

AS IT READS

A Plea for us to accept the Plain Word of our Creator

PART 2: The Gospel Expressed in the Divine Record

INTRODUCTORY TEXT(S):.....

Mark 16:15 (KJV)>> ¹⁵And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Revelation 14:6 (KJV)>> ⁶And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people...

The divine record – that which we generally call *the Bible, the Word God or the Holy Scriptures* – contains the gospel

1) What is the meaning of the gospel found in the scriptures?

Romans 10:15 (KJV)>> ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that **preach the gospel of peace**, and **bring glad tidings of good things!**

Isaiah 52:7 (KJV) ⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that **bringeth good tidings**, that **publisheth peace**; that **bringeth good tidings of good**, that **publisheth salvation**; that **saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

As we have seen from the aforementioned scriptures, **the gospel means *glad tidings*, which could be translated today as *good news*. The gospel expresses a message of *peace, salvation* and the fact that *God reigns*. This message is so important that it must be conveyed to everyone who has opportunity to hear. In fact we are told that it must be preached (proclaimed with zeal) and published everywhere. We could ask rhetorically here: “Why shouldn’t it be proclaimed with zeal the world over? Isn’t it so pertinent that every soul should give attention? That every soul should know how perfect peace, eternal salvation, and God’s unfettered watch-care is within their reach? What possibly could mean more than this?” Friend, this gospel is for you, for me and the entire world. This**

gospel is the only legitimate answer to all our problems; this gospel answers the toughest questions ever conceived by mankind concerning this life.

2) Who or what is this gospel, this good news about?

Mark 1:1 (KJV)>> ¹The beginning of **the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God**;

Romans 1:1-4,16 (KJV)>> ¹Paul, 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; ⁴And declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead...** ¹⁶For 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.

Matthew 1:21 (KJV)>> ²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for **he shall save his people from their sins**.

1st Corinthians 15:1,3-4 (KJV)>> ¹Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand... ³For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how **that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; ⁴And that **he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**:

Beloved, it is shown very clearly in scripture that **this gospel is about a person known as Jesus Christ. Care is also taken to identify this Jesus Christ as *the Son of God***. Thus far then, we can see that **the record of the gospel presents one being identified as *God*, and another being identified as *the Son of God*, namely Jesus Christ**. The gospel proclaims a message of which two beings are involved; and this message involving these two beings serves to bring us peace, salvation, and God's reign over our lives.

May we then ask just how this peace, salvation and the reign of God is brought about? The scriptures we have seen tell us it is by **the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became human flesh just like us, died for our sins, and then rose from the dead**. On this note, some background shall be given later to show the deep significance of these acts of Christ.

3) Who exactly is Jesus Christ? What does it mean that he is the Son of God? Can answering these natural follow-up questions yield light on the gospel?

Friend, these precious words of the apostle John answer in the affirmative:

John 1:1-3,14,17 (KJV)>> ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God^[the supreme deity], and the Word was God^[deity]. ²The same was in the beginning with God^[the supreme deity]. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made... ¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father^[the supreme deity],) full of grace and truth... ¹⁷For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Beloved, these verses have given us a deeper view of this Jesus Christ who is at the centre of the gospel. The passage tells us that Christ (identified as *the Word*) existed from the beginning, before anything was ever made. It tells us that at this point before creation, Christ existed with another being identified as God the Father. Christ is also described as the “*only begotten,*” or *only-born* of the Father, comparable to what we call an only child. This shows furthermore why Christ is the only true Son of God; he is the only being born directly from God his Father, the supreme deity. Such is why Christ can be called “*God*” in the descriptive sense (*deity*); yet Christ is not to be confused with “*God*” in the personal sense (*the supreme deity*), which is his Father. They have the same nature, the nature of God, from the Father to the Son. Remember again, this wonderful revelation of the divine Father and Son is told in the context of *the beginning*, before anything was made. For we are told it was in the passage of this beginning that the Son, Jesus Christ, made all things. Therefore, if everything else that has ever existed only came by creative work of Son (in connection with the Father), we must realize that these two beings have the highest state of existence of anything, ever. They were before all things, and then they made all things. They are deity: they are the exclusive divine ones whose way is untraceable by us; they are infinite, and we are their finite creation.

