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Introduction

What is Salvation? What is the Gospel? Those are key questions for every Christian. Yet most Christians are becoming increasingly confused about these very basic questions because there is an increase in apostasy and heresy. They are listening to errors. Some of the confusion comes from ancient times, and is bearing more and more evil fruit.

If you belong to a typical Evangelical church, it is certain that your church teaches a mixture of contradicting things, some true, and some not. Rare is the church whose doctrinal statement is error free. However, I have yet to find a church where the mystery of iniquity does not find some corner to thrive in. It has been nearly 2000 years since Jesus' resurrection and ascension, which have been filled with cults, religious wars, and the multiplication of many competing forms of Christianity and the growth of mutually contradictory doctrines and teachings all presented in an appealing religious garb. Sometimes error is presented in a soothing and emotionally sensitive way. Sometimes it is presented in a spirit of self-righteous slander against truths that should not be slandered.

I do not mean some trivial doctrine that people disagree about such as whether the rapture is before the tribulation or after it. Satan is much smarter than to let the gospel go unchallenged while introducing less important disagreements. Satan has been attacking and confusing the meaning of the most important vocabulary of the bible. He has spent enormous effort redefining and corrupting terms that Christians take for granted. The most basic truths of the Gospel and Salvation have frequently been horribly confused, and even perverted among millions of people who call themselves Christians.

This corruption reaches to the highest levels of religion, into seminaries and schools. It is found profusely in the scholarly journals. It is to be found in most sermons preached, and most books written about the Bible. It is in the commentaries and even in Greek dictionaries. Even true men of God have been confused and mistaught many things. The truth is in the Bible, the word of God. However, Satan and his agents have spent centuries trying to redefine the meaning of biblical language. The bible is inerrant in the original languages. And that is what we will be basing our conclusions on. It is true that there are a multitude of translations, all

claiming to be accurate. We will be checking this accuracy directly from the Greek or Hebrew. A translation isn't much good if the translator did not comprehend the sense of the original. It is not good at all when that happens.

This is now a day and age where the church is just as corrupt and perverted in teaching as any of the Sadducees of Jesus' time or the religious leaders that Jeremiah had to rebuke. The purity of the faith once delivered to the saints has long since been infiltrated by dangerous doctrines, which are taught alongside true doctrines. Every Church from Catholic to Baptist puts up with these strange teachings. They are not biblical teachings. The end of days and the Second Coming of Christ is near, and the Scripture makes it clear that God will root these things out of His kingdom.

Furthermore, not one in a thousand Christian pastors has sufficient competence in the original languages of the Bible to logically refute the false doctrine I speak of. It is not their fault. They are simply trapped. But it can be said for many of them that they understand the gospel from the biblical context and wisely refrain from emphasizing the false doctrines they are forced to pay lip service to, or don't quite understand. So, we will be looking into Hebrew and Greek in this book. But don't worry, because I will thoroughly document and prove everything I say so that the average person can understand it. The truth can be discovered, even though much error has to be weeded out. By the grace of God, I have been given a mind to study Scripture in the original languages at a young age and have been gifted with a desire to seek the truth with tenacity. I believe this has resulted in the re-discovery of truth to an unprecedented degree in our times.

When I am finished, I am sure that you will have a much clearer picture of what the gospel is and how salvation is accomplished. You will know for yourself the truth, and no one will be able to fool you by vain philosophies or theological traditions that they wish to maintain. I know the importance of demonstrating everything I say, so that you can be convinced of the truth. My calling is prophetic, but when I am done you will neither need me nor need to trust me to know the truth. I will expose the errors and demonstrate the truths.

My style is hard hitting and confrontational. Error will be confronted. However, I am not dogmatic. I will not force some point on you just because I say so. Nor will I expect you to believe any point just on my say so. But, the force of the argument will come from the Scriptural context, carefully reasoned argument, and accurate explanation of terms in the original text. I will mention many things that many Christians already

agree with. These are the old things I will remind you of. But I will be bringing new things that perhaps you have never seen before from the pages of Scripture.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God will see what I mean. We live in an age where men of God lie down in the road and let confusion and heresy run over them. We live in an age when those in Christian ministry have given up on the idea of purity of the faith. That is about to change. God is going to change it. He can, and will change this sorry state of affairs with or without me.

The Gospel: Key to the Kingdom

The gospel is simple: Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead on the third day. If you as a sinner confess your sin, and are sorry for them so that you want to repent, and firmly trust¹ in God, and His promise to forgive your sin through Christ, calling on Him as LORD and Savior, then you will be saved. When we are forgiven, we receive a pardon from God. A pardon means that the penalty of sin, which is death, is cancelled. When you come to faith, God also gives you the ability to repent of serious sins that would keep you from faithfully trusting Him. This is a measure of sanctification or holiness. You must choose to follow him daily as He opens your eyes. For the scriptures also say, "He who endures to the end will be saved"². Firmly trusting God requires believing everything he says and not just a limited set of facts or a philosophy.

That is the simple gospel: repent and believe the good news.³ And if everyone understood it, then I could quit here. However, the fact is that numerous Christians are taught, believe, or teach doctrines that are incompatible with the gospel. Some people will not like the fact that I mentioned repentance as a condition of Salvation, nor will they like the fact that I said one must "firmly trust" in God as opposed to simply "believe." These points will be covered more fully later. First, we will discuss "justification by faith".

The first thing you hear from many teachers is we are "justified by faith." But, they do not really know what Paul meant by the phrase, and I

¹ Hebrew: הִתְאַמֵּן, Gen. 15:6, "Abraham firmly trusted in YHWH".

² Matthew 24:13.

³ Mark 1:15.