

KINGDOM
GOSPEL
BASICS

Illustrated in five Colours



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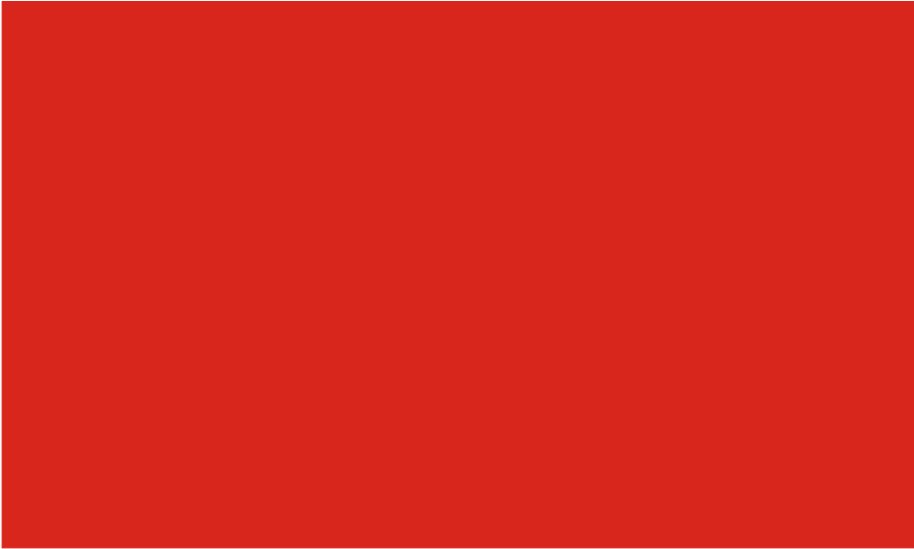
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The **Gospel of the Kingdom** begins, as it does, *with the revelation of the sinful, depraved nature of man*, of all humanity; and then, of the judgment God warns would befall all who die in their sins. Next, it declares that “All has sinned and come short of the glory of God”. “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 3: 23; 6: 23). The phenomenon of sin and death will meet with eternal destruction, taking those bound to it by their way of life (Rev. 20: 14, 15).

The Bible, however, begins with the revelation of God as Creator of all things; with man, the crowning piece of His creative works coming forth in His **character representation and wisdom attributes** (that is, in His image and after His likeness). What then happened? The man, Adam fell from this glory God bestowed on him with and passed on to his posterity, the human race, the cursed nature of sin and death (Rom. 5: 12). None can save himself from its chains no matter how hard he tries. There is none righteous, no not one Read carefully Rom. 3: 10 18. The black page reminds us of this and of related issues in this pamphlet.




The Gospel teaches that by Jesus Christ Him and through Him alone is there salvation from the cursed bondage to sin and death. How did He provide for such a great deliverance? What shall be done to wipe out the phenomenon of sin and death? The gospel ministers the answers to these burning questions Jesus is spoken of as the Lamb of God (John 1: 29) sacrificed for us (1 Cor. 5: 7; Isa 53:4-6) God gave His son to *die for us and instead of us* on Calvary cross. There is absolute power in the blood of Jesus because on earth Jesus proved to be a perfect man (Heb. 7; 26). By His death he destroyed both him that had the power of death and all the works of the devil so as to completely save man (Heb. 2: 14, 15; I John 3:8). So, **He shed His blood not only to save from the power of sin but to eventually wipe out the hideous presence of sin and death from creation.** Jesus Christ arose from the dead to the glory of full blown Deity; the very LORD. Just as His blood washes from sin, His life is able to save man unto **the uttermost.**



