all.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, **and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21** And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. **22** Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. **23** And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. - Rev 2:20-23

In one of the tests for antichrist, a person must confess that Christ is come in the flesh.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God**: **3** **And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world**.- 1 John 4:2-3

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. - 2 John 1:7

God does not dwell in idols. That is idolatry and needs to be repented of.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; **but now commandeth all men every where to repent**: **31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. - Acts 17:24,30-31

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: **2** With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. **3** So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **4** And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, **having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication**: **5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth**. **6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:** and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. - Rev 17:1-6

Unfortunately, many are not following this at all.

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. - 2 Cor 6:14-18

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10. Other important topics, passages, and verses. (to TOC) (back)

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. - Matt 11:28-30

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. **9** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. - Rom 13:8-9

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - Rom 12:1-2

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. **18** For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. - Rom 16:17-18

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. - 2 Cor 6:14-18

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. **23** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. - 1 John 2:22-23

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God**: **3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world**. **4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. - 1 John 4:2-4

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. - 2 John 1:7

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. - Gal 3:26

3 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. **4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.** - Rom 10:3-4

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. **28** B**ut if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church**; and let him speak to himself, and to God.- 1 Cor 14:37-38

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; **whether there be tongues, they shall cease**; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. - 1 Cor 13:4-8

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; - Titus 2:11-13

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, **dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; **30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; **but now commandeth all men every where to repent**: **31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. - Acts 17:24,30-31

Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again**. - John 3:7

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth - Eph 5:9

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **14 He shall glorify me**: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. - John 16:13-14

And **call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven**. - Matt 23:9

But **when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do**: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. - Matt 6:7

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ - Eph 4:15

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. - Eph 4:25

5 One man esteemeth one day above another: **another esteemeth every day alike**. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. **6** He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; **and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it** … - Rom 14:5-6

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, **or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:** - Col 2:16

For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**. - 1 Thess 5:2

… **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy**. - Luke 12:1

21 **Prove all things; hold fast that which is good**. **22** **Abstain from all appearance of evil**. - 1 Thess 5:21-22

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **25** **In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth**; **26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. - 2 Tim 2:24-26

For **godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of**: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. - 2 Cor 7:10

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, **and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 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 Thess 1:9-10

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. - 2 Cor 5:17

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. - Eph 4:24

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 **But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils**, and not to God: and **I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 21** **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils**: **ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils**.- 1 Cor 10:19-21

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. - Col 2:8

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. **And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity**. - 2 Tim 2:19

See also: 1 Cor 12:11-12, Col 4:16, Rom 16:19, 1 Tim 2:1-6, Rom 12:9, 2 Cor 5:14-15

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11. The saved are the body of Christ, the church, and are members of the church forever from the moment of salvation. (to TOC) (back)

There is only one body, and so there is only one church, the body of Christ.

18 But now hath God **set the members every one of them in the body**, as it hath pleased him. **19** And if they were all one member, where were the body? **20** But now are they many members, **yet but one body**. - 1 Cor 12:18-20

At the moment a person trusts in Christ by believing in the gospel of Christ, they are baptized into the body of Christ forever.

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. - 1 Cor 12:13

There is only one body, the church, and there is only one membership in that one body, which is to be saved by believing the gospel of Christ.

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. - Rom 12:5

The saved are the body of Christ, the church, and are members forever. Christ is the head of the church. The following verses show this.

… even as **Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body**. - Eph 5:23

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. - Col 1:18

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. - Eph 5:30

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh **for his body's sake, which is the church**: - Col 1:24

And hath put all things under his feet, **and gave him to be the head over all things to the church**, - Eph 1:22

In the early church, people met in houses which were called a church in a house. Many do not accept a church in a house, but it is a perfectly valid form of a church as the following passages show.

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: **4** Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. **5** **Likewise greet the church that is in their house.** Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. - Rom 16:3-5

The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, **with the church that is in their house.** - 1 Cor 16:19

Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, **and the church which is in his house**. - Col 4:15

And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, **and to the church in thy house**: - Philemon 1:2

In fact, all it takes is for 2 saved brethren to gather together for Christ to be there in the midst.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. - Matt 18:20

Again, there is only one body, the church, and there is only one membership in that one body, to be saved by believing the gospel of Christ.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. - 1 Cor 12:27

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12. The gospel of the kingdom (vs the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation), is not written to us, and does not save. (to TOC) (back)

The reason that "Christ Jesus came into the world is to save sinners" (1 Tim 1:15). Jesus Christ did this when He paid for the sins of all the world by shedding His blood as the payment for all sins when He was crucified on the cross. But the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished other things. One of those was to fulfil the promises made to the children of Israel in the Old Testament. Paul writes about this in the following verse.

Now I say that **Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:** - Rom 15:8

These promises were about the gospel of the kingdom which included miraculous healings as revealed in the Isaiah scroll Christ read in the temple.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me **to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised**, - Luke 4:17-18

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached the gospel of the kingdom in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. However, the gospel of John is written to the whole world and is about the gospel of salvation as shown below.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **12** **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name**: - John 1:11-12

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, before Christ had risen from the dead, Jesus gave the following instructions to the 12 apostles. Notice they were instructed not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans but to the lost sheep of Israel. So, this shows it is the gospel of the kingdom promised to the children of Israel in the OT. Also note the healing also promised to the children of Israel.

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**: **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. - Matt 10:5-8

In the following passage, Christ states that He was not sent to any but the lost sheep of Israel, although He did have mercy on this woman.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. **23** But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. **24** But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. - Matt 15:22-24

Again note the promise of healing in the gospel of the kingdom. Note how Christ instructed them to preach the gospel of kingdom.

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. **2** **And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God**, and to heal the sick. - Luke 9:1-2

Now Paul declares that the gospel of Christ, which is the gospel of salvation, is the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; **4** **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures: - 1 Cor 15:1-4

Now from the following 2 passages it is obvious that the apostles did not understand that Christ was to be crucified and rise from the dead even though Christ told them that. Yet from Paul's writing in the passage above, the gospel of Christ is the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, when Christ instructed the apostles to preach the gospel of the kingdom 2 passages above, it could not have been the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation, since they did not even understand that Christ

was going to be crucified and rise from the dead. This is proved by these 2 passages. There are more that do so also.

31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. **32** For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: **33** And they shall scourge him, **and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again**. **34** **And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken**. - Luke 18:31-34

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, **The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day**. **32** **But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him**. - Mark 9:31-32

In the following passage Christ ascends in the clouds to heaven. So, there will be no kingdom of heaven until the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, returns in the clouds of heaven.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel**? **7** And he said unto them**, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power**. **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, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; **and a cloud received him out of their sight**. **10** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; **11** Which also said, **Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.** - Acts 1:6-11

That return of Christ in the clouds of heaven was predicted in Dan 7 and Rev 1.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. **14** **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed**. - Dan 7:13-14

7 Behold, **he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him**, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen **8** **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty**. – Rev 1:7-8

While Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom of heaven to the children of Israel in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He spoke openly to the world of the gospel of salvation as is shown on the following 2 verses.

Jesus answered him, **I spake openly to the world**; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; **and in secret have I said nothing**. - John 18:20

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

All of the rest of the passages below are not written to the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. If someone thinks that they are, they should be doing these.

2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: **3** **All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do;** but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. - Matt 23:2-3

So likewise, **whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple**. - Luke 14:33

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; **24** Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. - Matt 5:23-24

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. **18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. - Matt 5:17-18

3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **4** And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. - Matt 8:3-4

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13. The unborn are children. (to TOC) (back)

The King James Bible has the phrase "with child" 26 times and thus the unborn is a child according to God Therefore abortion is the killing of a child according to God.

So, if anyone has had an abortion, that was the killing of a child. And if anyone performed an abortion, that was the killing of a child. And if anyone has supported abortion or promoted abortion, they have supported or promoted the killing of a children.

Since 1973, the year of Roe v Wade decision, over 60 million innocent unborn children have been killed in heinous ways in the USA. And the worldwide toll is over 2 billion

since 1973. Thus, it is one the greatest evils yet in the history of mankind. If these things apply to you, you need to repent and believe the gospel of Christ.

The King James Bible also has the word “begat” over 250 times, as in Abraham begat Isaac. A man does only one thing to begat a child and that is at the moment of conception. So that again proves that the unborn is a child.

The King James Bible also has the word “conceive” or “conceived” over 40 times as in Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist. That too proves the unborn is a child.

Here is a famous verse and the child mentioned is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great **with child**. - Luke 2:5

Here are some other selected passages that prove the unborn is a child according to God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. **41** And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, **the babe leaped in her womb**; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: **42** And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. **43** And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **44** For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, **the babe leaped in my womb for joy**. - Luke 1:36,41-44

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found **with child** of the Holy Ghost.**20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: **for that which is conceived in her** is of the Holy Ghost. Behold, a virgin shall be **with child**, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. - Matt 1:18,20,23

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also **had conceived by one**, even by our father Isaac; **11** (**For the children being not yet born**, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) - Rom 9:10-11

21 And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah **his wife conceived**. **22** And **the children struggled together within her**; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord. - Gen 25:21-22

5 And **the woman conceived**, and sent and told David, and said, **I am with child**. - 2 Sam 11:5

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, **There is a man child conceived**. **11** Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? - Job 3:3,11

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and **he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb**. - Luke 1:15

Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me! - Job 10:18

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: **thou hast covered me in my mother's womb**. **14** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. **15** My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. - Ps 139:13-15

For anyone who has had an abortion, performed an abortion, or supported or promoted abortion, total forgiveness and salvation is given by believing the gospel of Christ. The gospel of Christ is preached in post 1 of this book, and at the following site.

https://www.the-gospel-of-christ.com/post/where-will-you-spend-eternity

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14. God created all things in 6 days about 6000 years ago without evolution. And the science, facts, and logic prove that evolution, billions of years, common descent and the "no God" assumption of "Atheistic Origin Science" are false, and that God created all things in 6 days about 6000 years ago without evolution. The science and scripture completely agree. (to TOC) (back)

There are many Christians that do not believe that the existence of God cannot be proved and that the existence of God the Creator of all things can only be accepted by faith. But the following will show that the word of God does not agree with that.
Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles (see Romans 11:13). And Paul got his writings from direct revelation of Jesus Christ (see Galatians 1:11-12). And we are to consider what Paul says (see 2 Timothy 2:7). A study of Paul's letters reveals that the letter to the Romans is the official preaching of the gospel of Christ starting at Rom 1:15-16. And it is important to study Romans so that the gospel of Christ is known and preached. This is part of the "whole armour of God" in verse 15 of Ephesians 6:10-20 where it says, "And **your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**".

15 So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel to you** that are at Rome also. 16 For **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.17

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith**. – Romans 1:15-17

The next 3 verses after the above passage are shown below. In verse 20, it says that those who do not believe in the existence of God are without excuse. That means God considers it impossible to deny His existence except by willful denial of that truth. And verses 19 and 20 even give the reasons why the existence of God the Creator of all things can be determined. Verse 20 has "**being understood by the things that are made**". And verse 19, has "**Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them**". Verse 19 declares that an analysis of the things in creation prove the existence of God Almighty the Creator of all things. Verse 20 says that this is also true by considering people. Since people use their intelligence to make things, some Intelligent Being of infinite power and infinite intelligence must have made people. And that must be God Almighty. And that God must be the ultimate cause of the creation, then God must have always existed which matches the phrase "**even his eternal power**" in verse 20. This is an easy way for a child to understand that God Almighty the Creator of all things must exist and has always existed. This is referred to when Christ said, "because **thou hast hid these things from the wise** and prudent, and **hast revealed them unto babes**".

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 **Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them**. 20 **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse**: - Romans 1:18-20

Now verses 19 and 20 above were true at the time that they were written. But amazingly modern discoveries especially in biology have confirmed these. And this is predicted to happen in our time. The following verse is a "last days" prophecy (see 2 Tim 3:1). Those last days are in our time. And of course that is true. That increase of knowledge has vastly increased in the last decade even the last year. Now the word science just means knowledge. And the discoveries in biology and other sciences have shown the absolutely astounding intelligent design of the things in the universe especially living things and even more so people. Thus, verse 19 and 20 above are even more so true. Thus, the combination of these 2 passages with the exact timing and details proves that the Bible is the word of God.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, **even to the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall be increased**. – Daniel 12:4

More astounding is what the Lord Jesus Christ said in the following verse is true in our time with all this vast increase in knowledge in the last days which is in our time.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **because thou hast hid these things from the wise** and prudent, **and hast revealed them unto babes**. – Matthew 11:25

I have provided 2 free books each with many infallible and irrefutable proofs against evolution, billions of years, common descent and the "no God" assumption of "Atheistic Origin Science". They also prove that God created all things recently, and that the Bible is the true word of God, and thus what it says is true.

The first book is entitled, "Evolution is false because it cannot explain all the unique genes that have ever existed."

The second book is entitled, "Proof evolution is false and Christ created all things recently, and Jesus Christ is the only Saviour."

Both books are available as free downloads either as a pdf file or an ePub file that can be downloaded at the following link. These files have some internal links to make it easier to navigate the contents. They are available at

https://www.the-gospel-of-christ.com/alltheuniquegenes

The method I used in almost all of my proofs that God created all things recently is simple straightforward logic. I assumed that God does not even exist and by necessity the Bible is false. That led to a vast number of contradictions. So, the original assumption of "no God" must be false. And its opposite must be true. So, God does exist and created all things. Proving the Bible is the true word of God is easy. Thus, what it says must be true. Note that only one contradiction is needed in the above proof but there a vast number of contradictions. And only science, math, logic, facts, and evidence were used to prove the contradictions.

From the word of God, it can be proved that God created all things, the universe, and the earth in 6 days, about 6000 years ago, without evolution. And that there was a worldwide flood in the days of Noah about 4500 years ago. So, the Bible and real science agree, and they both prove these are true and all the claims of evolutionists are false.

God created man by a direct act without evolution from lower life forms. This is clear from the following passages.

26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. - Gen 1:26-27

7 And **the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul**.[21] And the Lord God

caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**22** **And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man**.**23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. – Gen 2:7,21-23

The age of the earth is easily determined from the Bible, which is the true word of God. In Genesis 1, it is clear that God created all things, including the earth, the universe, the sun, the moon, the stars, and all life in 6 days. Adam and Eve were created on the 6th day. To determine the age of the earth, extensive genealogies are given along with the age at which each father begat the named son. These are found in Genesis 5 and 11. Historical kings are mentioned in the book of Daniel and elsewhere in the Old Testament. The command to rebuild the temple and the 70-week prophecy in Daniel gives 70x7=490 yrs. The Biblical precept of a day is a year is found in Numbers where the Israelites were punished to wander 40 years in the desert, a year for each day since they spied out the land of the Canaanites and did not believe what God could do. That takes it to when Christ was crucified, which is circa 30 AD, almost 2000 years ago.

Ussher and Isaac Newton followed the same logic, and both determined the earth to have been created about 6000 years ago. There are others who have done the same thing. All the logic, all the real science and all the facts also confirm that the earth and everything in it is about 6000 years old.

Light is created early on the first day and separated from darkness. Thus, there is directional light from the very beginning. This is even before the sun is created on the 4th day. Directional light plus a rotating earth gives night and day. Thus, the days below are 24 hrs. That is shown by the 6x “the evening and the morning” are used. The ordinal count of days also proves that these are 24-hour days.

5 … And the evening and the morning were the first day. **8** … And the evening and the morning were the second day. **13** And the evening and the morning were the third day. **19** And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. **23** And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. **31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Gen 1:5,8,13,19,23,31

God created all things in 6 days. God did it, He knows how He did it and knows when it was done. So, God’s eyewitness testimony is 100% true. All supposed “science”, which disagrees, is therefore false. God spoke with His mouth 2x and wrote with His finger 2x the following. Christ may have written the 10 commandants with His finger in the sand in John 8. He certainly used that to teach as it says “all taught of God” in John 6:45.

