

<p>“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 5:24 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ETERNAL LIFE PROMISED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<p>For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God . . .</p> <p style="text-align: right;">I Peter 3:18 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 4:5 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">I John 5:1 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOW TO BE BORN OF GOD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>
<p>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 6:23 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GIFT OF GOD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>“To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 10:43 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOW TO GET FORGIVENESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 4:4 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOD’S WORD IS FOOD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p>For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">I Corinthians 12:13 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>
<p>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Galatians 5:1 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FREEDOM FROM THE LAW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, that no one should boast.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 2:8,9 NAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRACE SALVATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 11:6 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRACE DEFINED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and to the day of eternity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">II Peter 3:18 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE TARGET OF GROWTH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12</p>
<p>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 1:17 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TWO SYSTEMS CONTRASTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 13:34,35 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONE NEW COMMANDMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 6:28,29 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE WORK GOD WANTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our inheritance . . .</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 1:13,14 RSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOD’S GUARANTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16</p>

Born of God means receiving eternal life. Jesus referred to this as “born again” in John 3:3-6.

What does it say one must do to get this birth? See also John 1:12-13.

The new birth places one in a new family of believers where love for the Father’s other children is expected.

Not until a person stops working for righteousness will he accept God’s righteousness through faith. See Romans 3:21-22.

The verse corrects those who try to be right with God by their works, since God justifies the ungodly.

What is the stated purpose of Christ dying for sins?

His single sacrifice paid for all sins for all men for all time. See Heb. 10:10-14.

Being sinless, Christ alone was qualified to pay the death penalty for the unjust.

Note the two conditions--hear and believe--for eternal life. Notice also the verb “has.” We get life now, not after death.

Why no judgment? Our judgment is past, not future, since it fell upon Christ, our substitute.

The believer, having passed from death into life, is destined for heaven.

Body means Christ’s church. The word “drink” is explained in John 7:37-39.

What does this baptism of the Spirit do for believers?

The Spirit is received when we believe the gospel. See Eph. 1:13-14 and Gal. 3:14.

Jesus affirmed that God had spoken. He believed the Scriptures were those words. See Mt. 22:31-32 for an example.

The word of God is said to be spiritual food. Believers are urged to feed on it.

To receive forgiveness of sins, what must one do?

Why is believing enough? Because believing means to trust in, to depend upon, and to rely upon the death of Christ as full payment for our sins. See Acts 13:38-39.

Wages are what we earn and deserve. We have earned death.

In contrast, a gift cannot be earned. It is free to the recipient, but it cost the giver.

What is the gift and what is its source?

Growing in grace is learning to be satisfied with the work of Christ for us and not seeking further approval by good works. See Philippians. 3:9.

The result? More glory for Him.

This verse helps to define grace; it excludes works. Grace is the unmerited favor of God toward sinners. It is always free.

What happens if works are added to grace? See Rom. 4:4

Notice how salvation is explained by several contrasts.

The words “and this” refer to salvation, not faith.

Grace salvation was designed to eliminate what? See also I Cor. 1:30-31.

“Yoke of slavery” refers to the bondage of Moses’ law according to Acts 15:10.

Having been set free of the law, the believer is told to stand firm in his Christ-purchased liberty.

Paul believed that if one submitted to any part of the O.T. he would lose his freedom. See Gal. 5:3.

How many things did they do to receive the Spirit?

“Sealed” means God’s stamp of approval and ownership.

The gospel promises salvation, but God also gives the Spirit to live in believers as a guarantee of eternal life. See Rom. 8:11.

Men have always wanted to work for God to earn his approval, but Jesus here identifies the work that God wants.

When a person believes in the one sent, he honors both the Father and the Son.

How will men know that you are a disciple of Christ?

Living by the new commandment fulfills all the commandments of the former law age. See Rom. 13:8-10.

Jesus’ commandments are further explained in I John 3:22-23.

Moses introduced merit living under law. But Jesus was not another lawgiver. His death ended the law age and established the age of living by grace. See Rom. 10:4.

Believers are told to grow in grace, but never in the law.

<p>But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. Romans 7:6 RSV</p> <p>17 FREE FROM LAW</p>	<p>“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” John 3:14-15 RSV</p> <p>21 SIN'S REMEDY</p>	<p>For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority. Colossians 2:9-10 NAS</p> <p>25 COMPLETE IN CHRIST</p>	<p>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. James 2:10 RSV</p> <p>29 THE LAW'S DEMAND</p>
<p>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.” John 14:6 RSV</p> <p>18 THE ONLY WAY</p>	<p>“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:48 NAS</p> <p>22 GOD'S STANDARD</p>	<p>As it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one.” Romans 3:10 NAS For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 NAS</p> <p>26 GOD'S VIEW OF MAN</p>	<p>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. John 1:14 RSV</p> <p>30 CHRIST BECAME MAN</p>
<p>Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made. . . Galatians 3:19 RSV</p> <p>19 THE TEMPORARY LAW</p>	<p>I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 RSV</p> <p>23 ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE</p>	<p>He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:10-11 RSV</p> <p>27 GOD'S TESTIMONY</p>	<p>The Lord is not slow about His promise . . . but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. II Peter 3:9 NAS</p> <p>31 GOD IS MERCIFUL</p>
<p>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Romans 4:3 RSV</p> <p>20 RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH</p>	<p>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2 RSV</p> <p>24 CHRIST IS GOD</p>	<p>And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:31 NAS</p> <p>28 KEY TO SALVATION</p>	<p>“For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.” John 12:49 NAS</p> <p>32 GOD'S SPOKESMAN</p>