The other great significance for us in John’s passage comes in the fact that the Son of God, coming from the highest state of existence, voluntarily took onto himself our finite human nature. Christ *became flesh and dwelt among us*: not as a divine phantom using a human frame as a vehicle; but as a divine being undertaking the exact life trajectory of a total, authentic, human being. On earth Jesus Christ was a divine being and a human being in one person. He was fully subject to all the realities and frailties to which we humans are acquainted (birth, growth, maturity, infirmity, etc.). This is how Christ, having blended his divinity with our humanity, could suffer and die. However, one key

thing happened even at the end of his earthly sojourn: **in the same humanity of which we meet an end in death, Christ actually was raised from the dead.** To sum it all up: **Christ first existed in heaven, possessing a divine form; he afterward came down to earth, then adopting a divine-human form; on earth he lived a perfect, sinless human life, and was killed by crucifixion; and, thereafter being raised from the dead, he went back to heaven to fully glorify what he accomplished in his divine-human form.** If we shall give adequate time to understand these milestones which took place during Christ's sojourn – the sojourn from heaven to earth, and then back to heaven again – we shall understand the gospel.

4) Whilst understanding that Christ is central to the gospel, why is it that so many details surrounding his work have to be brought to light? How important is it to know these intricate details of the gospel?

We reply by asking the following. If there is some aim that you desire (love, education, career, life-goal, financial goal, etc.), are you not willing to pass through all the details (whether welcomed or not), in order that you may achieve your aim? After all, could it not be that if you skip out any detail in the process, you could end not achieving your goal? **How much more it may be in the scheme of divine things that every detail is superbly important? Is the promise of eternal peace, salvation, and communion with God, worth your understanding of the important details involved? Or do the things of this limited, fleeting, unaccountable, unforgiving life deserve more attention to detail than the eternal?** We are confident you can weigh the balances accordingly.

Now, you may still ask, “Why would such events as mentioned about Christ be necessary? In what way could such events be a gospel, a message of good news for me? Why would a divine being need to come from heaven to earth, to become one like I am, die, and rise again, and go back to heaven – and this is somehow all for me?”

Well, friend, let us help explain by starting with this fact: we know that our world today is not a good place; there is little peace to be found; we have to always be on guard against evil. Regardless of our social circumstances, we all can claim to have been either a victim of evil, a witness to evil, or, sadly, even a perpetrator of evil. From human history we can observe that mankind has always given into the temptation to commit acts of wrong, for whatever cause or case; and our world today does not give any more evidence that this evil tendency will somehow just go away. **The reason for this state of constant conflict with evil, dear friend, is one word: *sin*.** It was for the ultimate eradication of this sin inherent in our world that Jesus Christ had to come, die and rise again.

Explaining further the record of the gospel: dealing with the problem of sin

To understand the real depth of the sin problem and its necessary remedy, it would be best for us again to consult the word of God which has been informing us of the gospel thus far:

1stJohn 3:4-5,8 (KJV)>> **4Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.** **5And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin...** **8He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

We see a number of points in the last passage which give crucial insight into this gospel we're learning about. For one, **we see that this word *sin*, synonymous with wrongdoing, is specifically defined as *the transgression (breaking) of the law*.** We see further that **there is a being called *the devil*, who is identified as the originator and propagator of sin.** So then, if we can admit that **sin – acts of wrongdoing which reveal the presence of evil – is in our world, we can understand that somehow, someway, humanity has followed in the footsteps of sin's originator, the devil.** We can then make a connection as to why the Son of God was called to rectify the problem. **There had to be some way by which sin – its originator, and all those who proliferate it – could be dealt with once and for all. Once sin would have been maintained and tolerated, only one outcome would be certain: tireless conflict and ultimate destruction of our world.** Terrible as today's realities are, things would have been exponentially worse; you and I probably would not even have had the chance to exist. It is by the mercy of the sacrifice of the Son of God that humanity has not been consumed. **That very law which was broken by the entrance of sin required the swiftest sentence of annihilation upon its transgressor(s).** **To uphold this law, and to be a sacrifice for humanity at the very moment we became complicit in the sin problem: this was the mission the Son of God came to our world to accomplish.** Christ really came to destroy the works of the devil: he came to destroy that which facilitated sin's origin and its propagation upon our human race.

Explaining further the record of the gospel: it all comes down to *the law* which safeguards the reality that a perfect, sinless world is possible again.....

There is another factor necessary for explanation in order that we may bring the understanding of the gospel full circle. We've learnt that the origination of sin was the problem, and that Christ was the remedy. But why did all this need to come about in the first place? When it all comes down to it, friend, **we must grasp one fundamental thing: in the origin of sin, the perfect order, the perfect authority of the universe was challenged.** Everything was perfect in our universe till sin entered. So what specifically was the entrance of sin militating against? **What standard was there which kept the universe in perfect order, that is, until sin entered our world? Remember, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also *the law*: for sin is the transgression of *the law*."** (1st John 3:4). *The law*, as mentioned here, would serve to be that very standard whose violation brought about the most far-reaching results. For if sin exists as such a perennial scourge upon our race, how much more then was this law authoritative toward upholding a most perfect harmony and peace among its subjects. In other words, to catch a grasp of how eternally binding the law is, we need only to notice just how much one simple violation of it has done. One sin, one transgression of this law, has served to produce a world of evil spanning thousands of years.