1 **And God spake all these words**, saying, **11** **For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is**, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. - Exo 20:1,11

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: **for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth**, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. **18** And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God**. - Exo 31:17-18

And **the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables**. - Exo 32:16

And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: **and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest**. - Exo 34:1

The Lord Jesus Christ, who created all things in 6 days about 6000 years ago, was there, did it and knows when it happened. The following 5 passages show that Jesus Christ believed in 6-day recent creation. Many times, throughout the Bible, creation, the fall, Cain and Abel, and the flood are spoken as real events. Please note that in the first 2 passages, God only made 2 genders, male and female. And God does not make mistakes. Also, they show that any sexual acts outside of a marriage between one man and one woman is fornication.

4 And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female**, **5** And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? - Matt 19:4-5

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. **7** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; **8** And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. **9** What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. - Mark 10:6-9

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: - Luke 1:70

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; **51** From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. - Luke11:50-51

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse**: - Rom 1:20

Henry Morris, a creation scientist, said that if someone denies 6-day recent creation, they will also have to deny the worldwide flood in Noah's day. The Atheistic Origin "Scientists", with there no God assumption, will just not allow God, period. Don't be conned with the no God Assumption of Atheistic Origin Science. When determining the age of the earth and the universe or whether man evolved from primitive life forms,

Atheistic Origin "science" uses the no God assumption. **The No God Assumption used by Atheistic Origin Science is that there is no God or He has done nothing miraculous in the last 6000 years.** Why would anyone who believes in Jesus Christ be conned into such thinking? Instead of determining whether God Almighty exists and created all things first, they proceed with circular reasoning and the false assumption of no God Almighty in determining the age of things and thus end up with false conclusions.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. - Psalm 14:1

Almost all the sedimentary layers with their fossils are the result of the worldwide flood during the time of Noah, which occurred about 4500 years ago and its aftermath. A real scientific study of those layers proves it. There are many other scientific proofs of the 6-day recent creation and the worldwide flood. Six-day creation, the fall in the garden due to the sin of Adam and Eve, and the worldwide flood and its aftermath produced many things that Atheistic Origin Science would wrongly interpret as taking billions and many millions of years.

One last point is needed. The Bible gives a timeline for the time between creation and the creation of a new heaven and a new earth. It is 7000 years. The 1000 years reign of Christ is yet to come. It comes after the pre-trib rapture and the almost 7-year tribulation. The 6-day creation, which is 6 consecutive 24-hour days is also actually a prophecy and gives the timeline. Peter wrote:

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years**, and a thousand years as one day. – 2 Peter 3:8

This is another prophecy that has come true as many are willingly ignorant of the flood. For example, the Grand Canyon is the result of the worldwide flood and its aftermath.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:**6** Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: - 2 Peter 3:5-6

Here is another prophecy which shows that the rapture of the church is to happen in our time. Again, since a day with the Lord is as a thousand years, then 2000 years since the resurrection of Christ, which occurred circa 33 AD, gives 2033. Since the tribulation is about 7 years, that gives 2026 AD as a possible date for the rapture. However, that can be considering as a window for the time of the rapture as discussed below. Note, that I have no clue when the rapture will happen. Christ said that no one knows the day or hour. Always beware of date setters. They are just guessing.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. – Hosea 6:2

Of course, no one knows the day or hour that Christ returns or the rapture. Also note that the Lord, the bridegroom, tarried in Matthew 25:5. And since God is long suffering and with God a day is as 1000 years, things may be delayed. Here are the verses.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance**. – 2 Peter 3:9

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. – Matt 25:13

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. – Mattn 25:5

Now the word of God says:

Surely **the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets**. – Amos 3:7

So, God reveals things to His prophets who wrote it down. The Bible is written with many prophecies in it. (see 2 Peter 1:22).

So, God cannot rapture His church and bring in the tribulation unless He revealed it to His prophets who wrote it down. In fact, all the Bible is lit up now with fulfilled prophecy of things that must be just before the rapture. The amazing thing is not only that all these things were prophesied to happen but to happen at exactly our time. You see anyone can predict that mankind will have increased knowledge in some indeterminate future time. But the exact timing is given by scripture written about 2000 to 3500 years ago. The exact timing is given by the 6000-year age of the earth and the timeline given by the Bible. This is just another great proof that the Bible is the very true word of God Almighty. God Himself gave that as a proof in the Chapters Isa 41-47.

22 **Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen**: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; **or declare us things for to come**.**23** **Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods**: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.**24** Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you. – Isa 41:22-24

Since the word of God has been proven to be absolutely true, then unless you believe the gospel of Christ you will go to everlasting torment in the lake of fire. See “Where will you spend eternity” to be saved forever in post 1 of this book or at the following link.

https://www.the-gospel-of-christ.com/post/where-will-you-spend-eternity

The phrase “exact timing” of the prophecies from the Bible being fulfilled explained.

The Bible predicts many things that must happen in the last days. All these are predicted to happen from about 2000 to 3500 years ago when the Bible was written. Not only were they predicted to happen in some indeterminate future but in a in our time.

Now to understand this exact timing, you must understand how they all line up and build up. The easiest way is by an analogy. There is a path. A person decides to walk along that path. This is analogous to the first prophecy coming true. For example, knowledge is increased in the last days. Knowledge has taken off and in increasing rapidly. That may have come true about 100 years ago. But it is still increasing rapidly, so it is still true but even more so. Is it exact timing? Yes, to the exact 100 years but even until this very day. This is the equivalent to the first person continuing his walk along the path. As another prophecy comes true, that is the equivalent to a second person joining the first person walking along the path. As each prophecy comes true, another person joins in this walk along the path until there are many walking along together.

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15. List of scripture references for some important passages and verses by topic.
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Jesus Christ is God, the Almighty, the Creator, the Word, the Lord, the Son of God, the Saviour, the first and the last, the only way, etc
John 1:1, John 1:3, John 1:10, Col 1:16, John 8:58, John 20:28, Rev 1:8,11,17, Rev 21:6, Rev 22:13, Micah 5:2, Heb 1:8, Heb 1:2, 1 Tim 3:16, Phil 2:6, 1 Cor 15:47, 1 Cor 12:3, 1Tim 6:15, 1 Tim 1:17, 1 John 5:7, Gen 1:26, Matt 4:10, John 9:38, Luke 24:52, Matt 20:20, Mark 1:1, John 20:31, Acts 8:37, John 1:14, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, et al

Saved forever through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the gospel of Christ, and His blood as the payment for all our sins.
Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Acts 16:30-31, Rom 3:22-26, Eph 1:13, Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, 1 John 1:7, Rev 1:5, 1 Cor 1:17-23, John 1:12, John 3:14-18, John 3:36, John 6:47, John 6:39-40, John 10:9, John 11:25-26, John 20:31, 1 John 5:13, Heb 13:5, Acts 10:36-44, Acts 13:38-39, Rom 4:3, John 10:28-30, Rom 6:23, Isa 53, 2 Cor 5:21, Rom 5:6,8-9, Rom 5:1, 1 Tim 1:15, Heb 9:22, John 1:29, Heb 7:25, John 7:38-39, John 14:16-17, Rom 11:29, Eph 2:13, Col 1:20, 1 Pet 1:18-19, et al

Works for salvation prevent salvation. We not under the law but under grace.
Eph 2:8-9, Rom 11:6, Rom 4:4-5, Heb 6:1, Heb 4:10, John 7:7, John 6:28-29, Titus 3:5, Rom 4:6-8, Rom 4:2, Gal 2:16, Gal 3:2,5, Gal 3:10, Rom 6:14, Gal 3:13, John 1:17, Heb 10:11, Titus 1:16, Gal 4:9-11, John 19:30, Gal 5:4, Gal 5:9, Gal 3:21-22

Paul the apostle of the Gentiles, rightly dividing the word of God. Timothy is an evangelist.
Rom 11:13, Rom 15:16, Rom 1:15-16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, 2 Tim 2:15, 2 Tim 2:7, 2 Tim 4:17, Phil 1:17, 2 Tim 4:5, 2 Tim 2:1-3, 2 Peter 3:15-16, Gal 1:11-12, Gal 2:7-16, Eph 3:2-9, Rom 2:16, Acts 9:15, Acts 15:1-20, Rom 15:8-9, John 1:11-12, 1 Cor 14:37, Rom 16:25-

26, Acts 11:25-26, Acts 26:15-18, 2 Thess 3:17, Col 4:18, Acts 2:5,14, Acts 3:12,25, Acts 10:45, Acts 11:18-19, Acts 21:20-21, 1 Cor 4:16-17, 1 Cor 11:1-2, Titus 1:2-3, Phil 4:9, 1 Thess 5:27, 1 Tim 1:11, 2 Cor 11:1-2, Phil 3:17, 2 Tim 1:13

The word of God
2 Tim 3:16-17, John 17:17, Ps 119:160, Ps 119:89, Matt 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33, Ps 12:6-7, Rom 10:17, 2 Tim 2:15, 2 Pet 1:21, Isa 28:9-13, 1 Cor 14:33, Titus 1:2, John 10:35, 1 Cor 15:3-4, Ps 138:2, Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12, Prov 30:6, 1 Thess 2:13, 2 Tim 3:15

Important passages, prophecy
2 Cor 11:1-5, 2 Cor 11:13-15, Eph 6:10-20, 1 Tim 4:1-6, 2 Tim 3:1-5, 2 Tim 3:13, Acts 20:28-31, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Rev 3:10-11, Rev 19:10, 1 Cor 2:9, 2 Thess 2:3-12, 1 Thess 5:2-3, 2Tim 4:1-4, 2 Cor 2:17, 2 Cor 4:2, Gal 1:6-9, 1 Tim 3:16: 1 Cor 10:16-21, Rev 2:14, Rev 2:20-23, 1 John 4:2-3, 2 John 1:7, Acts 17:24,30-31, Rev 17:1-6, 2 Cor 6:14-18

Other important topics, passages, verses
Matt 11:28-30, Rom 13:8-9, Rom 12:1-2, Rom 16:17-18, 2 Cor 6:14-18, Gal 3:26, Rom 7:7-25, Rom 10:3-4, 1 Cor 14:27-28, 1 Cor 13:4-8, Titus 2:11-13, Acts 17:24,30-31, John 3:7, Eph 5:9, John 16:13-14, Matt 23:9, Matt 6:7, Eph 4:15, Eph 4:25, Rom 14:5-6, Col 2:16, 1 Thess 5:2, Luke 12:1, 1 Thess 5:21-22, 2 Tim 2:24-26, 2 Cor 7:10, 1 Thess 1:9-10, 1 John 2:22-23, 1 John 4:2-4, 2 John 1:7, 1 Cor 10:19-21, Col 2:8, 2 Tim 2:19

Two baptisms and water does not save. Water for salvation is works.
Matt 3:11, Mark 1:7-8, Luke 3:16, John 1:26,33, Acts 1:5, Acts 11:15-16, Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:17, 1 Cor 12:13, John 4:14, John 7:38-39, Acts 10:43-44, Acts 3:19, Eph 1:13

The saved are His body, the church, and are members of the church forever.
1 Cor 12:18-20, 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 12:5, Eph 5:23, Col 1:18, Eph 5:30, Col 1:24, Eph 1:22, Rom 16:3-5, 1 Cor 16:19, Col 4:15, Philemon 1:2, Matt 18:20, 1 Cor 12:27

The gospel of the kingdom (vs the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation), and a few of the things not written to us.
Luke 4:17-18, John 1:11-12, Rom 15:8, Matt 10:5-8, Matt 15:22-24, Luke 9:1-2, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Luke 18:31-34, Mark 9:31-32, Acts 1:6-11, Dan 7:13-14, John 18:20, John 3:16, Matt 23:2-3, Mark 16:18, 2 Cor 12:12, Luke 14:33, Acts 4:32-35, James 1:1, James 5:14, Matt 5:23-24, Matt 5:17-18, Matt 8:3-4

6-day creation about 6000 years ago without evolution.
Gen 1:26-27, Gen 1:5,8,13,19,23,31, Exo 20:1,11, Exo 31:17-18, Exo 32:16, Exo 34:1, Matt 19:4-5, Mark 10:6-9, Rom 1:20, Luke 1:70, Luke11:50-51

The unborn are children.
Luke 2:5, Luke 1:36,41-44, Matt 1:18,20,23, Rom 9:10-11, Gen 25:21-22, 2 Sam 11:5, Job 3:3,11, Luke 1:15, Job 10:18, Ps 139:13-15, plus many others “with child”, “conceived”, and “begat”

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16. Paul and the other apostles preached the same gospel after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. There is only one gospel of salvation. (to TOC) (back)

Some claim that the 12 apostles after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ preached a different gospel than Paul. But Paul and the apostles preached the same gospel as proved by the following scriptures.

The gospel of Christ is to the JEW FIRST and then to the Greeks, aka, the Gentiles. So, there is only one gospel after the death of Christ. And Paul when he preached after he was saved, preached the gospel of the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation to the JEWS FIRST as recorded in Acts 9. He could not have been preaching to the Jews the gospel of the kingdom as Romans 1:16 proves.

For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; **to the Jew first, and also to the Greek**. - Rom 1:16

Note that Paul says that the gospel of Christ given in verses 3 and 4 is the same as preached by him and the apostles listed in verses 5 and 7. This is declared by Paul in verse 11.

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**;
4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**
5 And that he was seen of Cephas, **then of the twelve**:
6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
7 After that, he was seen of James; **then of all the apostles**.
8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was besto…wed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
11 **Therefore whether it were I or they**, so we preach, and so ye believed.
1 Cor 15:1-11

So, 1 Cor 15:11 above says that whether it was I (Paul the author) or they, (the apostles mentioned in verses 5 and 7) so we preach, (the gospel of Christ as declared in verses 3 and 4).

From the verse below, Paul said that he now preached what he persecuted which is what the apostles preached before him. So, Paul preaches (the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation) the faith (must be the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation) which once he destroyed (which would be what the apostles were preaching which would be the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation).

But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past **now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed**. - Gal 1:23

By the way, where is the passage in scripture, where the apostles agreed to stop preaching the gospel of the kingdom which could not have saved anyone? Where did the Holy Spirit admit that that was a mistake? And where does it say that now they had to go back and correct those that has believed in the gospel of the kingdom which could never have saved after the crucifixion as proved by the passages in Hebrews 9 and 10 about the death of the testator and also confirmed by Paul in 2 Cor 3? There of course are no such passages because the Holy Spirit does not make mistakes.

15 And for this cause **he 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.
16 For **where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator**.
17 **For a testament is of force after men are dead**: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
Heb 9:15-17

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
10 By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**
Heb 10:9-10

7 But if **the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones**, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **which *glory* was to be done away**:
11 For if **that which is done away was glorious**, much more that which remaineth is glorious.
13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look **to the end of that which is abolished**: - 2 Cor 3:7, 11, 13

After the death of the testator, the crucifixion of Christ, the new covenant, the gospel of Christ, is in force and the old covenant, the law is out. That was shown when the veil of the temple was rent in 2 after the death of Christ in Mark 15:37-38.

From Rom 3:21-25, Rom 4:1-8, and other passages, we know that no one was ever or can be or will ever be justified by works, or the law, or the deeds or works of the law.

From the following verse, we know that Timothy when he was a child knew the WRITINGS that "are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". And from analysis of Acts and the letters of Paul, that was before Paul ever WROTE any letter. So that must refer to the gospel of John.

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

If Peter and the other apostles preached a different gospel than Paul after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, that would be another gospel. And therefore, Peter and the other apostles would have been accursed as it Paul writes in Galatians 1:6-9. But Peter and the other apostles were sent out by Christ, so it would have been Christ that would have had them preaching another gospel. So according to those that believe that the apostles after the resurrection preached a different gospel than Paul, Christ would be accursed. That is blasphemy against the Lord Jesus Christ. And Peter and the other apostles had the Holy Spirit, so it would have been the Holy Spirit that would have been preaching another gospel. So according to those that believe that the apostles after the resurrection preached a different gospel than Paul, the Holy Spirit would be accursed. That is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Peter preached crucifixion and resurrection and not the kingdom.