Anyone who takes comfort from trying to live by the commandments is warned here that breaking one law makes him a law-breaker, and he stands condemned.

This is bad news for those who hope in a legal righteousness.

The New Testament tells us that there is a righteousness apart from law which God wants to give us. (Romans 3:21-22)

The words “fulness” (vs 9) and “complete” (vs 10) are from the same Greek word. Because Christ is complete, the believer in Christ is spiritually complete, having had the total righteousness of Christ credited to him.

To be complete in Him means to be totally acceptable to the Father. Nothing can be added to completeness. “In Him” is a frequent N. T. expression meaning “united with Christ.”

Jesus teaches the way to eternal life by the event in Num. 21:5-9. Read it. The Israelites were told only to look, not to pray, promise or make a sacrifice. Since the bronze serpent had no power, their look was with faith in God who promised to preserve life.

Today instead of looking, we are told to believe in the crucified Christ as our remedy for sin. Faith alone was the remedy in both cases.

Writing to Jews in the church, Paul declares that the gospel has released them from the bondage of the Mosaic law because Christ died, fulfilling its death demand. Believers are therefore no longer under its jurisdiction.

When a believer today tries to live by law he opts for captivity instead of the liberty which Christ purchased for him.

This statement confirms the identity of Jesus as the “Word” in vs 1, and refers to His human birth.

By describing Him as full of grace and truth, John emphasizes that Jesus came bringing undeserved salvation along with the truth of God. (See also verse 17.)

Paul quotes Psalm 14:3. In the sight of men some are righteous, but not before God. God does not grade on the curve. His passing grade is perfection.

Not even the best of men and women score 100, and a single sin disqualifies them from the presence of the sinless Father in heaven.

Jesus here expresses the Father's single standard for mankind.

Since Christ alone met the standard, only those united to Him by faith are acceptable to the Father. Jesus insisted that He was the only way to the Father.

The only other way to God is to be perfect!

Because Christ spoke for God in all things, His voice is the voice of God. In both word and deed He represented the Father; therefore He is *the* truth.

His resurrection to life eternal is convincing proof of His claim to be *the* life.

Access to the Father by either Jew or Gentile can be gained only through the one sent to be the mediator.

God does not delight in punishing sinners. This verse proclaims His desire that all be saved. Repentance means a change of mind toward the Creator.

The passage refers to the promise of the return of the Lord.

An inward witness is the result of faith in God's Son, and this testimony is the basis of peace and assurance.

When a man does not believe what God has said about His Son, he implies that God has lied and will not give eternal life as He promised. However, God cannot lie. His word alone is trustworthy.

This was written to confirm that salvation which is based on the testimony of God is certain.

Apart from the written word, none could be sure of eternal life. But God wants believers to *know*.

The “hope so” Christian lacks the inward witness of God. He may be doubting instead of believing.

Christ is Abraham's offspring who became a blessing to all nations.

The law was a temporary provision to control God's people from Moses' time until the cross. Since the law of Moses was until Christ, it cannot be in force after Christ.

Therefore, Christians should not be concerned with that obsolete law code since they have a “new commandment” from Christ which fulfills all the old law. (Gal. 5:14) See also Heb. 8:13.

The complete submission of Jesus to the Father is revealed here. As a servant of God, Jesus offered men no ideas of His own. Likewise, men who want to serve God today must teach the Scriptures only. There is no divine expectation that a prophet or teacher be creative.

God has spoken and His wisdom is found nowhere except in the Scriptures.

The verse answers the question “What must I do to be saved?” The single requirement to “believe” confirms that salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone.

“Your household” extended salvation to his family and slaves under the same requirement. No one can be saved because he is a member of a Christian's family as explained in John 1:12-13.

Christ is called the “Word” because He is the perfect expression of the Father. Jesus was all that God wanted to be, to do and to say to men. (John 14:9-11)

Vs 1 teaches that Christ existed prior to taking on human form, and was equal to God, yet a distinct person. Jesus is God the Son, the eternal God-man. (See John 1:14.)

The quotation from Gen. 15:6 confirms that God declares men who believe as righteous in His sight. “Reckoned” means credited. Righteousness was entered on his account.

It does not say that Abraham believed *in* God. Instead he believed what God had promised to do for him.