

## **Notes From My Facebook Page Part 1**

### **6 Reasons Why Salvation Is Free According To Ephesians 2:8-9**

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**Salvation is free:**

**Because it is by grace.**

**Because it is by faith.**

**Because it is not of ourselves.**

**Because it is not of works.**

**Because it is the gift of God.**

**Because lest any man should boast.**

### **The 39 Hebrew Epistles**

**We have all heard for years that the book of Hebrews is not for us today because it is written to the Hebrews and we are not Hebrews. They say we cannot base doctrine on the book of Hebrews for it is not written to us gentiles. But what these folks ignore are the other Hebrew epistles that Paul quotes and based his doctrines on in his epistles. I am referring to the books of Genesis through Malachi. All of these epistles or books are written to the Hebrews also. The book of Hebrews is not the only epistle or book written to the Hebrews in the Bible. The 39 books of the Old Testament are also Hebrew epistles. But even though they are Hebrew epistles Paul quotes them nearly 200 times in his epistles and bases at least 60 church doctrines on these Hebrew epistles. For example the following doctrines in Paul's epistles are based upon the Old Testament Hebrew epistles; The gospel of Christ, justification by faith, righteousness by faith, the indwelling Spirit of God and even our hope of resurrection. These are 5 major doctrines in Paul's epistles that we believe and preach today, that are all based upon the Old Testament Hebrew epistles. If so, how can anyone say that the book of Hebrews does not contain doctrine for us today? Keep in mind also that the Jews to whom the book of**

Hebrews was written were saved Jews who were in Christ and Christ was in them. They were members of the same church as us gentiles. The book of Hebrews was written to get them to move away from the Old Covenant Law into the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant, especially the one all sufficient sacrifice of Christ.

## All True Saints Of God Are Preserved Forever

### New Testament Saints

2 Timothy 4:18: And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Old Testament Saints

Psalms 37:28:

For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

## ARE PAUL'S EPISTLES THE ONLY BOOKS FOR DOCTRINE TODAY?

We are told over and over again by dispensationalists that Romans through Philemon are the only books for doctrine today. But is this true? Let's ask the man himself. Paul, are your epistles the only books for doctrine today? Paul says no. We then ask him; what books of the Bible should we use to teach and preach doctrine to God's people today? Paul answered that question years ago in 2 Timothy 3:16: In this one verse Paul told us what books of the Bible we should use to teach doctrine today. He said: ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God, and is PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Do you see what books of the Bible are profitable for doctrine today? According to Paul the apostle of the gentiles, ALL SCRIPTURE is profitable for doctrine. He did not say my epistles only as these hyper dispensationalists teach. He said ALL SCRIPTURE is profitable for doctrine.

This is why he quotes the Old Testament between 150-200 times in his epistles. This is why he uses the expression, as it is written, referring to the Old Testament, 33 times in his epistles. This is why he bases at least 60 church doctrines on the Old Testament scriptures. This is why major doctrines of the church are based upon the Old Testament scriptures such as: the Gospel, Justification by Faith, Righteousness by Faith, The Promise of the Indwelling Spirit of God and the Resurrection of the Dead and Translation of Living saints at Christ's coming and many more.

Another fact is this; when Paul preached and taught the word of God during his life time what books of the Bible did he have in his possession? Some people think he had all 66 books of the Bible in his hands like us. But the fact is, the only books of the Bible that Paul and all the apostles and Christ preached and taught from were Old Testament books especially the prophets like Isaiah the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament.

So who are you going to believe? The hyper dispensationalists who say Romans through Philemon are the only books for doctrine today or the apostle Paul who said ALL SCRIPTURE is profitable for doctrine today? I think I will believe Paul. How about you?

### **Christ Reigns As King Today**

Just a reminder to all the saints that Jesus Christ is busy today reigning as King and is slowly but surely putting all his enemies under his foot stool and he will not fail. Read these verses:

**Psalms 110:1: The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**1Peter 3:22: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.**

**1Corinthians 15:23-26: But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

**For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death**

Christ is now reigning in the heavens and defeating his enemies and bringing all angels, authorities and powers and enemies under his subjection. The last enemy he will defeat is death.