In Acts 2, Peter preached and the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 2. Peter preached the crucifixion in verse 23, and the resurrection in verses 30, 31 and 32.

In Acts 3, Peter preached and the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 3. Peter preached the crucifixion in verses 14 and 15, and the resurrection in verse 26.

In Acts 4, Peter preached and the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 4. Peter preached the crucifixion in verse 10, and the resurrection is also in verse 10.

In Acts 5, Peter preached and the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 5. Peter preached the crucifixion in verse 30, and the resurrection is also in verse 30.

In Acts 10, Peter preached and the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 10. Peter preached the gospel of Christ to Cornelius and those with him, who are all Gentiles. In verse 36, Peter says Christ "is Lord of all". So that means Christ is God. The crucifixion is in verse 39. The resurrection is in verse 40. Note in verse 42 how Peter clearly says that Jesus Christ commanded the 12 apostles to preach the gospel of

Christ. And salvation by just believing the gospel, without works, is clearly stated in verse 43. Cornelius, and those with him, believe that, receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues as soon as they heard that because they believed the gospel of Christ. Tongues were a sign so that the Jews would know that the Gentiles can believe the gospel of Christ and be saved, since the Jews require a sign (1 Cor 1:22).

In Acts 11, Peter recounts what happened with Cornelius. There is no mention of the kingdom in Acts 11. And the apostles now know that the Gentiles can be saved by believing the gospel of Christ.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life**. - Acts 11:15-18

If Peter and the apostles were preaching another gospel after the crucifixion and resurrection than Paul, then Peter and the apostles would have been accursed as per Gal 1:6-9. But since they were sent by Christ and had the Holy Spirit, then according to those that believe that the apostles after the resurrection preached a different gospel than Paul, Christ and the Holy Spirit would have been accursed.

Everyone that has ever been saved or will be saved has been saved by grace through faith in the gospel of Christ and His shed blood as the only payment for sins, without any works of any kind. See Romans 3:19-4:8, and many other passages. No one has ever or will ever be saved by any works of any kind. That is a damnable heresy which blasphemes the shed blood of Christ.

See John 1:12, John 3:14-15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 3:36, John 6:47, John 11:25-26, John 20:31, Luke 24:44-47, Acts 16:30-31, Rom 1:16, Rom 3:22-25, Eph 1:13, Acts 3:19, Rom 4:3, Rom 9:33, Rom 10:12, Gal 3:6, Isa 45:22, 1 John 1:7, Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, Rom 5:9, Eph 2:13, Col 1:20, Heb 9:22, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Matt 26:28, Rev 1:5, Rev 5:9, Heb 10:12. Gen 22:8, Rom 1:17, Rom 1:5, Rom 1:8, Rom 1:12, Rom 3:27, Rom 3:28, Rom 3:30, Rom 4:3, Rom 4:5, Rom 4:9, Rom 4:11, Rom 4:12, Rom 4:13, Rom 4:14, Rom 4:16, Rom 4:17, Rom 4:18, Rom 4:19, Rom 4:20, Rom 4:21, Rom 4:22, Rom 4:24, Rom 5:2, Rom 5:10-11, Rom 5:15-21, Rom 8:1-2, Rom 9:30-33, Rom 10:6-17, Rom 14:1, Rom 16:26, 1 Cor 2:2, 1 Cor 15:11, 2 Cor 4:3-4, 2 Cor 4:5, 2 Cor 5:7, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Gal 1:4, Gal 2:16, Gal 2:20, Gal 3:2, Gal 3:5, Gal 3:6-9, Gal 3:11, Gal 3:14, Gal 3:22, Gal 3:24, Gal 5:5-6, Eph 1:19, Eph 3:17-19, Phil 3:9, Col 2:5-7, Col 2:20, 1 Thess 1:9, 1 Thess 2:13, 1 Thess 4:14, 2 Thess 1:10, 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Tim 3:16, 1 Tim 4:10, 2 Tim 1:9-10, 2 Tim 2:10, 2 Tim 3:15, Titus 2:11-14, Titus 3:5-7, Phile 1:5-6, Heb 4:2-3, Heb 10:10, Heb 10:14, James 2:23, 1 Pet 1:3-5, 1 Pet 1:9, 1 Pet 1:23, 1 Pet 2:6, 1 Pet 2:24, 1 Pet 3:18, 2 Pet 1:1, 1 John 2:2, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, 1 John 4:14-15, 1 John 5:5, 1 John 5:20, Jude 1:3, Rev 22:17, John 5:24-25, John

6:29, John 6:35, John 6:44, John 6:68, John 20:29, Acts 5:12, Acts 11:14-15, Acts 11:17, Acts 13:38-39, Gen 15:6

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17. No one in any dispensation was ever saved or will be saved by any works or merit of any kind. And that includes water baptism for salvation which is a double damnable heresy of works with another mediator besides the only mediator which is Christ. And once saved by the Lord Jesus Christ always saved is true in all dispensations as losing salvation would be works for salvation. (to TOC) (back)

All who have ever been saved, can be saved, or will be saved are saved by grace through faith alone in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as the complete, finished and only payment for all sins. Before the cross, it was based on the promise of Christ atoning sacrifice given in Gen 3:15. And after the crucifixion and resurrection in the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting in Rom 1:15-16.

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; 4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**: - 1 Cor 15:1-4

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:15-16

This is proved by what Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, wrote in Romans 3:19-4:8.

In the following passage, Paul writes that for anyone to be saved, whether Jew or Gentile, is saved after the crucifixion of Christ by faith in the shed blood of Christ. Technically it also includes anyone who died before the crucifixion of Christ. And no one will be saved by any works of any kind. In fact, anyone who tries to be saved by any works of any kind are excluded from salvation as per verse 27.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
27 **WHERE IS BOASTING THEN? IT IS EXCLUDED. BY WHAT LAW? OF WORKS? NAY: BUT BY THE LAW OF FAITH**.
28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
30 **SEEING IT IS ONE GOD, WHICH SHALL JUSTIFY THE CIRCUMCISION BY FAITH, AND UNCIRCUMCISION THROUGH FAITH**.
31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.
Rom 3:19-31

In the following passages, Paul writes about two of the most important people in the Old Testament. Those two are Abraham, who was not under the law, and David, who was under the law. That covers all possibilities until the crucifixion of Christ. And neither were saved by any works of any kind. Technically it also includes anyone after the crucifixion of Christ. In fact, anyone who tries to be saved by any works of any kind was and will be excluded from salvation as per verse 5.

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
2 For **IF ABRAHAM WERE JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, HE HATH WHEREOF TO GLORY; BUT NOT BEFORE GOD.**
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
5 But to **HIM THAT WORKETH NOT**, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, **HIS FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.
6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto **WHOM GOD IMPUTETH RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT WORKS,**
7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Rom 4:1-8

See John 1:12, John 3:14-15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 3:36, John 6:47, John 11:25-26, John 20:31, Luke 24:44-47, Acts 16:30-31, Rom 1:16, Rom 3:22-25, Eph 1:13, Acts 3:19, Rom 4:3, Rom 9:33, Rom 10:12, Gal 3:6, Isa 45:22, 1 John 1:7, Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, Rom 5:9, Eph 2:13, Col 1:20, Heb 9:22, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Matt 26:28, Rev 1:5, Rev 5:9, Heb 10:12. Gen 22:8, Rom 1:17, Rom 1:5, Rom 1:8, Rom 1:12, Rom 3:27, Rom 3:28, Rom 3:30, Rom 4:3, Rom 4:5, Rom 4:9, Rom 4:11, Rom 4:12, Rom 4:13, Rom 4:14, Rom 4:16, Rom 4:17, Rom 4:18, Rom 4:19, Rom 4:20, Rom 4:21, Rom 4:22, Rom 4:24, Rom 5:2, Rom 5:10-11, Rom 5:15-21, Rom 8:1-2, Rom 9:30-33, Rom 10:6-17, Rom 14:1, Rom 16:26, 1 Cor 2:2, 1 Cor 15:11, 2 Cor 4:3-4, 2 Cor 4:5, 2 Cor 5:7, 2

Cor 5:17-21, Gal 1:4, Gal 2:16, Gal 2:20, Gal 3:2, Gal 3:5, Gal 3:6-9, Gal 3:11, Gal 3:14, Gal 3:22, Gal 3:24, Gal 5:5-6, Eph 1:19, Eph 3:17-19, Phil 3:9, Col 2:5-7, Col 2:20, 1 Thess 1:9, 1 Thess 2:13, 1 Thess 4:14, 2 Thess 1:10, 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Tim 3:16, 1 Tim 4:10, 2 Tim 1:9-10, 2 Tim 2:10, 2 Tim 3:15, Titus 2:11-14, Titus 3:5-7, Phile 1:5-6, Heb 4:2-3, Heb 10:10, Heb 10:14, James 2:23, 1 Pet 1:3-5, 1 Pet 1:9, 1 Pet 1:23, 1 Pet 2:6, 1 Pet 2:24, 1 Pet 3:18, 2 Pet 1:1, 1 John 2:2, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, 1 John 4:14-15, 1 John 5:5, 1 John 5:20, Jude 1:3, Rev 22:17, John 5:24-25, John 6:29, John 6:35, John 6:44, John 6:68, John 20:29, Acts 5:12, Acts 11:14-15, Acts 11:17, Acts 13:38-39, Gen 15:6

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18. The gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke are mostly written to the children of Israel. The gospel account of John is written to the world. (to TOC) (back)

The gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke are primarily written to the children of Israel. But there are some who claim that the gospel of John is written to Jews only, and that nothing in the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke is written to the Gentiles. An analysis shows the gospel of John is written to the world. Christ said He spoke "**openly to the world**" in John 18:20. So it is the Lord Jesus Christ who refutes this falsehood that the gospel of John is written to Jews only. And Christ said, "God so **loved the world**" in John 3:16. Also note how the word, "world", is mentioned about twice the number of times in John than the other 3 gospels combined. Here are some verses from the gospel of John. In not one of these 15 verses does the word "world" mean the Jews only.

Jesus answered him, **I spake openly to the world**; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. - John 18:20

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, **which taketh away the sin of the world**. - John 1:29

For God so loved **the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through him might be saved**. - John 3:17

And this is the condemnation, **that light is come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. - John 3:19

And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, **the Saviour of the world**. - John 4:42

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, **and giveth life unto the world.** - John 6:33

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, **which I will give for the life of the world.** - John 6:51

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. - John 8:12

I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; **and I speak to the world** those things which I have heard of him. - John 8:26

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. - John 9:5

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. - John 11:9

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. - John 12:46

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, **but to save the world**. - John 12:47

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. - John 14:31

Note how John is somewhat different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Matthew, Mark and Luke are sometimes referred to as the Synoptics, which means they are very similar. They are written primarily to the Jews because by the testimony of two or three witnesses shall every word be established (see Matt 18:16, Deut 19:15, 2 Cor 13:1, etc.). John is not a Synoptic because it is somewhat different in a number of ways. Note it says “the Jew’s passover” in John 2:13 and John 11:55 or “the passover, a feast of the Jews” in John 6:4. There is no reason to explain that it is the Jews passover if it were written to the Jews only. But in Matthew, Mark, and Luke it just says passover. The same is true for a few mentions of other holy days. Why? Because the gospel of John is not written to the Jews only. Note how John mentions Jews many times but not so much for Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John mentions Jews 4x the number of the combined times in the Synoptics. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are primarily written to the Jews and John is written to the world. The following verses also prove this. It starts with the Jews only but when most of them rejected Christ is goes to the whole world. And this is early in the very first chapter.

As John wrote, “He came unto his own and his own received Him not, **but** to as many that received him…” in John 1:11-12.

A similar thing is revealed by John the Baptist in the first chapter. The word “but” negates the law in Moses, written to the Jews only, and switches to the world.

John the Baptist said in John 1:17, “the law was given by Moses **but** grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”.

Now parts of the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke are also written to the world. Obviously, the parts that are about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ are written to the world. But there are other parts of these that are also written to the world. Anything that is a fact of course is written to the world. And any doctrine would also be written to the world, but some commands are not. For example, in the following passage Christ is speaking to just Jews. The saved in this age of grace are not under the law given by God through Moses. And no Gentile ever was. And the saved in this age of grace should not be doing whatsoever the Pharisees command.

2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. – Matthew 23:2-3

In the following passage Christ is speaking to Jews only.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; - Matthew 5:23

Here is a passage written to the all the saved in this age of grace. A similar passage exists in Mark and Luke. This is to commemorate of the crucifixion of Christ. It does not save nor is it required for salvation.

26 And as they were eating, Jesus **took bread, and blessed it, and brake it**, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And **he took the cup, and gave thanks**, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For **this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**. – Matthew 26:26-28

Paul is writing to the saved in this age of grace in the following passage. That passage shows that is a commemoration of the crucifixion of Christ.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also **I delivered unto you**, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed **took bread**: 24 when **he had given thanks, he brake it**, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood**: **this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me**. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. – 1 Cor 11:23-26

This type of right division can be applied to the entire Old Testament. If it is a fact, then it is also a fact for the saved in this age of grace. And if it is a doctrine then it is still a doctrine. But if it is a commandment, then it is not a commandment to the saved in this age of grace. For example, there are over 600 commandments which are given to the children of Israel in Old Testament. Those commandments are not commandments for the saved in this age of grace.

So, what about the 10 commandments? Almost all of the 10 commandments are given to the saved in this age of grace in various scripture in the New Testament. Here are some examples.

8 Owe no man any thing, but **to love one another**: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, **Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet**; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: **therefore love is the fulfilling of the law**. – Romans 13:8-10

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 **Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise**; 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. - Ephesians 6:1-3

Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry**. – 1 Cor 10:14

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. 5 **For though there be that are called gods**, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 6 **But to us there is but one God,** the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; **and one Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by him. – 1 Cor 8:4-6

In fact, James says that the law is taken as a whole. There is no picking and choosing parts of it.

For **whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all**. – James 2:10.

Paul says that the saved in this age of grace are not under the law but under grace.

… for **ye are not under the law, but under grace**. – Romans 6:14

Paul warns that putting yourself under the law is to be fallen from grace.

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. – Galatians 5:4

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19. The law, the OT and the 10 commandments have been abolished. (to TOC) (back)

The Old Testament is no longer in force. And the New Testament is in force. This occurred at the death of the testator, which is when Jesus Christ was crucified and died. This is proved by Hebrews 8:6-13, 9:14-18, 22-28, and 10:1-12, 14-20.

Of course, the law never saved anyone since no one actually kept the law perfectly except for the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 3:23 says "ALL have sinned". Paul refers to the 10 commandments as "THE MINISTRATION OF DEATH" in verse 7 below. It must be the 10 commandments because they were the only thing "WRITTEN AND ENGRAVEN IN STONES". And it says the 10 commandments "WAS TO BE DONE AWAY" in verse 7. In verse 13, it refers to the 10 commandments as "THAT WHICH IS ABOLISHED". It must be the 10 because that is what Moses had received in Exodus 34:29 when "MOSES, WHICH PUT A VAIL OVER HIS FACE" as also in verse 13.

