

What is the “gospel of my salvation?”

“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 1:16).

The apostle Paul declares unto us “the gospel” in I Corinthians 15:1-4. This gospel saves me from the eternal punishment of sin and death in the lake of fire, which is hell. This “gospel of my salvation” is:

CHRIST DIED FOR MY SINS, HE WAS BURIED IN THE GRAVE, AND HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY FOR MY JUSTIFICATION.

Upon trusting God and believing this truth, God baptizes and seals me with His Holy Spirit. Then I await the redemption of my body. This will be the day of resurrection whereby the Lord, himself, changes my vile, fleshly body like unto His glorious body to ever be with Him in Heaven. See Ephesians 1:13-14.

What happens to the unbelievers?

And herein is why the so-called good person is lost:

“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).

*“But the fearful, and UNBELIEVING, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, **SHALL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNETH WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE: WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH**” (Revelation 21: 8).*

But to the BELIEVER *there is much more* than just being saved from the punishment of hell. In the ages to come God might show unto us the exceeding riches of his grace and his kindness toward us through Jesus Christ. There is the *reward of the inheritance* to all those who are wise stewards, and to those who do not deny Christ now. These will receive rewards with eternal glory at the “JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.” See II Timothy 2:3-12.

NOW THEN... *“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).*

“So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me (the apostle Paul), as a wise masterbuilder, I have

laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are” (I Corinthians 3:7-17).

Consider this: If you live to be 70 years old or even 100 while in this life, what amount of time is this compared to living eternally? God has provided the redemptive work for your salvation so that you might escape the debt and penalty of your sins. It is God's desire for you to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:3-7). Consider the cost by God for you! Some shall suffer eternal loss at the day of Christ's Judgment Seat for rewards to the believer. The believers work on the “right foundation” shall be tried by fire to determine of what sort it is (I Corinthians 3), and if it abides, they shall receive a reward. BUT to the unbeliever, these shall suffer loss at God's “Great White Throne Judgment” because of unbelief. Sin has been paid for but these fail to believe God... BUT DO NOT LET IT BE YOU!

“But GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement”(Romans 5:8-11).

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