But when will death be defeated and how? The answer is in the same context:

1Corinthians 15:52-55: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

**So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?**

Death will be defeated when Christ comes and raises the dead saints from the grave. One verse says the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death the other verse says: DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY. At Christ's second coming those alive in Christ will say: O death where is thy sting? (Death will never touch them) The dead saints will say: O grave, where is thy victory? (The grave can't hold them) So Death will be defeated at the second coming of Christ and when the dead are raised from the grave and those alive caught up without dying. And until that day the Lord is slowly but surely putting all his enemies under his foot stool. Be patient saints God has this world under control and he will soon subdue all his enemies including death itself, bless God!

## **DID PETER AND PAUL AGREE OR DISAGREE?**

**By Pastor Art Watkins**

Many overzealous dispensationalists would have us to believe that Peter and Paul preached two different and opposing gospels at the same time. Is this true? Did they really disagree with each other? Let's search and see.

### **The Gospel According to Paul**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, 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.**

**Romans 5:8: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

### **The Gospel According To Peter**

**1 Peter 3:18: For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:**

**1 Peter 2:24: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

### **Redemption According To Paul**

**Ephesians 1:7: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.**

### **Redemption According To Peter**

**1 Peter 1:18-19: 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; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

### **Salvation By Grace According To Paul**

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**Act 15:10-11: 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? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.**

**Dispensationalists tell us that the Bible means what it says and says what it means. If that is so, then Peter and Paul preached the same gospel, the same redemption and the same grace. They both preached the sacrificial death and resurrection of Christ as the gospel. They both preached redemption through the blood of Christ. They both preached salvation by grace and not by the works of the law.**

**I have little kids in my Sunday School and VBS who have no problem understanding and believing these verses, but I know of many dispensationalists who can't. Why? Because they bought into the false doctrines of dispensationalism that says, Peter and Paul preached two different and opposing gospels. Their false theories of dispensationalism have blinded their eyes from seeing these simple facts of scripture that a little child can see.**

### **DID PETER PREACH THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS?**

**Some of the posts I read on Face Book never cease to amaze me. I just read a post written by a man in Chattanooga, Tennessee who has been preaching for over 35 years who wrote that Peter did not preach that Christ died for our sins. He said; no one can show where Peter ever preached that Christ died for our sins. I was so amazed that I had to read it twice. But that's what he said. How could a man who has been preaching for over 35 years make such a dumb statement? What is even worse is that a number of people agreed with him and said he was "preaching the truth". Here are 3 verses that prove beyond a shadow of doubt that Peter preached the death and shed blood of Christ for our sins. Read them and see for yourself.**

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**After reading these verses ask yourself this question; How could a man who has been preaching for over 35 years say that Peter did not preach that Christ died for our sins? I will tell you why; He bought into the false doctrines of hyper dispensationalism that says that only Paul preached the cross for salvation. This is a example of how it blinds people's minds from seeing the truth and forces them to deny what the Bible plainly says. I once bought into this doctrine myself but God in mercy saved me out of it.**

### **DO YOU BELIEVE PETER'S GOSPEL?**

**I just read a post on Facebook written by a hyper dispensationalist in Chicago. He said that if you believe Peter's gospel today you will end up in hell. Take a look at Peter's gospel and see if you agree with him.**

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to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

This is the gospel according to Peter. He preached salvation by grace through faith in the sacrificial death and resurrection of Christ, but yet this blind, deceived hyper dispensationalist says that if you believe this you will go to hell. Sad to say many dispensationalists believe this nonsense. Is it any wonder why so many people today are turning away from the false doctrines of hyper dispensationalism?

### The Curse Of Idolatry

Exodus 20:3-5: Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 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: Thou 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;

Notice that when fathers allowed idols or anything satanic into their home that his children unto the fourth generation suffered for his iniquity. This is why they were told to go through their homes and purge out any satanic leaven they found that God hates.