7 But if **THE MINISTRATION OF DEATH, WRITTEN AND ENGRAVEN IN STONES**, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **WHICH GLORY WAS TO BE DONE AWAY**: 11 **For if THAT WHICH IS DONE AWAY WAS GLORIOUS,** much more that which remaineth is glorious. 13 And not as MOSES, WHICH PUT A VAIL OVER HIS FACE, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of **THAT WHICH IS ABOLISHED**: - 2 Cor 3:7, 11, 13

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator OF A BETTER COVENANT,** which was established upon better promises. 7 For IF THAT FIRST COVENANT HAD BEEN FAULTLESS, THEN SHOULD NO PLACE HAVE BEEN SOUGHT FOR THE SECOND. 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; BECAUSE THEY CONTINUED NOT IN MY COVENANT, AND I REGARDED THEM NOT, saith the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 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. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, **A NEW COVENANT, HE HATH MADE THE FIRST OLD**. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. - Hebrews 8:6-13

14 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? 15 And for this cause **he 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. 16 **For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator**. 17 **For a testament *is* of force after men are dead**: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. 18 Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. - Hebrews 9:14-18, 22-28

1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. 4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second**. 10 **By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all***. 11 **And every priest** standeth daily ministering and **offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins**: 12 But this man, **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**. 15 *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; - Heb 10:1-12, 14-20

For **this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** - Matt 26:28

And he said unto them, **This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many**. - Mark 14:24

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you**. - Luke 22:20

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood**: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. - 1 Cor 11:25

Who also hath made us able **ministers of the new testament**; **not of the letter**, but of the spirit: **for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life**. - 2 Cor 3:6

In fact, there is no law that could have been given that could have brought righteousness. Adam and Eve who walked in the garden of Eden with God, had only one commandment to not eat of the tree which they had no need to do so. Yet they both broke it. In fact, if God gave just one commandment to not say a particular word, Satan would have everyone singing a song with that word multiple times in the chorus and every verse in the song.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. - Gal 3:21-22

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20. Analysis from Acts proves that Peter and the other apostles were preaching the gospel of Christ and not the gospel of the kingdom. (to TOC) (back)

Now there are some who claim the 12 apostles were preaching about the kingdom and not the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ after the resurrection and specifically Peter on Pentecost in Acts 2. That claim is false as an analysis of Acts shows. Here is Peter preaching in Acts 2. First note the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 2. The crucifixion is preached in verse 23, and the resurrection in verses 30, 31 and 32.

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: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, **and by wicked hands have crucified and slain**: 24 **Whom God hath raised up,** having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak

unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 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; 31 He seeing this before **spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 **This Jesus hath God raised up**, whereof we all are witnesses. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. - Acts 2:22-25, 27-32, 36

Here is Peter preaching in Acts 3. First note the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 3. The crucifixion is preached in verses 14 and 15, and the resurrection in verse 26.

13 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. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 **And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses**. 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. 26 Unto you first God**, having raised up his Son Jesus**, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. - Acts 3:13-18, 26

Here is Peter preaching in Acts 4. First note the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 4. The crucifixion is preached in verse 10, and the resurrection is also in verse 10.

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead**, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - Acts 4:10-12

Here is Peter preaching in Acts 5. First note the word “kingdom” does not exist at all in Acts 5. The crucifixion is preached in verse 30, and the resurrection is also in verse 30.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. **30** The God of our fathers **raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree**. **31** 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**. **32** 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 5:29-32

Here is Peter preaching the gospel of Christ to Cornelius and those with him, who are all Gentiles. There is no mention of the kingdom in Acts 10. In verse 36, Peter says Christ "is Lord of all". So that means Christ is God. The crucifixion is in verse 39. The resurrection is in verse 40. Note in verse 42 how Peter clearly says that Jesus Christ commanded the 12 apostles to preach the gospel of Christ. And that salvation is just by believing the gospel of Christ, without works, is clearly stated in verse 43. Cornelius, and those with him, believe that, receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues as soon as they heard that because they believed the gospel of Christ. Tongues were a sign so that the Jews would know that the Gentiles can believe the gospel of Christ and be saved, since the Jews require a sign (1 Cor 1:22).

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by **Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)** 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree**: 40 **Him God raised up the third day,** and shewed him openly; 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. 43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name **whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins**. - Acts 10:36-43

In Acts 11, Peter recounts what happened with Cornelius. There is no mention of the kingdom in Acts 11. And the apostles now know that the Gentiles can be saved by believing the gospel of Christ.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life**. - Acts 11:15-18

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21. No one was saved, is saved or will be saved by any works of any kind in any dispensation. (to TOC) (back)

In Romans 4:1-8, Paul shows that neither Abraham nor David were saved by works. Abraham was not under the law which was given over 400 years later (see Galatians 3:16-17). David was under the law. So, between these two that covers all possibilities. So, no one before the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ was saved by works. Note

also that verses 4 and 5 prove no one ever will be saved by works as working for salvation means their faith does not count.

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
2 For **if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God**.
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
4 **Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt**.
5 **But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.**
6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, **unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,**
7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.
Romans 4:1-8

The following passage proves that no one is saved by works after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. And that includes Jews and Gentiles.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference**:
23 **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
24 **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**:
25 **Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.
31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 3:19-31

Anyone who believes or preaches that anyone was ever saved or can be saved or will be saved by works has blasphemed the shed blood of Christ. They are not saved and are under damnation.

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22. And analysis of Mark 16:15 and Luke 24:44-47 proves after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, that Christ sent the apostles out to preach the gospel of Christ and not the gospel of the kingdom. (to TOC) (back)

Before the crucifixion and resurrection, Christ and the apostles preached the gospel of the kingdom to Jews only.

Which “gospel” was Christ referring to when He said the following and who does “every creature” refer to? If anyone says that it is the gospel of the kingdom, then the gospel of the kingdom was commanded to be preached to ALL GENTILES since EVERY CREATURE includes ALL GENTILES. But if it is the gospel of salvation, that is the gospel of Christ, then Christ commanded that the gospel of Christ be preached to ALL JEWS AND ALL GENTILES since EVERY CREATURE includes ALL JEWS AND ALL GENTILES. And it is the gospel of Christ which is the gospel of salvation (1 Cor 15:3-4 and Romans 1:15-16).

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach **THE GOSPEL** to **EVERY CREATURE**. 16 He that **believeth** and is baptized **shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. - Mark 16:15-16

Please note that the gospel of Christ, that is the gospel of salvation, was to the Jews first and also to the Gentiles. It is the only gospel to both.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; **to the Jew first, and also to the Greek**. - Rom 1:15-16

The gospel of Christ, the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection of Christ, is spoken by Jesus Christ in verse 46 in the following passage. That is what Jesus was speaking about at times to the apostles before His death, but they did not understand what He was saying. That is what Jesus is referring to in verse 44. And note that Christ opened their undersatnding so that the apostles now know the gospel of Christ. And since Christ opened their understanding to the scriptures which according to Paul (see Rom 1:1-4) were about the gospel of God, that is the gospel of Christ, that means they knew the gospel of Christ as the gospel of salvation as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4. And in verse 47 it is to “all nations”, which includes all Gentiles. So, Christ commanded the apostles to preach the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 to all people, Jews and Gentiles.

Note how the word baptized is missing. That too proves that Mark 16:16 is not referring to water baptism. This matches the same thing when baptized is used in Acts 2:38 but is not mentioned in Acts 3:19.

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures**, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus **it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:** 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name **among all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. - Luke 24:44-47

Paul wrote that the gospel of God which is the gospel of Christ was already revealed in the Old Testament. It was first promised in Genesis 3:15. It is also what Isaiah 53 is all about. And that matches what Christ said in Luke 24:44-45 above.

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated unto the gospel of God**, 2 (**Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures**,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: - Romans 1:1-4

Paul wrote that Timothy AS A CHILD knew the SCRIPTURES that are able to make one wise to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul had not yet written any letters when Timothy was a child. So, Paul's letters cannot be those SCRIPTURES. And those SCRIPTURES must have included something from the New Testament. In fact, those SCRIPTURES must have at least included the gospel of John, which is easily proved to be written to the world.

And that **from a CHILD thou hast known the holy SCRIPTURES, which are able to make thee wise unto SALVATION THROUGH FAITH which is IN CHRIST JESUS**. - 2 Tim 3:15

Paul and the apostles preached the same gospel.

The gospel of Christ is to the JEW FIRST and then to the Greeks, aka, the Gentiles. So, there is only one gospel after the death of Christ. And Paul when preached after he was saved, preached the gospel of the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation to the JEWS FIRST as recorded in Acts 9. He could not have been preaching to the Jews the gospel of the kingdom as Romans 1:16 proves.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:16

Note that Paul says that the gospel of Christ given in verses 3 and 4 is the same as preached by him and the apostles listed in verses 5 through 8. This is declared by Paul in verse 11.

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you,** which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**;
4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**:
5 And that he was seen of Cephas, **then of the twelve**:
6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
7 After that, he was seen of James; **then of all the apostles**.
8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was besto…wed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
11 **Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach**, and so ye believed.
1 Cor 15:1-11

So, 1 Cor 15:11 above says that whether it was I (Paul the author) or they, (the apostles mentioned in verse 5 and 7) so we preach, (the gospel of Christ as declared in verses 3 and 4).

From the verse below, Paul said that he now preached what he persecuted which is what the apostles preached before him. So, Paul preached (the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation) the faith (must be the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation) which once he destroyed (which would be what the apostles were preaching which would be the crucifixion and 3rd day resurrection for salvation).

But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past **now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed**. - Gal 1:23

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23. Abraham was justified by faith not by any works of any kind. And the same is true for anyone who is saved or will be saved. (to TOC) (back)

Paul and James wrote about the justification of THE VERY SAME PERSON, ABRAHAM. Thus, they are also addressing the VERY SAME DISPENSATION. Yet Paul wrote that Abraham was not justified by works in Romans 4:1-5, and James wrote that Abraham was justified by works in James 2:21. Since it is THE VERY SAME

PERSON, ABRAHAM, which would be the VERY SAME DISPENSATION, it is a dishonest to just use different dispensations to solve this apparent contradiction since it is THE VERY SAME PERSON, ABRAHAM, which is the VERY SAME DISPENSATION.

But there is no contradiction at all. Paul is writing about justification before God and James is writing about justification before men, not before God. The context of James 2 is James 2:18. See Isa 28:9-10 for how to handle scripture which includes the context of the verse or passage.

Paul writes that Abraham was not justified by works.

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
2 For **IF ABRAHAM WERE JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, HE HATH WHEREOF TO GLORY; BUT NOT BEFORE GOD.**
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
5 But to **HIM THAT WORKETH NOT**, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, **HIS FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.
Romans 4:1-5

James wrote that Abraham was justified by works.

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? - James 2:21

The key to understanding that there is no contradiction is that James is referring to justification before men and not before God. The following verse is the context of what James wrote in James 2. See Isa 28:9-10 on how to use context and the importance of analyzing scripture line by line.

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. - James 2:18

And James is only writing to the 12 tribes, aka Jews, and not to the saved Gentiles.

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. - James 1:1

Anyone who is saved knows the gospel of Christ. And anyone who is saved knows that no one was saved by any works of any kind in any dispensation. That is a damnable heresy that blasphemes the shed blood of Christ. In Romans 3:19-4:8, Paul proves that no one in any dispensation was saved by works of any kind. Romans is the definitive preaching of the gospel of Christ.

So, what is the reason for a seeming contradiction when the word of God should be crystal clear? First, the word of God is crystal clear about doctrine, especially about salvation. Salvation is always by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood as the complete, finished and only payment for all sins. There are many passages that prove that. However, the following passage gives a reason why there are sometimes seeming gnats to strain at (Matt 23:24).

10 For **he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works**, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief 12 **For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. – Hebrews 4:10-12

The above passage declares that the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword and its purpose is as a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." But the lead-in to that passage, its context, is that to be saved a person must cease from their works. So, the sharper than any two-edged sword is ferret out works for salvation.

The following passage is a key to understanding the word of God. Verse 10 in the following passage shows how to understand the word of God. A precept is an absolute clear doctrine from scripture. So, all precepts in the word God are absolutely true. And then "precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept". That the Lord Jesus Christ is God Almighty, the Creator of all things, are fundamental precepts. That salvation is by grace through faith in the gospel of Christ is a precept. "Line upon line, line upon line" means that context must be considered else someone will have you straining at a gnat. Context could be just a verse or the verse that contains a phrase in a verse. However, it may include additional lines both before or after or both. It may extend to a single chapter. The originals are not divided into chapters. However, those who divided the text into chapters did not make arbitrary divisions but divided the chapters as dealing with one or more topics. The context could be just the book that it is contained. And the context may also include which testament that the book is in. For example, passages from the OT, which have to do with the law given to the children of Israel, are out of context when given to the saved Gentiles who are not under the law but under grace. So sometimes the context includes a whole book. Also note in verse 10 it says, "here a little, and there a little". So, the determination of precepts is sometimes scattered in other parts of the word of God. Now look at verse 13 as it has almost the exact same way to understand the word of God. But note it says, "unto them". This refers to false denominations and groups who have false precepts.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little**: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13 **But the word of the LORD was**

unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. – Isa 28:9-13

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24. The death of the testator, that is the crucifixion of Christ, is what makes the gospel of Christ (Rom 1:16 and 1 Cor 15:1-4), the new covenant, in force. (to TOC) (back)

Paul wrote Hebrews and we are to consider what he says.

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. – 2 Cor 2:7

The following 2 passage shows when things changed from the Old Testament to the New Testament. They also show when things changed from the gospel of the kingdom and the law to the Jews, to the gospel of Christ which is the gospel of salvation to both Jews and Gentiles.

15 And for this cause **he 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. 16 **For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator**. 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. - Heb 9:15-17

7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second**. – Heb 10:7-9

Now the death of the testator of course is the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and this the event that changes everything. Consider that immediately after Christ dies, the veil of the temple is rent. God literally tore up the old covenant, the Old Testament, and now the New Testament, the new covenant is in force. By the way the graves were opened because it the OT, God said He would “open your graves” and that “ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves” in Ezek 37:12-13. This proved Christ is the LORD. They came out after the resurrection because Christ is “the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence” (see Col 1:18).

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the ghost**. 51 And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom**; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. - Matt 27:50-53

Consider that before the crucifixion, Christ and the apostles preached the gospel of the kingdom. And Christ instructed them only to go to the children of Israel and not the Gentiles of the Samaritans.

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: **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as ye go, **preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand**. - Matt 10:5-7

Now compare that with what Christ instructed them after the resurrection. “Every creature” includes all Gentiles. And since that includes all Gentiles, the gospel is not the gospel of the kingdom since that is to the Jews only. So, it must be the gospel of Christ to both Jews and Gentiles. So, before the crucifixion, the apostles were to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the Jews only and not the Gentiles. After the crucifixion, the apostles were to preach the gospel of Christ, which is the gospel of salvation, to all Jews and all Gentiles. And what changed things? The death of the testator, the crucifixion of Christ, which changes everything.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, **and preach the gospel to every creature**. – Mark 16:15

A similar passage is in Acts. Note what Christ says in this passage. Thus, they would eventually go to Samaria (Acts 8) and to the uttermost parts of the earth which would include all Gentiles.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, **and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth**. – Acts 1:8

A similar passage is in Luke. The phrase “all nations” in verse 47 means the Gentiles. And they were preaching the crucifixion, and third day resurrection as instructed in verse 46. Again, this is not the gospel of the kingdom because it included all Gentiles.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **47** And that repentance and remission of sins **should be preached in his name among all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. – Luke 24:45-47

The concept of a testament coming into force after the death of the testator is not just Biblical but well known to many. Many have a last will and testament and it only comes into force after the death of the testator. Now the testator, Jesus Christ, spoke about His crucifixion and third day resurrection a few times before the crucifixion, and this is recounted in the 4 gospel accounts. Christ even connected belief in that to salvation through faith alone to Jews and Gentiles in the gospel according to John. But the apostles did not understand what Christ was saying because it was hidden from them.

Yet after the resurrection, Christ opens their understanding about that, even from the OT passages about it. That is shown in the passage above and the passage below with the 2 men Christ met on the road to Emmaus. What is the difference? The death of the testator.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: **26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **27** **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself**. **32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? – Luke 24:25-27

Not convinced? Well, consider the following passage. Note is that this is the actual preaching of the gospel of Christ and it is to both Jews and Gentiles.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the **Jew first**, and also to the Greek. – Rom 1:15-16

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25. In Acts 15 all agreed that there is no difference between the Jews and the Gentiles and how they are saved. (to TOC) (back)

There are some who try to manufacture as many differences as possible between the apostles and saved Jews, and Paul and the saved Gentiles. In verse 9 in the following passage, Peter said there is "**NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM**".