But then, what exactly is this law? Is it just some abstract concept or does it shed specific light upon man's proper and perfect duty? Whose authority is this law upholding? Let the scriptures tell us:

Romans 7:7-12 (KJV)>> ⁷What shall we say then? [Is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law**: for I had not known lust, except **the law had said, Thou shalt not covet...** ¹²Wherefore **the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**

Proverbs 6:23 (KJV)>> ²³For **the commandment [is] a lamp; and the law [is] light;** and reproofs of instruction [are] the way of life:

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)>> ¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.**

Exodus 24:12 (KJV)>> ¹²And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and **I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.**

Deuteronomy 4:12-13 (KJV)>> ¹²And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only [ye heard] a voice. ¹³And **he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, [even] ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.**

We see from the scriptures that the word *law* is synonymous with *commandment*. We can also see that this law is also described as *God's commandments*. We are informed that the proper duty of mankind is summed up in *the keeping of God's commandments*. Mankind's fidelity to God in keeping his commandments is also described as a *covenant*, like a promise. Quite interestingly too, we are told that God gave a visible representation of this law to mankind, written in the form of *ten commandments*, on two tables of stone. The words of those ten commandments are quoted here:

Exodus 20:1-17 (KJV)>> ¹And God spake all these words, saying, ²I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.** ⁴**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: ⁵Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; ⁶And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. ⁷**Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain**; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. ⁸**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.** ⁹Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: ¹⁰But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: ¹¹For [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. ¹²**Honour thy father and thy mother**: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. ¹³**Thou shalt not kill.** ¹⁴**Thou**

shalt not commit adultery. ¹⁵Thou shalt not steal. ¹⁶Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. ¹⁷Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.

And so, beloved, what you see expressed in these words above is the very representation of that law which was to govern mankind. **The ten commandments came directly from the authority of the divine Father and Son, described as being, “written by the finger of God.”** (Ex.31:18). All these commandments are a transcript of the Father and Son's divine character as applied to our human sphere. **This is why the commandments are described as holy, and just, and good: the principles expressed in the commandments are divine, just as God who wrote them is divine.**

Faithfulness to this law would have preserved perfect peace in our world from the beginning of creation till now. But as we have been understanding, that law was broken by humanity. The account of the temptation in the garden of Eden, in Genesis 3, tells us how this took place. And so, sin, being the transgression (breaking) of the law, entered our world, through the temptation of humanity by the one who was the original law-breaker. **With the breaking of this law by our fore-parents, there came the most terrible consequences for our human race. But this is just where Jesus Christ comes in. This is just where the gospel takes its necessity and becomes our opportunity. This is just where we can be able to grasp why we need Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and at the same time we need to once again become law-keepers instead of law-breakers.** Let the following scriptures illustrate the truth of the matter:

Romans 6:23 (KJV)>> ²³For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:19-21 (KJV)>> ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. ²⁰Moreover **the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where **sin** abounded, **grace** did much more abound: ²¹That as **sin** hath reigned unto death, even so might **grace** reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Romans 8:2-4 (KJV)>> ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴That the

righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Matthew 5:17-19 (KJV)>> ¹⁷Think not that I [Christ] am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ¹⁸For 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.** ¹⁹Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in^[by] the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in^[by] the kingdom of heaven.

John 14:15,21 (KJV)>> ¹⁵If ye love me [Christ], keep my commandments... ²¹He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 15:10 (KJV)>> ¹⁰If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I [Christ] have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Matthew 19:16-17 (KJV)>> ¹⁶And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God: but **if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

1 John 2:1-4 (KJV)>> ¹My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. **And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:** ²And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world. ³And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

The gospel involves Jesus Christ bringing us into reconciliation with the law of God.....

As we would have seen from the aforesaid scriptures, we are emphatically shown that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, and **within that very fact lies our necessary relation to the law.** For the very meaning of *saviour* begs the question: what was Christ sent to save us from? And the answer is, our *sins*. What is *sin*? Sin is *the transgression of the law*. What is *the law*? The law involves *all the commandments of God*. Therefore, in one sentence, the gospel is *Jesus Christ saving us from our transgression of God's law*. Christ is our sacrificial substitute in light of our past transgressions; and Christ is our example to avoid future transgressions. This undeserved invitation from the Father and Son to us, bidding us to come back into harmony with God's law of love, peace, and justice, is the very meaning of the gospel. And Jesus Christ was the only way through which this invitation could be offered. This same Christ who tells us he is offering eternal life: this is the self-same Christ who tells us that if we would enter into this eternal life, we must keep the commandments of God.