### What We Gained From The Second Adam

The redeemed have gained more through the last Adam than they lost through the first Adam. They occupy a more exalted position. Before the fall Adam dwelt in an earthly Paradise, but the redeemed have been made to sit with Christ in heavenly places. Through redemption they have been blest with a nobler nature. Before the fall man possessed a natural life, but now, all in Christ have been made partakers of the Divine nature. They have obtained a new standing before God. Adam was merely innocent, which is a negative condition, but believers in Christ are righteous, which is a positive state. We share a better inheritance. Adam was lord of Eden, but believers are "heirs of all things," "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Through grace we have been made capable of a deeper joy



than unfallen spirits have known: the bliss of pardoned sin, the heaven of deep conscious obligation to Divine mercy. In Christ believers enjoy a closer relationship to God than was possible before the fall. Adam was merely a creature, but we are members of the body of Christ—"members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." How marvelous! We have been taken into union with Deity itself, so that the Son of God is not ashamed to call us brethren. The fall provided the need of Redemption, and through the redeeming work of the Cross, believers have a portion which unfallen Adam could never have attained unto. Truly, "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

### **What Makes Christ So Wonderful?**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace.*

### **His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful**

The word wonder or wonderful is an emotion we experience when something new, unusual, strange, great, extraordinary, or not well understood is presented to our sight and mind. It's something we see or hear which gets our undivided attention by its greatness and grandeur. It's something that is amazing. For example; In Acts 3 after Peter healed a lame man at the gate of the temple it says the people were filled with *wonder and amazement*. (Acts 3:10) They were astonished at what happened. Christ's name is wonderful and that name fits him perfectly because everything about Christ is wonderful, amazing, great, extraordinary, astonishing and unusual.

### *His birth is wonderful and amazing*

His birth was one of a kind. No one has ever or will ever experience a virgin birth like his.

### *His nature is wonderful*

He is God and yet he is man. He is the Son of God and the Son of man. No one has ever had a nature like his.

***His life was wonderful and amazing***

He is the only man who has a perfect record against sin and temptation. Even though tempted under the worst conditions he never once yielded to temptation. (Heb.4:15) He is the only man who kept every precept of the law perfectly and he is the only man the law could not condemn.

***His miracles were wonderful and amazing***

They were real, verifiable, physical, visible and instantaneous.

***His death was wonderful and amazing***

By one act of disobedience (Adam's) all men became sinners. But by one man's death (Christ) all men can be justified. As God counted Adam's sin as the sin of all men, God counted Christ's death as the death of all men. By the death of one man all men can be saved. You may sacrifice your life and save a few people from dying, but Christ's sacrifice is sufficient to save all men from sin and hell for he bore the sins of all men. God can save billions and billions of men today because of the sacrificial death of one single man. (Heb.10:12)

***His resurrection was wonderful and amazing***

He was the first to be raised from the dead never to die again and the first of many to be raised from the dead never to die again. His resurrection made it possible for millions to be raised. (Rev.1:18)

***His salvation is wonderful and amazing***

He can save all sinners and forgive all sins. There is no such thing as an unpardonable sin or sinner with him. (Acts 13:38)

***His word is wonderful and amazing***

There is not one mistake or error in it. I can't speak 5 sentences without making a mistake. He wrote sixty six books without one error or mistake. Every word he spoke was the truth. He never had to correct himself. The word he divinely inspired he also preserved for what good is inspiration without preservation?

## **All Men Of All Ages Are Saved By Grace**

**When you consider what God says about the moral condition of all Jews and Gentiles throughout history, the only way possible for them to be saved is by grace in ANY AGE.**

**Romans 3:9-18: What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;**

**As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**

**There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**

**They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

**Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:**

**Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:**

**Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:**

**Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:**

**And the way of peace have they not known:**

**There is no fear of God before their eyes.**

**This is God's moral indictment of all Jews and gentiles throughout history. After reading this, it is only by grace that God saves any Jew or gentile in any age. There was not a time in history when God began to save men by grace; the only way God can possibly save any sinner in any age is by grace, past, present or future.**

## **The Eternal Priesthood of Christ**

**Hebrews 5:5-6: So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another *place*, THOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER after the order of Melchisedec.**

**Jesus Christ was made a High Priest FOREVER. If so, do you think God will reinstate the Levitical priesthood after the order of Aaron again in the future? Of course not.**

## **The New Covenant Is Everlasting**

**Hebrews 13:20: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of THE EVERLASTING COVENANT.**

**The New Covenant is an everlasting covenant that had its beginning when Christ the testator died. It is in force now and will be in force FOREVER. If so, do you think God will reinstate the Old Covenant again in the future? Of course not!**

## **How Did The Health, Wealth and Prosperity Gospel Work Out For Paul?**

**He wrote: 1 Corinthians 4:11-13: Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.**