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
9 And **PUT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM**, purifying their hearts by faith.
10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ **WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY.**
Acts 15:7-11

Not only that, but some claim that the apostles and the Jews, and Paul and the Gentiles are saved differently. They claim the Jews are saved by the prophecy program for Israel and the Gentiles through Paul's mystery program. These are made up phrases not found in scripture. But in verse 11 in the passage above, Peter said, "**WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY**".

In Acts 15, Paul, Peter, James the Lord's brother, the other apostles, and Barnabas were there. All had the Holy Spirit. And this passage is given by inspiration of God. No one objected to what Peter said in verses 7-11. So, it is undeniable doctrine. And that doctrine is that there is **NO DIFFERENCE** between the apostles and saved Jews, and Paul and saved Gentiles. And that they are saved the same way as it says, "**WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY**".

Acts 15:9 "**PUT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US (the apostles and saved Jews) AND THEM (Paul and the saved Gentiles)**

Acts 15:11 "**WE (the apostles and saved Jews) SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY (Paul and the saved Gentiles)"**

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26. An analysis of John 3:16, the rest of the gospel of John, and parts of Matthew, Mark and Luke prove that they all preach the same gospel of salvation which is the gospel of Christ. (to TOC) (back)

There are some who claim that those that believe John 3:16 are going to the lake of fire, or that no one can be saved by John 3:16. They also claim that quoting from the gospel according to John is mixing law and grace, and thus imply that anyone who quotes from the gospel according to John are accursed. This includes John 3:16, John 3:14-15, John 3:18, John 6:47 and John 11:25-26. But those passages are clearly that salvation is through faith alone in Christ, with no mention of any works of any kind and there is nothing about the law at all. Some also claim that the 4 gospel accounts do not preach the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting at Rom 1:15-16.

However the following are true statements about the 4 gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

All 4 gospels say that Christ was crucified.

All 4 gospels say that Christ died on the cross.

All 4 gospels say that Christ was buried.

All 4 gospels say that Christ rose from the dead the 3rd day.

In Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus said that He would shed his blood for the remission of sins.

In John, there are several passages where Jesus said that salvation is just by faith in Him, guaranteed forever. See John 3:14-15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 6:47 and John

11:25-26. Also, not that there are no works of any kind listed in any of these, nor anything about the law.

John 1:1-12 is the Christology of Jesus. It is needed since it is “Christ … according to the scriptures” in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and Paul warns about another Jesus being preached in 2 Cor 11:1-4. John 1:1-12 reveals that Christ is the Son of God, that He is God, that He is the Creator of all things, that He is the Word that became flesh.

In John 3:16, Christ said that God GAVE His only begotten Son. Gave for what reason? To be sacrificed for all sins.

In John 1, John the Baptist said behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

In John 1, John the Baptist said the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. So, the law is out and salvation is by grace.

The 4 gospels reveal that Christ is without sin and that He rose from the dead bodily.

Also, in the gospel of John, Christ said He spoke openly to the world and not to Jews only. In fact, an analysis of the gospel of John shows it is written to the world, while the other 3 are mostly written to the Jews. And in the gospel of John, Jesus testifies to the New Testament which comes into force after the death of the testator who is Jesus Christ.

And each of the 4 gospels accounts show that there are 2 baptisms, water which cannot save and baptized with the Holy Spirit which occurs at the moment of salvation.

From the following verse, we know that Timothy when he was a child knew the WRITINGS that "are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". And from analysis of Acts and the letters of Paul, that was before Paul ever WROTE any letter. So that must include the gospel of John.

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

They same people claim that the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 is not found in the 4 gospel accounts. The above proved it is. Now look at 1 Cor 15:3-4. Here is the passage.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **according to the scriptures**; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **according to the scriptures**: - 1 Cor 15:3-4

There is no mention of the blood of Christ in that passage. There is no mention of Christ being crucified. It just says He died. Could be that He died of natural causes when He

was old. It does not mention who Christ is. That is there is no Christology. It does not say that Christ is the Son of God, that He is God, that He is the Word that became flesh, that He is the Creator of all things, that He rose from the dead bodily, and that He is without sin.

Note how 1 Cor 15:3-4 has “according to the scriptures” 2x. That means that there are things that are found in other parts of the scriptures. So, it by itself is not sufficient.

And the 4 gospels accounts are exactly “how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” as per 1 Cor 15:3-4.

Now since Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles (Romans 11:13) in this age of grace, it is important that everyone to quote 1 Cor 15:3-4 for the declaration of the gospel of Christ. And in preaching the gospel of Christ to add additional verses to preach the gospel from other passages in Paul’s letters or from the gospel according to John or other parts of the Bible. The goal is to use enough passages to be comprehensive but never add any works of any kind to the gospel of Christ. Now Romans is the official preaching of the gospel of Christ starting at Romans 1:15-16. So, it is important to read and study that book as much as possible. And it is a good model for the preaching of the gospel of Christ. But few would ever listen to all of Romans if you preached the gospel of Christ to an unsaved person.

I have modeled a preaching of the gospel of Christ in post 1 of this book. This is written for a general audience. Many times, when preaching the gospel of Christ, it is good to know how much that person knows and what stumbling blocks they may have. That way you can streamline the preaching and address any stumbling blocks they may have. However, Satan is a great deceiver and many who have heard the word of God may not understand things (2 Cor 4:3-4). One example is “works for salvation”. If you preach “by faith alone”, they may not understand that it is “not of works”, nor what those works even are. And if you preach “not of works”, they may not know what works are. For example, many do not understand that believing that water baptism saves or is required for salvation is works that must be repented of before they can be saved. It says “repentance from dead works” in Hebrews 6:1, “not of works” in Eph 2:8-9, and “But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” in Romans 4:5. Many also do not know that sacraments for salvation are works for salvation. The word “sacrament” does not appear in the word of God. So, it must a deception to hide “works for salvation”. Many do not understand that believing you can lose salvation is “works for salvation”. Also, many people believe that you must be a good person to be saved. But Romans 5:6 says, “Christ died for the ungodly”. Many believe that a person must stop sinning to be saved. But Romans 5:8 says, “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”. There are some who deny the full deity of Christ. And they may say phrases that sound like that is not the case. There are some who do not understand the imputed righteousness of Christ (Romans 10:3) or that it is a propitiation through faith in His blood as the payment for all their sins (Romans 3:25). There are some that do not understand what a sin is. Romans 1:24-32 and Romans

3:10-19 are good passages for that. Even the word “grace” is not enough. Many preach that the grace for salvation come through sacraments.

The level of deception in the last days (see 2 Tim 3:1), which is our time before the pretribulation rapture of the saved, will wax worse and worse. So, the above warnings become even more important.

But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived**. - 2 Tim 3:13

Many time you can get an idea what deceptions a person might believe by noting what denomination they are in. This is part of the commandment to mark and avoid according to doctrine as commanded to all the saved in Romans 16:17-19. However, in the last decade or so, many are removing denominational names, but they still have at least one of the deceptions listed above, or possible others. This is part of the joining together of false Christianity that will result in the great harlot of Revelation 17.

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27. An analysis of Romans 3:19-4:8 proves that no one was saved, can be saved or ever will be saved by any works of any kind in any dispensation. And the includes water baptism of any kind. A person must repent of works for salvation to be saved. (to TOC) (back)

Everyone who has ever been saved or will be saved is saved forever by grace through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as the complete, finished and only payment for all their sins and without any works of any kind. Before the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, it was based on the promise of the gospel of Christ as given in Genesis 3:15. After the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ by believing in the gospel of Christ without any works of any kind, and as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting at Rom 1:15-16. No one has ever been saved or will be saved if they trust in any works of any kind.

Anyone who believes that anyone could be saved by works is blaspheming the blood of Christ. Romans 3:19-4:8 written by Paul proves this as does many other scriptures. Also see Rom 11:6, Eph 2:8-9, Heb 4:10-12, Heb 6:1, 2 Tim 1:19, Titus 3:4, et al.

Here Paul writes about how anyone, Jew or Gentile, is saved after the crucifixion of Christ. Technically it also includes anyone who died before the crucifixion of Christ. And no one will be saved by any works of any kind. In fact, anyone who tries to be saved by any works of any kind are excluded from salvation as per verse 27.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
27 **WHERE IS BOASTING THEN? IT IS EXCLUDED. BY WHAT LAW? OF WORKS? NAY: BUT BY THE LAW OF FAITH**.
28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
30 **SEEING IT IS ONE GOD, WHICH SHALL JUSTIFY THE CIRCUMCISION BY FAITH, AND UNCIRCUMCISION THROUGH FAITH**.
31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.
Rom 3:19-31

Here Paul writes about 2 of the most important people in the OT. Abraham, who was not under the law, and David, who was under the law. That covers all possibilities until the crucifixion of Christ. And neither were saved by any works of any kind. Technically it also includes anyone after the crucifixion of Christ. In fact, anyone who tries to be saved by any works of any kind was and will be excluded from salvation as per verse 5.

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
2 For **IF ABRAHAM WERE JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, HE HATH WHEREOF TO GLORY; BUT NOT BEFORE GOD.**
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
5 But to **HIM THAT WORKETH NOT**, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, **HIS FAITH IS COUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.
6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto **WHOM GOD IMPUTETH RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT WORKS,**
7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Rom 4:1-8

In the following verse Paul declares that anyone who tries to justify themselves by the works of the law is not justified and thus not saved.

KNOWING THAT A MAN IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be

justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: **FOR BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED.** - Gal 2:16

Paul calls the 10 commandments, the ministration of death. They just damn since only Christ never sinned. Note Paul says about the law as “was to be done away”, “which is done away’, and “which is abolished”.

7 But if **THE MINISTRATION OF DEATH, WRITTEN AND ENGRAVEN IN STONES**, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **WHICH GLORY WAS TO BE DONE AWAY**: 11 For if that **WHICH IS DONE AWAY** *was* glorious, much more that which remaineth *is* glorious. 13 And not as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look **TO THE END OF THAT WHICH IS ABOLISHED:** - 2 Cor 3:7,11,13

And the Old Testament, the old covenant, ended upon the death of the testator when Jesus Christ was crucified. This the proved in Heb 9 and 10. That is why the veil of the temple was rent in 2 when Christ died. See Matt 27:51, Mark 15:38 and Luke 23:45.

There are many who claim that there were people saved by works in other dispensations. That is a lie. Many of these also claim that people could lose salvation in other dispensations. That too is a lie. Everyone who knows the gospel of Christ, knows that losing salvation is a works-based salvation, which is a damnable heresy. Once saved by the Lord Jesus Christ always saved by the Lord Jesus Christ is true is all dispensations.

This is predicted by Paul. And is true even if someone claims to be King James Bible only, that Paul as the apostle of the Gentiles, and claims to rightly divide.

1 This know also, that IN THE LAST DAYS perilous times shall come. 13 But **EVIL MEN AND SEDUCERS SHALL WAX WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING, AND BEING DECEIVED**. - 2 Tim 3:1, 13

They pretend they rightly divide the word of truth, but they do not. They pretend that they preach what Paul preached. They do not. They are in essence a fake Paul and hence a false apostle (see 2 Cor 11:13-15). They preach another Jesus and another gospel (see 2 Cor 11:1-4). And the handle the word of God deceitfully. (See 2 Cor 4:2).

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28. The gospel of Christ was revealed in the Old Testament. (to TOC) (back)

Paul writes that the gospel that he preached, THE GOSPEL OF GOD in verse 1 of the following passage, which is the gospel of Christ, declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting at Rom 1:15-16, was in the OT. Paul uses the OT extensively in his

letters especially in Romans which is the preaching of the gospel of Christ. For example, Rom 4:1-8 and Rom 15:9-12.

1 **Paul**, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, **separated unto THE GOSPEL OF GOD**,
2 (**Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures**,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
Romans 1:1-4

Christ opened the understanding of the apostles after His resurrection to know all things in the OT that were written about Him. And that would include the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting at Rom 1:15-16. That is exactly what it says in verse 46. And in verse 47, Christ sent them out to preach the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 to ALL, both Jews and Gentiles. That matches what Christ commanded in Mark 16:15 when Christ said to preach the gospel of Christ to EVERY CREATURE, which means ALL Jews and Gentiles.

44 And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.
45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among ALL NATIONS, beginning at Jerusalem.
Luke 24:44-47

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GODPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. - Mark 16:15

And Paul said Timothy from a child knew the SCRIPTURES which are able to make one wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Paul had not written any SCRIPTURE when Timothy was a child. So those SCRIPTURES must include at least the gospel account of John, which is written to the world. Note that Acts 16:1 says Timothy, who was an uncircumcised Gentile, was a disciple and thus already saved when Paul met him.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy SCRIPTURES, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
2 Tim 3:15

When Philip met the Ethiopian Eunuch, the Ethiopian was reading Isaiah 53. And Philip started there and preached Christ to him. Isaiah 53 describes the Son of God becoming

a man and then dying on the cross to pay for the sins of whole world, and then rising from the dead.

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29. The new covenant was not to Jews only. (to TOC) (back)

Nowhere in scripture does it say that the new covenant is to Jews ONLY. If anyone adds the word ONLY, they will have to prove it. But the word of God warns against adding to the word of God.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he REPROVE THEE, and thou be found a liar. - Prov 30:6

And Paul wrote to “prove all things” in 1 Thess 5:21. The following proves that adding ONLY in this case is not correct using scripture only. These scriptures reprove (prove false) this false doctrine.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; REPROVE, rebuke, exhort with ALL longsuffering and DOCTRINE. - 2 Tim 4:2

Now the new covenant is the New Testament. The New Testament comes into force upon the death of the testator, which is Jesus Christ crucified. (See Hebrews 8-10). A testament is a covenant which becomes effective upon the death of the testator. So, the new covenant is the New Testament. And the terms of the testament must be stated prior to the death of the testator. This was done when Christ spoke before His death. See John 3:14-15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 6:47, and John 11:25-26 for example.

Paul proves that the New Testament which is the new covenant is to the Gentiles also when he wrote the following.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also **I DELIVERED UNTO YOU**, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, **THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD**: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. - 1 Cor 11:23-25

Consider the following verse from Paul. Here Paul begins the preaching of the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation, and writes it is to the Jew first and also to the Greek, which means Gentiles. That gospel is declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4.

For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; **to the Jew first, and also to the Greek**. - Rom 1:16

So, it is the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation, the new covenant, aka the New Testament. If not, then the new covenant, aka the New Testament, is not how anyone gets saved. Believing the gospel of Christ is how people get saved.

Consider that what Jesus said in John 3:14-15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 6:47, and John 11:25-26 for example, is to both Jews and Gentiles. The gospel of John is written to the world and not to Jews only. Christ said He spoke openly to the world in John 18:20. Many other things in John prove that the gospel of John is written to the world and not to Jews only.

Consider also how the Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament books include the gospel of Christ as preached in Romans starting in Rom 1:15-16. It includes 1 Cor 15:3-4 which the declaration of the gospel of Christ.

Who also hath made **US** able **MINISTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT;** not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. - 2 Cor 3:6

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as **I AM THE APOSTLE OF THE GENTILES**, I magnify mine office: - Rom 11:13

That I should be **THE MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE GENTILES, MINISTERING THE GOSPEL OF GOD**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. - Rom 15:16

Many try to manufacture as many differences as possible between the apostles and saved Jews, and Paul and the saved Gentiles. In verse 9 in the following passage, Peter said there is "**NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM**".

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
9 And **PUT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM**, purifying their hearts by faith.
10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ **WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY.**
Acts 15:7-11

Not only that, but many claim that the apostles and the Jews, and Paul and the Gentiles are saved differently. But in verse 11 in the passage above, Peter said, "**WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY**".

In Acts 15, Paul, Peter, James the Lord's brother, the other apostles, and Barnabas were there. All had the Holy Spirit. And this passage is given by inspiration of God. No one objected to what Peter said in verses 7-11. So, it is undeniable doctrine. And that doctrine is that there is NO DIFFERENCE between the apostles and saved Jews, and Paul and saved Gentiles. And that they are saved the same way as it says, "**WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY**". The "but now" movement calling the word of God a lie, and thus God a liar. And specifically calling the Holy Spirit a liar. These are damnable heresies.