The gospel of the Bible takes care to present both Jesus Christ and the law of God. Any teaching which lessens in any way the efficacy of either of these elements is not presenting the gospel, but a counterfeit.....

5) What about those who teach ideas such as these?

- **“The law is done away, and we are under grace. We are not under the law, but under grace.”**
- **“Though we may sin as Christians, we are under no condemnation. We are sinners saved by grace.”**
- **“The law was a bondage: a bondage from which Christ has set us free.”**
- **“To make effort to keep the law is legalism, or works religion.”**
- **“All we need to is have faith, and confess Jesus Christ as Lord; works do not matter.”**

We would let the scriptures, including the very ones alluded above, answer such assertions:

Romans 6:14-15 (KJV)>> ¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
¹⁵**What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.**

Romans 3:31 (KJV)>> ³¹Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 3:31 (KJV)>> ¹[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 13:8-10 (KJV)>> ⁸Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. ⁹For 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. ¹⁰Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love [is] the fulfilling of the law.

Ephesians 2:8>> ⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Psalms 119:44-45 (KJV)>> ⁴⁴So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. ⁴⁵And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Isaiah 42:21 (KJV)>> ²¹The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make [it] honourable.

James 1:25 (KJV)>> ²⁵But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth [therein], he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 2:11-12 (KJV)>> ¹¹For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2:14-18,24 (KJV)>> ¹⁴What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be [ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit? ¹⁷**Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.** ¹⁸Yea, 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...** ²⁴**Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only...** ²⁶**For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

Revelation 22:14 (KJV)>> ¹⁴Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Conclusion.....

The gospel expressed in the divine record is the good news that God through Christ has made provision to save every human being from the condemnation of sin. The authentic account of this good news is only reliably found in the Christian Holy Scriptures – the Word of God. The gospel is the expressed invitation from two divine beings – the Father and the Son – to come into restorative fellowship with them. The acceptance of the scriptural Jesus Christ is central to its efficacy. The acceptance of the immutable law of God is essential to its absoluteness. We cannot have the gospel if we do not accept the scriptural representation of God the King, Jesus Christ the Prince, and the law of their government. The life and death of Christ 2000 years ago has made all these wonderful promises of redemption and eternal life possible. The gospel is simply divine love expressed to us and recorded in the Bible. We can say nothing more which could not be beautifully summed up by the apostle John:

1st John 4:8-10 (KJV)>> ⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love.** ⁹**In this was manifested the love of God**

toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. ¹⁰Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.

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John 3:16-18 (KJV)>> ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He 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.

Knowing that there is only one true gospel – the one expressed in the divine record – do you accept that such is the only way that you can be saved? Do you recognize that this means submitting to all of the gospel’s conditions revealed in that divine record? Do you see that you must accept first and foremost that Jesus Christ is the Son of God – the only-begotten offspring of the divine Father that was given to the world? That Christ was really God’s Son, therefore coming into existence after God his Father who begat him? That this Son through whom the worlds were made was begotten before any thing was ever made? That this Son existed with his Father in heaven as the first and only begotten, and then afterward angels and worlds were created? That it was around 2000 years ago that this Son was sent from heaven into our world to be the sacrifice for our sins? Do you realize that to disbelieve any portion of this divine witness about the Son means to be condemned already? That even if one believes every other thing written in the divine record, if the only-begotten Son of God is consciously misrepresented then those who do so shall fail of salvation?

Do you acknowledge that the true Son of the gospel took your fallen human nature onto his divine nature in coming to this earth? That this Son lived a perfect life in our fallen human nature by wholly keeping the commandments of his Father? That by the Holy Spirit of his Father, Christ was able in our nature to lead a sinless life, never once transgressing the law of God? That in such a perfect state of obedience, his divine-human self was the consummate sacrifice for the sins of our whole world? That because of this he was worthily crucified – regrettably at the hands of the professing church led by Satan – and subsequently resurrected by His Father as proof of this worthiness? That, accomplishing all this, Christ – after he had ascended and been glorified again

– could now by the Spirit give this victorious life back to us? That we as fallen human beings are given divine power to overcome all sin in this life, even as Christ overcame? That it is only perfect obedience to God’s commandments by the Spirit of Christ which shall save us?

Do you believe that this gospel is that which is to save you? That this is the one true gospel to be given to the world as a witness, and then the end shall come? Do you believe this is the everlasting gospel which shall yet be the marvel of the redeemed into eternity – the love of the Father and the Son? If you shall believe all such that is written in the law and in the prophets, then your salvation is assured. May we be faithful to the Father and Son, by the Spirit, that the immeasurable blessings of this gospel may be ours!

AMEN.

Shared with you out of love, in the service of the gospel,



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