Acts 15:9 "**PUT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US (the apostles and saved Jews) AND THEM (Paul and the saved Gentiles)**

Acts 15:11 "**WE (the apostles and saved Jews) SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY (Paul and the saved Gentiles)"**

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30. Timothy is an evangelist and not a pastor or bishop. (to TOC) (back)

Timothy is an evangelist and not a pastor or a bishop.

Clearly, Timothy is an evangelist as the following verse proves.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry**. - 2 Tim 4:5

As to anyone making the claim that Timothy was a pastor or bishop, they must "prove all things". The above verse proved that the ministry of Timothy is as an evangelist. There is no verse that says he was a pastor or bishop or even married.

Prove all things … - 1 Thess 5:21

Timothy is not married. There is no mention of his wife, or children, or his house. A pastor or bishop must be married (see 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6).

Timothy was chosen by Paul at a young age.

Let no man despise thy youth … - 1 Tim 4:12

Timothy was to do the work of the Lord as Paul did. Paul preaches the gospel of Christ, is not married, does not have children, and is not a pastor or a bishop.

Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also *do*. - 1 Cor 16:10

Timothy was chosen to be a soldier and to war a good warfare.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. - 2 Tim 4:2

But a married man cares for the things of the world so he may please his wife. So, Timothy cannot have been married.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: 33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. - 1 Cor 7:32-33

Bishops and pastors are commanded to not be given to wine in 1 Tim 3:3. But Timothy is told to use a little wine for his oft infirmities in 1 Tim 5:23. So Timothy is not a bishop or a pastor.

The reason some claim that Timothy is a pastor or a bishop could be the following verse. By claiming that Timothy is a pastor or a bishop, and 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy are "pastoral letters", a phrase not found in the word of God, they remove this from a preacher of the gospel of Christ and claim it for themselves.

Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. - 1 Tim 5:20

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31. There are two baptisms in the word of God and water baptism does not save. Water for salvation is works, and must be repented of for salvation. (to TOC) (back)

The are 2 important types of baptism in scripture. These 2 are described in the first chapter where the word "baptize" is mentioned in the first 5 books of the New Testament. Here are the verses from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Acts also has the 2 baptisms mentioned a 2nd time in Acts 15. Thus, there is water baptism that does not save or is required for salvation, and baptism by the Holy Spirit which occurs at the moment of salvation which happens when someone believes the gospel of Christ.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. **but he that cometh after me** is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost**, and with fire: - Matt 3:11

7 And preached, saying, **There cometh one mightier than I after me**, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. **8 I indeed have baptized you with water**: **but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost**. - Mark 1:7-8

John answered, saying unto them all, **I indeed baptize you with water**; **but one mightier than I cometh**, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost** and with fire: - Luke 3:16

26 John answered them, saying, **I baptize with water**: **but there standeth one among you**, whom ye know not; **33** And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, **the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost**. - John 1:26,33

For John truly baptized with water; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. - Acts 1:5

15 And as I began to speak, **the Holy Ghost fell on them**, as on us at the beginning. **16** Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water**; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost**. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? - Acts 11:15-17

Now some claim that Christ baptizing with the Holy Spirit is different than what Paul wrote.

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. - 1 Cor 12:13

But from the above 6 passages, the water baptism of John the Baptist is contrasted with Christ baptizing with the Holy Spirit. The last of the 6 has to do with Cornelius and those with him, who are Gentiles, being baptized with the Holy Spirit after hearing the gospel of Christ preached in Acts 10. That it was the gospel of Christ is proved by what Pater preached in Acts 10 and what Peter said in Acts 15:7. But that would mean Cornelius and those with him, who are Gentiles, were baptized into the body of Christ as per 1 Cor 12:13. And from 2 Cor 12:7-11, we know this is exactly what happened because they spoke in tongues which only happened to some of the saved in the early church when a person is baptized into the body of Christ. So being baptized by Christ with the Holy Spirit is the same event as “by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body”. And Peter in Acts 11 connects this to what Christ said in Acts 1, which Christ connected to the 4 occurrences of contrasting the 2 baptisms, one in each gospel account. And in Acts 2, the apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit which is also the same event as “by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body” since they spoke in tongues as per 1 Cor 12:7-13. Christ, the Saviour and the giver of eternal life, baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit baptizes them into the body of Christ. Same event just different rolls.

Note it is Christ that gives eternal life.

John 10:28 And **I give unto them eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, t**hat he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him**.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. - Romans 6:23

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. - Romans 5:21

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32. The body of Christ is the bride in Revelation 19. (to TOC) (back)

Paul writing to the body of Christ, which is the church, which in this age of grace consists of all the saved, both Jews and Gentiles who believe the gospel of Christ, wrote this verse. It is unmistakable that the body of Christ is the espoused bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: **FOR I HAVE ESPOUSED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ**. - 2 Cor 11:2

John the Baptist is not part of the bride but a friend of the bridegroom, who is Jesus Christ. Thus, no one who died before the cross is part of the bride. And that eliminates all Jews who died before the cross.

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. - John 3:29

Now Paul said he was to present the body of Christ *as* a chaste virgin to Christ in 2 Cor 11:2. Here is the passage where that occirs. Note the marriage of the Lamb in heaven in verse 7 and how it mentions “his wife”. And the marriage supper is mentioned in verse 9. So, this is when the marriage of Jesus Christ occurs. It is not later. And the angel that presents the bride to Christ is Paul as he said he would in 2 Cor 11:2. Note how the angel identifies himself as “thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus”. Also note that the angel, Paul as he would have a glorified body and be as the angels (see Matt 22:30) and the same size (see Rev 21:17) says that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”. And we are to consider what Paul writes and says. Then the Lord will give us an understanding of all things (see 2 Tim 2:7). This is very important when dealing with prophecy.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready**. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, These are the

true sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus**: **worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**. - Rev 19:6-10

Note how in the following passage, the same angel that presented the Lamb's wife in Rev 19, further identifies himself as Paul when he says, "I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets". After his conversion, Saul who became Paul is said to be a prophet in Acts 13:1.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: **for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets**, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. - Rev 22:8-9

There are some who try to manufacture as many differences as possible between the apostles and saved Jews, and Paul and the saved Gentiles. In verse 9 in the following passage, Peter said there is "**NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM**".

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
9 And **PUT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM**, purifying their hearts by faith.
10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ **WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY.**
Acts 15:7-11

Not only that, some claim that the apostles and the Jews, and Paul and the Gentiles are saved differently. They claim the Jews are saved by the prophecy program for Israel and the Gentiles through Paul's mystery program. These are made up phrases not found in scripture. But in verse 11 in the passage above, Peter said "**WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY**".

In Acts 15, Paul, Peter, James the Lord's brother, the other apostles, and Barnabas were there. All had the Holy Spirit. And this passage is given by inspiration of God. No one objected to what Peter said in verses 7-11. So, it is undeniable doctrine. And that doctrine is that there is NO DIFFERENCE between the apostles and saved Jews, and Paul and saved Gentiles. And that they are saved the same way as it says "**WE SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY**".

Acts 15:9 “**PUT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US (the apostles and saved Jews) AND THEM (Paul and the saved Gentiles)**

Acts 15:11 “**WE (the apostles and saved Jews) SHALL BE SAVED, EVEN AS THEY (Paul and the saved Gentiles)”**

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33. Even water does not necessarily mean water baptism in scripture. (to TOC) (back)

Even the word “water” does not necessarily mean water baptism. Here are passages and not one of them refer to water baptism.

No one has ever been water baptized in the following manner. So, it is not about water baptism. The water actually refers only to everlasting life.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; **but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life**. - John 4:14

No one has ever been water baptized in the following manner. So, it is not about water baptism. The water actually refers only to everlasting life.

37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water**. 39 (But **this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified**.) - John 7:37-39

No one has ever been water baptized in the following manner. So, it is not about water baptism. The water actually refers only to everlasting life.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. **And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely**. - Rev 22:17

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34. Philip preached Christ to the Ethiopian Eunuch starting with this chapter. See Acts 8. And Paul refers to this in Romans 10. John refers to this in John 12:38. (to TOC) (back)

From 1 Sam 2:31 an arm can be a son. So, “the arm of the Lord” in verse 1 refers to the Son of God, since the Lord is God. Then it says He shall grow up. So, the Son of God must become a male child who grows up. The passage even has the resurrection of

Christ in verse 10 with “He shall prolong His days”. And the burial of Christ is in verse 9 with “He made His grave with the wicked”. That Christ died for our sins is in verse 5 3x, once in verse 6, once in verse 7, once in verse 8, once in verse 10, once in verse 11 and once in verse 12. That is 9x that this chapter that refers to the resurrection of Christ.

1 Who hath believed our report? **AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?**
2 For **HE SHALL GROW UP** before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
5 But **HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES**: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; **AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.**
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; **AND THE LORD HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.**
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: **HE IS BROUGHT AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER**, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: **FOR THE TRANSGRESSION OF MY PEOPLE WAS HE STRICKEN.**
9 And **HE MADE HIS GRAVE WITH THE WICKED**, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: **WHEN THOU SHALT MAKE HIS SOUL AN OFFERING FOR SIN**, he shall see his seed, **HE SHALL PROLONG HIS DAYS**, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: **BY HIS KNOWLEDGE SHALL MY RIGHTEOUS SERVANT JUSTIFY MANY; FOR HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES.**
12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; **AND HE BARE THE SIN OF MANY, AND MADE INTERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS.**
Isaiah 53

And Paul in the following passage refers to Isaiah 53:1. Note that Paul defines obeying the gospel as just believing the gospel of Christ. Many who preach works for salvation deceive many with that phrase.

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. **For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report**? - Romans 10:16

In this passage, Paul refers to the OT to establish that the gospel of Christ would also be for the Gentiles.

9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.
10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.
11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.
12 And again, **Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust**.
Romans 15:9-12

And this verse from Isaiah shows this too.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. - Isa 45:22

And of course, Genesis is not to Jews only, especially in Genesis 3:15 as Abraham is not even alive yet. This is referring to the gospel of Christ. The phrase “her seed” means that Christ would be born of a virgin else God would have said “their seed”. The phrase “THOU SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL” refers to Christ crucified. And the phrase “IT SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD” refers to Christ destroying the works of the devil. And the resurrection is also revealed in this verse.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; IT SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD, and THOU SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL. - Gen 3:15

Paul writes that the gospel that he preached, the gospel of God, which is the gospel of Christ, declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting at Rom 1:15-16, was in the OT. Paul uses the OT extensively in his letters especially in Romans which is the preaching of the gospel of Christ. For example, Rom 4:1-8 and Rom 15:9-12. In verse 4, Paul declares that the resurrection was in the OT. And that was in Genesis 3:15 and Isaih 53:10 as described above.

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto **THE GOSPEL OF GOD**,
2 (**Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures**,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 **And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:**
Romans 1:1-4

Christ opened the understanding of the apostles after His resurrection to know all things in the OT that were written about Him. And that would include the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4. That is exactly what it says in verse 46. And in verse 47,

Christ sent them out to preach the gospel of Christ as declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 to ALL, both Jews and Gentiles. That matches what Christ commanded in Mark 16:15 when Christ said to preach the gospel of Christ to EVERY CREATURE, which means ALL Jews and Gentiles.

44 And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.
45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among ALL NATIONS, beginning at Jerusalem.
Luke 24:44-47

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GODPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. - Mark 16:15

And Paul said Timothy from a child knew the SCRIPTURES which are able to make one wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Paul had not written any SCRIPTURE when Timothy was a child. So those SCRIPTURES must include at least the gospel account of John, which is written to the world. Note that Acts 16:1 says Timothy, who was an uncircumcised Gentile, was a disciple and thus already saved when Paul met him.

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

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35. Once saved by Jesus Christ always saved by Jesus Christ is true for all dispensations. (to TOC) (back)

The belief that a person could lose salvation is works. Anyone who is saved knows this. So, if anyone could lose salvation in any other dispensation, that would be salvation by works. That is a damnable heresy. And from many passages and verses, it is for sure that no one could ever have lost their salvation. One of those passages is from Paul in Romans 3:19-4:8. From that passage, no one ever has or ever will be saved by any works of any kind or any merit of any kind. Thus, no one could ever have lost their salvation since that would be salvation by works. And that passage by Paul includes all dispensations. In fact, there is no person named in all scripture that it said that after they were saved, they lost their salvation.

Consider David who committed adultery and murder. David said the following after that happened. He did not say restore thy salvation, but the joy of thy salvation.

Restore unto me **the joy** of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. - Psalm 51:12

Now David could have had the Holy Spirit depart from him as he said in the following verse. The gift of the Holy Spirit to those that believe the gospel of Christ in this dispensation of grace is for those that are saved after the resurrection up until rapture. Christ said so in John 7:37-39.

Cast me not away from thy presence; **and take not thy holy spirit from me**. - Psalm 51:11

Note how David says he will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. He does not say he might.

…and I will dwell in the house of the LORD **for ever**. - Psalm 23:6

Consider Solomon. He built many pagan places for his many unsaved wives. He also has 700 wives and 300 combines. But he never lost his salvation.

Also consider that God referred to Abel was accepted. That is a past completed act. So saved forever.

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be **accepted**? - Gen 4:7

Job referred to himself as vile and that he abhorred himself. But Job said the following about Christ. And that means he knew he was saved forever.

For **I know that my redeemer liveth**, **and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth** - Job 19:25

Once saved by the Lord Jesus Christ always saved by the Lord Jesus Christ is preached by Christ in John 3:14-15, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 6:47, and John 11:25-26.

Consider how those claiming someone could lose salvation are blaspheming God. If God saved someone who then lost their salvation, then God must have made a mistake in saving the person in the beginning. It is evil to accuse God of making mistakes or being a bungler. Also, God would have known what would happen so why save someone who obviously would end up in hell?

Here is just a few of the passages that show no one could lose their salvation outside of the letters of Paul.

And I give unto them eternal life; **and they shall never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. – John 10:28

Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him**, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. - Heb 7:25

… for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**. - Heb 13:5

For by one offering **he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**. - Heb 10:14

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. - 1 John 5:13

Paul wrote that eternal life is a gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**. – Romans 6:23

And Paul wrote that the gifts of God are without repentance in the following verse. That means that God does not take back the gifts He has given. So, salvation is guaranteed for ever.

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. – Romans 11:29

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36. Paul wrote Hebrews. (to TOC) (back)

There are a number of things which prove that Paul wrote Hebrews.

Paul wrote the following.

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. - 2 Tim 2:7

Now consider what Paul wrote in Col 4:18.

The salutation by the hand of me Paul. **Remember my bonds**. Grace be with you. Amen.

The phrase “my bonds” is found in Heb 10:34. That proves Paul wrote Hebrews.

For ye had compassion of me in **my bonds**, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Another clue is the mentioning of Timothy. And Timothy is always associated with Paul in scripture.

Know ye that our brother **Timothy is set at liberty**; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you. - Heb 13:23

That matches what Paul wrote in Phil 2:19-23.

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.
20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.
21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.
22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.
23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.
24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

Another clue is that Paul used the phrase “pray for us”. That phrase is in only 3 verses in the NT.

1 Thess 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.

2 Thess 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

Hebrews 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly

Paul also wrote “the spoiling of your goods” in Heb 10:34. That matches the phrase “I robbed other churches” in 2 Cor 11:8.

The writer of Hebrews is an apostle. That clue is found in this verse.

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; - Heb 3:1.

All letters from an apostle start with the name of apostle except for John who wrote 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Revelation and the gospel of John. But the language of Hebrews does not match the letters of John. It does match the writings of Paul especially in Romans. So why did Paul not begin Hebrews with Paul? When Paul begins a letter with “Paul” that makes it doctrine for the Gentiles in this age of grace.

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. - 2 Thess 3:17

In the following passage Peter writing to Jews said Paul had written to them in verse 15. That must be Hebrews.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; **even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you**; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. - 2 Peter 3:15-16

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: - 2 Peter 3:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, - 1 Pet 1:1

Also note that Timothy is with Paul. He is never with the other apostle.
Also note that Paul is the only apostle who wrote from prison.

The ending of Hebrews matches the ending in all of Paul's letters. None of the other letters use that type of ending.

Grace be with you all - Hebrews 13:25

The following verse eliminates at least some if not all of the other apostles as the author of Hebrews.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; - Heb 2:3

The following verse would indicate Paul as the author as he was in Italy when he was imprisoned.

They of Italy salute you. - Heb 13:24

As Moses got the words he wrote from God and was the spokesperson of the law in the OT, so is Paul who got what he wrote by revelation of Jesus Christ as the apostle of the Gentiles with the gospel of Christ in the NT. Moses wrote more words than anyone else in the OT. If Paul did not write Hebrews, then Luke wrote the most words in the NT. But since Paul wrote Hebrews, Paul wrote more words than anyone in the NT.

Paul wrote that "I laboured more abundantly than they all" in 1 Cor 15:10. So with Paul writing Hebrews, Paul wrote 14 books and all others combined 13 books.

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37. The gospel of Christ preached with only scripture. (to TOC) (back)

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready **to preach the gospel to you** that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God**

unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:15-16

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;** 4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**: - 1 Cor 15:1-4

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**, and thy house. - Acts 16:30-31

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

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, - Eph 1:13

22 Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:25 **Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; - Rom 3:22-25

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

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. 18 **For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.** 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe**. 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But **we preach Christ crucified,** unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 1 Cor 1:17-23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. - Rom 6:23

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life**. - John 3:14-15

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life**. - John 3:16

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. - John 3:18

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. - John 3:36

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life**. - John 6:47

25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live**: 26 And **whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?** - John 11:25-27

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God.** 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made**. 10 He was in the world, **and the world was made by him,** and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name**: - John 1:1-3, 10-12

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 **And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.** 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 **I and my Father are one**. - John 10:27-30

These things have I written unto you **that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. - 1 John 5:13

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**. - Heb 13:5

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; - Titus 3:5

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:16

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38. The church is the body of Christ. Paul is not the first in the body of Christ. The apostles were in the body of Christ. (to TOC) (back)

Paul defines the body of Christ as the church.

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to **the church**, 23 **Which is his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. - Eph 1:22-23

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. - Col 1:18

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for **his body's sake, which is the church**. - Col 1:24

So, it is an absolute precept that when Paul writes “the church” it is also “the body of Christ” and vice versa.

In the following passages Paul writes that the apostles, note the plural, were in the church FIRST.

And God hath set some **in the church, first apostles**, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. - 1 Cor 12:28

So, the apostles were in the body of Christ, the church, before Paul was.

Paul wrote there were others in Christ before him. So, Paul cannot be the first in the body of Christ.

Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, **who also were in Christ before me**. - Rom 16:7

And this verse shows how someone is in Christ.

For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. - Gal 3:27

And that happens when they are baptized into the body of Christ the moment they believe the gospel of Christ without any works of any kind.

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. - 1 Cor 12:13

And there is only one body, one baptism, one faith, one Lord, and one Spirit.

4 There is **one body**, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, - Eph 4:4-5

At Pentecost the apostles were baptized by the Holy Spirit. That is what Christ said would happen when He spoke the following just 10 days prior.

For John truly baptized with water; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence**. - Acts 1:5

And since the apostles spoke in tongues when they were baptized by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they were baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, which is the church. The speaking in tongues proves it.

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; **to another divers kinds of tongues;** to another the interpretation of tongues: 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. - 1 Cor 12:10,13

From the following verses, the church already existed before Paul was saved. Remember when Paul writes “the church” in Phil 3:6, it means “the body of Christ”.

Concerning zeal, **persecuting the church**; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. - Phil 3:6

As for Saul, he made **havock of the church**, … - Acts 8:3

Of course, the very phrase THE church means there is one and only one THE church. The following verse also shows that there is only one church. Note how Christ does not say one of “my churches”. If the church mentioned at Pentecost is not the same as what Paul writes about, then only one could be the “my church” of Christ. So, who would the other church belong to?

… and **upon this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. - Mark 16:18

Now there are some who claim that Paul is the first in the body of Christ. But the above scriptures proved that the other apostles were in the body of Christ and Paul was not the first in the body of Christ.

There is no scripture whatsoever which says that Paul is the first in the body of Christ. Those that claim this use the following verse. But there is no mention of the body of Christ in the verse. So, this is pure deception by deceived deceivers.

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. - 1 Tim 1:16

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39. An analysis of the last days passage of 2 Timothy 3-4. (to TOC) (back)

The last 2 chapters that Paul wrote chronologically are 2 Timothy 3 and 4. And they are about the last days before the pretribulation rapture of the church. That is not a coincidence. Those 2 chapters predict the state of the church and give a description of very many people in those “last days” which is our time. And they are very accurate. They are also very important. The following is an analysis of those 2 chapters.

The following passage shows that 2 Timothy and hence its last 2 chapters are the last chapters that he wrote before he was put to death.

6 **For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand**. 7 I have fought a good fight, **I have finished my course**, I have kept the faith: – 2 Timothy 4:6-7

The following passage is an accurate description of very many people in our days. First note that it says to “kown this” in verse 1. Look at verse 3. There are very many who are false accusers. They very many who are incontinent which means lacking self-control. And they are fierce. And they are “despisers of those that are good” which means those that are saved, especially if the saved speak the truth from the word of God. And that truth is despised. This is proved by the many posts and comments in social media and on the Internet. Now in verse 7, it says, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”. One example of this is that very many are taught and learn science, especially biology. Yet somehow, they still deny the undeniable truth that God exists and created all things. And I have encountered very many who are fierce, who have such a lack of self-control, that they comment as soon as they see my posts which prove God exists and created all things. And they despise me because out of love I tell them the truth of the word of God so that they may be saved by believing the gospel of Christ.

1 **This know also**, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, **false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good**, 4 Traitors, **heady, highminded**, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away**. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away

with divers lusts, 7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**. – 2 Timothy 3:1-7

The following verse reveals the great deception in the last days. Thus, in the last days, there are many evil men who are deceived and thus will be deceiving. And this will grow in both the number of deceivers and the subtlety of the decptions.

But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived**. – 2 Tim 3:13

The following passage is the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ given through Paul of how to handle the great deception in the last days. And since it is the wisdom of God, it is impossible for man to improve on this wisdom. In fact, anything else will fall short. Note how they do not endure, that is, even listen to sound doctrine. And they choose teachers who tell them what they want to hear. And they will not listen to the truth or those that that preach the truth of the word of God. But all preachers of the gospel of Christ, that is evangelists, are called to preach all the truth and all doctrines of the word of God especially the gospel of Christ. Reprove means to prove false doctrines to be false with all scripture as it says in 2 Tim 3:16-17. Rebuke is for times when some will be insistent of these false doctrines. And exhort means to build up the body of Christ with all the truth and all doctrines of the word of God especially the gospel of Christ. And many of those that have turned away their ears from hearing the truth and will not endure sound doctrines are in the churches. And the teachers that they have chosen for their itching ears are to marked and avoided as commanded in Romans 16:17-19.

1 **I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ**, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with **all longsuffering and doctrine**. 3 **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; 4 **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables**. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.** – 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Now from the above passage, all churches should be preaching all doctrine. And the following passage says that all doctrine is found throughout all of the scripture. And since verse 16 says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” then every word of it is true. And since it says, “That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”, then then all scripture is sufficient to determine all doctrine. And the phrase, “for reproof, for correction” in verse 16 is what was commanded in 2 Tim 4:2 by the wisdom of God in the last days.

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, **throughly furnished unto all good works**. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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40. The gospel of Christ is declared in 1 Cor 15:3-4 and preached in Romans starting at Romans 1:15-16. (to TOC) (back)

The most important doctrine in the word of God, the Bible, is the gospel of Christ. It is the only thing that can saved someone from damnation. In the following passage, Paul declares the gospel of Christ which is the gospel of salvation.

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;** 4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** - 1 Cor 15:1-4

Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles (see Romans 11:13). And Paul got his writings from direct revelation of Jesus Christ (see Galatians 1:11-12). And we are to consider what Paul says (see 2 Timothy 2:7). A study of Paul's letters reveals that the letter to the Romans is the official preaching of the gospel of Christ starting at Rom 1:15-16. And it is important to study Romans so that the gospel of Christ is known and preached. This is part of the "whole armour of God" in verse 15 of Ephesians 6:10-20 where it says, "And **your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**".

15 So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel to you** that are at Rome also. 16 **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. – Romans 1:15-16

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41. One of the most important commandments given to all the saved is to mark and avoid those that promote false doctrines. And this is especially true in the last days which is our time. (to TOC) (back)

The following passage is a commandment by the Lord Jesus Christ given by revelation to Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles (Romans 11:13). Thus, this is a command to the saved in this age of grace. And this in not limited to leaders in the church since no such limit is in this passage or in the context for this passage. In verse 17, it says, "mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine … and avoid them". Note how it says those that cause this. That is usually false teachers and the leaders of various denominations, churches and organizations. It may not be the members of these although some are motivated enough to push false doctrines that they should be marked and avoided too. And this is especially true in the last days (2 Tim 3:10) when there are many deceivers (2 Tim 3:13) and many will not endure sound doctrine and will turn away from the hearing of the truth and follow teachers having itching ears (2 Tim 4:1-5).

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; **and avoid them**. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; **and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple**. 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet **I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.** – Romans 16:17-19

So, how does a person mark these false teachers with these false doctrines? To mark them means to identify them to others. That usually means to name these false teachers, or name these false denominations, or name these false organizations. And to also give specific false doctrines that they promote versus sound doctrine. That can be very instructive since there are many others with similar false doctrines. And thus, the marking can be used by others to see these in other false teachers. Now to mark false teachers, churches and organizations, a person needs to both know what false doctrines they promote and sound doctrine. And to establish sound doctrine, the following passages are important.

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works**. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. – 2 Timothy 2:7

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as **I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office**: - Romans 11:13

That **I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles**, **ministering the gospel of God**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. – Romans 15:16

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;** 4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** - 1 Cor 15:1-4

15 So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel to you** that are at Rome also. 16 For **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. – Romans 1:15-16

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

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

A faithful witness will not lie: **but a false witness will utter lies**. – Proverbs 14:5

1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.
2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 **But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ**. 4 **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him**. – 2 Cor 11:1-4

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. 13 **For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ**. 14 And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**. 15 **Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works. – 2 Cor 11:12-15

For a more comprehensive list of scripture that is important to mark and avoid those that promote false doctrines see post 15 in this book, and the other posts in this book.

Now the leaders should set a good example of marking and avoiding. However, it is imperative that all the saved do so also. And remember to always “prove all things” as commanded in 1 Thess 5:21.

So, what about lesser important doctrines, surely, these are not important? The following discussion shows that that is not necessarily true. First, if it is a false doctrine, it is also a lie. And Satan is the father of lies as Christ said in John 8:44. Secondly, since “a faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness will utter lies” as it says in Proverbs 14:5. So, they should be identified, rebuked or corrected, and if they do not repent avoided. Thirdly, by what basis is a doctrine considered not important? Furthermore, those saved who do not accept any false doctrines because they are lies will be the ones that are marked and avoided. And those that accept false doctrines or promote false doctrines will be the ones that will have more influence instead of being marked and avoided. There is a saying that the journey of 1000 miles starts with the first step. So, that first small lie will be just the first in a very large series of lies. And those that oppose them will be avoided and those that promote them will be followed.

There are many people who have studied and perfected techniques to infiltrate a group who has the truth and introduce many lies over time. This has been going on for centuries. Some of these are associated with secret societies. Well, if people can come up with such techniques of deception and infiltration imagine what Satan can do. And people eventually die but Satan does not. So, the new generations may not understand what was accepted in the past. One technique uses in Hagel’s dialectic. First there is

the thesis. This is the truth and nothing against it is allowed. Then the antithesis is introduced. This is the opposite of some truth and thus a lie. Initially, many refuse to allow this lie. But over time some with the supposed voice of reason introduce a compromise position. This is called the synthesis. That then becomes the new thesis which in this case contains some form of this lie. And anyone who questions the synthesis is ostracized as causing division. Note how all believed the original thesis and nothing against it was allowed has turned into the very opposite. Now all believe the lie and being against it is not allowed. From there another antithesis is introduced and then the compromised synthesis. And by repeating this procedure over and over very many true doctrines are changed into very many false doctrines which none are allowed to question. And that is how a journey of 1000 miles starts with that first small step. The Bible warns that a little leaven leavens the whole lump in Luke 13:21, 1 Cor 5:6 and Galatians 5:9. So, even a small lie will lead to even more and worse lies over time until the whole was leavened.

Another technique to introduce deceptions and lies and remove those that resist these is a change agent. A change agent can be from outside a group or from within a group, as Paul wrote about in Acts 20:29-30. In either case, he is an infiltrator who bides his time until he is called to perform his role. Over time he gains a reputation as one of the leaders who refuses to accept any lies. When the time is right, he begins to introduce lies which is the antithesis of Hagel's dialectic. This may be simply the voice of reason to promote unity. And since no one questions him because he has such a reputation his opinion carries weight. Those that do know true doctrine see that this person is promoting a lie and they will stand for the truth. Now there may be more than 1 change agent in the group. Many times, the leading change agent has helped bring them in and may have even promoted these additional change agents. So, when the confrontation over these new lies happens, these other change agents help defeat those that stand up to the lies. Eventually, those that know the truth and stand up to the lies may be removed or they may leave the group. Now, the takeover is complete, and even more lies are introduced. The use of change agents has actually been used to subvert nations and empires as part of a military strategy.

There are 2 well known sayings that promote bringing in lies. These are not from scripture. They are actually based on philosophy, which Paul warns about in Colossians 2:8.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, **after the tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, **and not after Christ**. – Colossians 2:8

The first is "major in the majors and minor in the minors". Thus, those doctrines that are supposedly of major importance must not be questioned. And those doctrines that are supposedly of minor importance can be questioned and alternatives to the truth, that is lies, are allowed. A similar philosophy is "in essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity". The first 2 parts of this 2nd philosophy are the same as "major in the majors and minor in the minors", with the addition of "in all things charity". But these philosophies can be used for great deceptions. The first problem is what counts as

majors and essential doctrines? An essential doctrine may not be on the list of these deceivers. And a non-essential doctrine may be one on the list of these deceivers. Furthermore, what counts as minor or non-essential doctrines? An essential doctrine may be listed as non-essential doctrine by these deceivers. And a non-essential doctrine may be listed as essential by these deceivers. Who determines these in light of the warnings in the Bible against deception especially in the last days (2 Timothy 3:1, 13). Furthermore, the history of false doctrines infiltrating denominations, churches and even society as a whole is that once a lie is even allowed then eventually it will not be allowed to be questioned and the truth and those that speak the truth will be attacked. So, this is hardly "in all things charity". There is no list of essential doctrines and truths, or non-essentail doctrines and truths in the word of God.

Now the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ for "the last days" (2 Tim 3:1) through Paul "the apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 11:13), when "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Tim 3:13) is to "**preach the word;** be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with **all longsuffering and doctrine**". And the reason is that "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" and "**they shall turn away their ears from the truth**" (2 Tim 4:1-4). And to accomplish that, "**all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine**" (2 Tim 3:16-17). And all doctrine is to be used "**mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them**" (Romans 16:17). And many of the deceived will deceive many "by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:18). And there is no way to improve on the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ who is God Almighty in the flesh. In fact, nothing else will work.

We the saved of the Lord Jesus Christ are commanded to "put on **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places**" (Ephesians 6:12). And part of "**the whole armour of God**" is to "stand therefore, having **your loins girt about with truth**" (Ephesians 6:14). And with any lies, that is not all truth and thus not "the whole armour of God". So that will not stand **against spiritual wickedness in high places**." "And we know "**that no lie is of the truth**" (1 John 2:21). And the Lord Jesus Christ said, "**thy word is truth**" to His Father in heaven (John 17:17) but also said that Satan is the father of lies (See John 8:44). And pastors, bishops and deacons are to be blameless (see 1 Timothy 3:2, 10 and Titus 1:6). And "**the church of the living God**" is to be "**the pillar and ground of the truth**" (1 Timothy 3:15). And we know that "**a faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies** (Proverbs 14:5). And preaching or promoting lies may indicate an unsaved person since "**the fruit of the Spirit** is in **all** goodness and righteousness and **truth**" but "**the works of the flesh are … heresies** … that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21).

Furthermore, "**a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump**" (1 Cor 5:6, Galatians 5:9) (see also Luke 13:21). And we are commanded to "**prove all things**" and "**abstain**

from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess 5:21-22). And we are told "**let God be true, but every man a liar**" and that "when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**" (John 16:13), and "**God, that cannot lie**" (Titus 1:2). And the word of God is not confusing since "**God is not the author of confusion,** but of peace, **as in all churches of the saints**" (1 Cor 14:33). And Paul feared "**as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor 11:3). Because "if **he that cometh preacheth another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, **or another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, **ye might well bear with him**" (2 Cor 11:4). Since Paul feared this, it could lead to a corrupted gospel which cannot save.

Now in the declaration of the gospel of Christ in 1 Cor 15:3-4, the phrase "**according to the scriptures**" appears 2x. But there are "**many, which corrupt the word of God**" (2 Cor 2:17) and many are "**handling the word of God deceitfully**" (2 Cor 4:2). And Paul warned that "**such are false apostles**, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ**" and that "no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**" and that "Therefore it is no great thing **if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor 11:13-15). Paul also wrote that "lest **Satan** should get an advantage of us: **for we are not ignorant of his devices**" (2 Cor 2:11). And the word of God says, "**there is no new thing under the sun**" (Eccl 1:9) as when Satan changed and corrupted the word of God to Eve in Genesis 3:1-5. But Eve began to use philosophy (Genesis 3:6) which Paul wrote "**beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit**, **after the tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, **and not after Christ**". (Colossians 2:8).

Paul wrote "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye all speak the same thing**" (1 Cor 1:10). That does now match "minor in the minors". Paul also wrote "**Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour**: for we are members one of another" (Ephesians 4:25). So, that speaks against "minor in the minors". Paul also wrote "**Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth**" (1 Cor 13:6) and "**but speaking the truth in love**" (Ephesians 4:15). Both speak against "minor in the minors".

Paul wrote the following passage which is a prophecy for the last days. That does match what might be the final result of "minor in the minors".

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**. 11 And **for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**: 12 **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. – 2 Thess 2:10-12

There is no passage in scripture where God was okay with lies being preached. And this is especially true for children. How many lies should be taught to or forced on children? How would the Lord Jesus Christ, who is holy, answer that question? The

answer would be none. Revelation 21:8 says, “and **all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire** and brimstone: which is the second death”.

Now, Christ said, “**beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves**. Ye shall know them by their fruits. (Matthew 7:15-16). And Paul said, “**For I know this**, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock**. Also, **of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them**” (Acts 20:29-30). And Christ said, “woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Luke 6:26). In fact, in the days of Noah there were “men of renown” (Genesis 6:4) and that “**all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth**” (Genesis 6:12) which is the gospel of Christ. That is why there were only 8 people on the ark. They were the only saved people at that time even though Noah was “**a preacher of righteousness**” (2 Peter 2:5). And the Lord Jesus when speaking of the last days before the rapture, Christ said, “**But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be**” (Matthew 24:7). And “**the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**” (Revelation 19:10).

The following is prophecy for the last days. Note the word “privily” in verse 1. That means secretly so that people are not aware of this. And it is “damnable heresies”. Note the plural. And these damnable heresies are from either having the wrong minors or majors or both.

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, **even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them**, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; **by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of**. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. – 2 Peter 2:1-3

Peter in the next chapter of that letter wrote the following passage. Many minimize the importance of Paul’s letters even though he is “**the apostle of the Gentiles**” (Romans 11:13). Some even claim he is a false apostle. And Paul wrote “**Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things**” (2 Timothy 2:7). In Acts 23, there were Jews who bound themselves under a great curse that they would kill Paul. This is prophetic to the last days. That curse would include works for salvation.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as **our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him** hath written unto you; 16 **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things**; in which are some things hard to be understood, **which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction**. – 2 Peter 3:15-16

In Revelation 2 and 3 are the 7 churches. These 2 chapters are both the about 2000-year history of the church and the state of the churches just before the pretribulation rapture of the saved. The word “church” is absent after Revelation 3 with the exception

of a single mention in Revelation 22 which is just a reference to Revelation 1. Note that Christ said, "**take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things**" (Mark 13:23). So, Christ must have foretold the about 2000-year history of the church. The last of those 7 churches is "**the church of the Laodiceans**". The church of the Laodiceans is the lukewarm church that Christ vomits out at the rapture. Thus, none of them are saved except the overcomers (Rev 3:21) which just means those that believe the gospel of Christ through faith alone without any works of any kind (see 1 John 5:4). They are told to "**be zealous therefore, and repent**" (Rev 3:19). A lukewarm church would be oaky with "minor in the minors". At the beginning of each of the passages to the 7 churches, Christ mentions certain things which also have to do with "what the Spirit saith unto the churches". That is repeated 7 times once to each church. For the church of the Laodiceans Christ says, "the faithful and true witness". That does not match "minor in the minors".

Now consider the declaration of the gospel of Christ in 1 Cor 15:3-4. So, it is "Christ … according to the scriptures. It is "sins according to the scriptures". It is "that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures". Many attack the full deity of Christ and His perfect holiness and perfect righteousness. Many preach different definitions of what sins are especially today. Many attack the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Which list are these on? Majors and essentials? Or minors and non- essentials?

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; 4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**: - 1 Cor 15:3-4

Many times, when preaching the gospel of Christ to a person or multiple people, it is good to know how much they know and what stumbling blocks they may have. That way you can streamline the preaching and address any stumbling blocks they may have. However, Satan is a great deceiver and many who have heard the word of God may not understand things or they have been deceived (2 Cor 4:3-4). That deception is described in Revelation 17:2 where "the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication". One example is "works for salvation". If you preach "by faith alone", they may not understand that means "not of works", nor what those works even are. And if you preach "not of works", they may not know what works are. For example, many do not understand that believing that water baptism saves or is required for salvation is works that must be repented of before they can be saved. It says "**repentance from dead works**" in Hebrews 6:1, "**not of works**" in Eph 2:8-9, and "**But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness**" in Romans 4:5. Many also do not know that sacraments for salvation are works for salvation. The word "sacrament" does not appear in the word of God. So, it must a deception to hide "works for salvation". Many do not understand that believing you can lose salvation is "works for salvation". Also, many people believe that you must be a good person to be saved. But Romans 5:6 says, "**Christ died for the ungodly**". Many believe that a person must stop sinning to be saved. But Romans 5:8 says, "**while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**". There are some who deny the full deity of Christ. And they may say phrases that sound like that is not the case. There are some who do not understand the imputed righteousness of Christ (Romans

10:3) or that it is a propitiation through faith in His blood as the payment for all their sins (Romans 3:25). There are some that do not understand what a sin is. Romans 1:24-32 and Romans 3:10-19 are good passages for that. Even the word “grace” is not enough. Many preach that the grace for salvation comes through sacraments.

To understand the gospel of Christ, it is important to “**Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**” (2 Timothy 2:15). Note how it says to study thyself. That means private individual study and not from some other source. And to be approved unto God and not seeking the approval of others. It also says, “**rightly dividing the word of truth**”. So, concentrate on the gospel according to John, the latter part of the Acts of the apostles (9-28) and especially Paul’s letters (Romans through Philemon). Paul is “**the apostle of the Gentiles**” (Rom 11:13b) and his letters **preach**, **declare** and defend the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom 1:15-16, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Phil 1:17, Rom 15:16, 2 Tim 4:17). Paul’s letters are the doctrine for the saved in this age of grace and are the key to understanding the rest of scripture (2 Tim 2:7, 2 Peter 3:15-16). Note, Romans is the preaching of the gospel of Christ. So that letter should be studied the most. Furthermore, study the letter to Galatians as it is a great resource to understand how many try to corrupt the gospel of Christ with works for salvation.

So, what about lies? Are minor lies, okay? There are different levels of lies. There are errors, false teachings, heresies and damnable heresies. Of the different levels of lies, only damnable heresies prevent salvation. And it only takes 1 damnable heresy to prevent salvation. And there are different types of people who teach or promote these different levels of lies. There are church leaders such as pastors, bishops, deacons, gospel preachers, teachers and elders. And there are those that are none of these. Some of these may have just been saved. Any damnable heresy should be reproved and rebuked and any leader, church, denomination or organization should be marked and avoided as per Romans 16:17-19. The same is true for false teachings and heresies. They have revealed themselves as deceivers. If not, it is like sitting down with Satan and having a conversation where the 2 of you are trying to figure if it is serious enough. Paul wrote “**abstain from all appearance of evil**” (1 Thess 5:21). And if someone in some church, denomination or organization that has a reputation of sound doctrine starts introducing any of these lies, that is an infiltrator or a change agent or that leader, church, denomination or organization may be a controlled opposition.

Now the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ given to Paul (see 2 Peter 3:15-16) is to preach all doctrine (2 Timothy 4:1-5) and mark and avoid those that preach or promote false doctrine (Romans 16:17-19), especially in the last days. But there are very many leaders, churches, denominations and organizations that do not both of these or either of these. Nor do they encourage others to do these. And marking and avoiding is commanded to all the saved. Now the commandment to preach all doctrine is written to Timothy who is an evangelist (2 Timothy 4:5), that is a preacher of the gospel of Christ. But most church leaders such as pastors, bishops, deacons, gospel preachers, teachers and elders are also preachers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. So why don’t they preach all doctrine? Consider what Paul wrote (2 Timothy 2:7) to Timothy in the following verse.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. – 2 Timothy 2:2

So, if anyone is a gospel preacher then they should teach others to preach all doctrine. So, for any leader, church, denomination or organization that does not preach all doctrine, they should be marked and avoided. If any preach or promote any false doctrine they should be marked and avoided. But if any are silent on any false doctrine, then that false doctrine is being preached elsewhere. So those that are silent should be marked and avoided. One example is evolution, billions of years and common descent, even mankind descended from some apelike creature. Those lies are being taught to very many, even children, through censorship, propaganda, indoctrination, deceit using the "no God" assumption of "Atheistic Origin Science". This should be countered with scripture. And this can be countered using simple logic and science also. The science and the word of God agree. And there are many leaders, churches, denominations and organizations which are silent on false doctrines, but if anyone else preaches against these false doctrines, they are attacked. Any leader, church, denomination or organization that does this, they should be marked and avoided.

Now most churches, denominations and organizations have a statement of faith or something similar. Some of these are more extensive than others. If there are any false teachings, heresies or damnable heresies, they should be marked and avoided. But many of these statements of faith may be more subtle. The main reason is that almost all statements of faith contain the words of men and not just scripture only with scripture references that may or may not support these words of men. There may be phrases from the word of God in these statements of faith. So, since they are the words of men, they need to be carefully analyzed. There are some statements of faith that are quite accurate. But sometimes there are phrases or words that indicate false doctrines. Over the last over 23 years since I was saved in 2003, I have analyzed many statements of faith. Most do have false doctrines, and many have damnable heresies. Many times, I do this in response to some mention of a particular leader, church, denomination or organization. This is part of the marking and avoiding process. So, study the word of God rightly divided to understand all doctrine. Then compare all sound Biblical doctrines to the doctrines of any leader, church, denomination or organization. But doing this more and more, you will get better at doing it and see repeated patterns of that indicate false doctrines.

One of the great techniques to take over any church, denomination or organization is to take over the teaching of the teachers. Again, even people have figured this out and not just in Christian churches, denominations and organizations. So obviously Satan who is much more intelligent than mankind and a great deceiver must have done and is doing this. The first step is to infiltrate the place where teachers are taught. Eventually, a change agent runs that part and then brings in other change agents to gain total control of that part. Others who might resist this eventually retire, die, leave or are forced out. These first generation of newly trained teachers go out into churches and become pastors or bishops. And in those churches are young men who inspired by these preachers go to become a pastor or bishop at that taken over place. They already have

learned the first set of lies. By the time they go to be trained, new lies have been added. They then go to become pastors and bishops in other churches or the same churches with the expanded set of lies. This continues for a few generations until the entire church, denomination or organization becomes fully leavened and can act as controlled operation. And all in these churches, denominations and organizations who do not leave become useful pawns to provide financial support and manpower to carry these deceptions to the world. Families in these places will raise their children, grandchildren and future descendants in these places and bring in others. And all this is facilitated by "major in the majors, minor in the minors".

This is how many deceiving organization and secret societies operate. And the structure of any deceiving organization or secret society is that at the very top of the organization or secret society has only few people. These are purposely deceiving and carrying out deception techniques. But they themselves are even deceived. And all deceptions will come from Satan and the other devils either directly or through one or more levels of deceivers above. This is the spiritual wickedness in high places that Paul wrote about in Ephesians 6:12. It is much easier to keep such deceptions with only a few people at the top than with many who might reveal the conspiracy. The next level has more members who are deceived but may keep some information they have from the next level done. And this continues down more levels with an ever-increasing number of members at the lower levels. These are all completely deceived. True believers in deceptions are the most useful and are zealous for those deceptions and their organization. And they are useful pawns to provide financial support and manpower to carry these deceptions to the world and to recruit others to join them.

Now Paul wrote the following verse. And of course, from 2 Peter 3:16, this is the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord**, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. – 2 Cor 6:14-18

From this verse several observations can be made. If we are commended to "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers", we must be able to identify who they are. This may not be easy especially since there are many deceivers waxing worse and worse, change agents and infiltrators especially in the last days. And of course, we are commanded to mark and avoid unbelievers and identify the false doctrines that they preach and promote especially damnable heresies. If not, others will think that these false teachers, churches, denominations and organizations preach the truth and it is alright to follow and join with them. That is the opposite of "Be ye not unequally yoked

together with unbelievers". And while you are not marking them or telling why, the unbelievers will absolutely mark you. Thus, others will reject the truth and will following those with damnable heresies. It is naïve to believe that the unsaved are will not do this especially their leaders. And it is against the wisdom of Chryst found in 2 Timothy 4:1-5 and Romans 16:17-19. Anything else will not work.

Now in the last days there are many deceivers and even delusions. This is precited to happen in the last days before the pretribulation rapture of the saved. Those predictions do not have an if clause so they will happen with certainty. And they have happened with certainty. And this will wax worse and worse as predicted in 2 Timithy 3:13. That means the number of deceivers, the number of deceptions, the subtilty of the deceptions, and the seriousness of these deceptions. And the path that has led to this is the philosophies of "major in the majors, minor in the minors" and "in essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity". The journey of 1000 mile begins with the first step, until the whole lump is leavened. Paul wrote that we should be "**stedfast, unmoveable**". That is the very opposite of "major in the majors, minor in the minors" where new compromises are being introduced over time.

Here is an analogy to the state of things in the last days. 100 pastors meet at a conference. Each one goes to the podium and says the exact same TRUTHFUL words. "The other 99 pastors here are telling lies." Then someone says you have to pick one of them to follow. But according to the word of God, all 100 should be marked and avoided.

The Bible is clear on doctrine. In fact, since we are commanded to "**prove all things**" and "**abstain from all appearance of evil**" in 1 Thess 5:21-22, we must be able to that else God would not have commanded us to do that. And the only way to do that would be by "**all scripture**" which "i**s given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine**" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

One last point to consider. Marking and avoiding does not mean to stop preaching the gospel of Christ to the unsaved. The gospel of Christ should be preached to all. Each person in the body of Christ can do that and should do that. Just make sure that the gospel that is preached is the gospel of Christ. Many will hear and believe that and be saved. However, sometimes a person will not want to hear it and may instead try to have you under an unequal yoke. In such cases you may want to move on to someone who might be willingly to hear the gospel.

All scripture is from the King James Bible, the word of God in English.