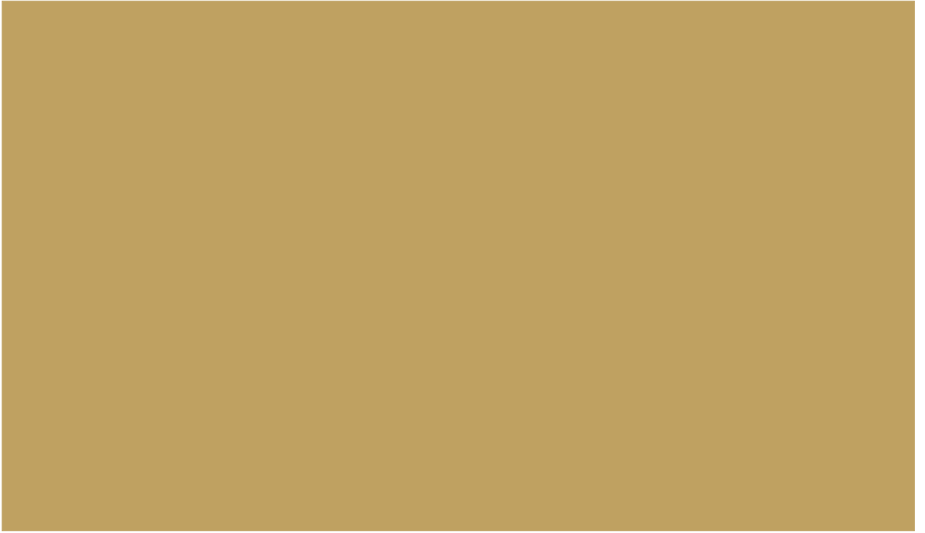
Anyone desiring SALVATION from the bondage to sin and death offered by the Gospel of Christ *must* first acknowledge *in repentance* his sins, crying out for promised mercy. Mark 1: 15 show us the two things needed to come into the Kingdom; becoming a child of God. “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel”. Also, “For God so loved the world that **he gave His only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but **have everlasting life**”(John 3:16). **Repentance** is from sin. Additionally Jesus Christ must be believed upon and received as Lord and Saviour into one's heart (John 1: 12, 13). Joyfully confess to faith in the Lord Jesus. Rom. 10: 10 says, “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation”. This is how to be born again (John 3:3).

Forgiveness of sins comes as first of numerous benefits that follow being born of God. A redeemed soul is clothed with the garments of Righteousness which are the garments of Salvation. These are symbolized as his being arrayed in WHITE LINEN. Arising from his justifying faith is PEACE with God and ACCESS to His holy presence.



The green color symbolizes life, growth, well-being and the dawn of a new season. 'As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2: 2). "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3: 18). The old Song holds ever true: 'to grow in Christ each day, we read our Bible and pray'.


But speaking that truth in in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head; even Christ" (Eph. 4: 15). It requires the study, practice and spread of the word of God. A relationship with has been established when born again. Daily communion with Christ in prayers and worship should be habitual. Fellowship with other believers in a Church setting (Acts 2: 42, Heb. 10: 25) is commanded. Growth takes place in the new born Spirit as well as in the soul. God brings about continuing moral transformation to the Soul through the agencies of the Word and the Spirit. God has plan to also totally transform the body. For now, God provides for the body to be wholesome; giving support to the soul and spirit of man in rendering Him service.



The promise of enjoying the glories of Heaven in the age to come and of receiving the priceless rewards for walking faithfully with Christ in the midst of this ungodly world is a central theme in the Gospel of the Kingdom. The terms '**Inheritance**' and '**Reward**' are often used in Scriptures in connection with the placement of persons adjudged worthy to be part of the fully constituted Kingdom of Heaven. This will be during the millennial reign of Christ.


Christ lives His life in us as we submit to Him. Faithfulness in living in submission to the Lord and coming through in times of testing are things He measures in the redeemed. By these God determines those who should be granted **eternal Inheritance**. Likewise, consecration and divinely pleasing service yield fruit to God and is **rewarded with ruling functions** in the ages to come.

Thus, we may rightly infer that when one is born again, he is *in this age* brought into God's eternal purpose; in line with what He sets out to do, "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness". Also, he is required to be "fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth"; doing this together with others similarly called, fulfilling God's will on earth.



The Bible separates between sins (guilt bearing acts) and sin (a nature under the control of Satan). Forgiveness comes from God to us at Salvation. Victory over the nature of sin is experienced by faith in Christ as the believer's Sanctifier. Rock of Ages! Cleanser from sins' guilt and power!! Now, a person's service in the Kingdom *is only counted* when these two experiences are in place. What services are done outside this domain are called **dead works**. We must be awake to this truth early in our Christian life.

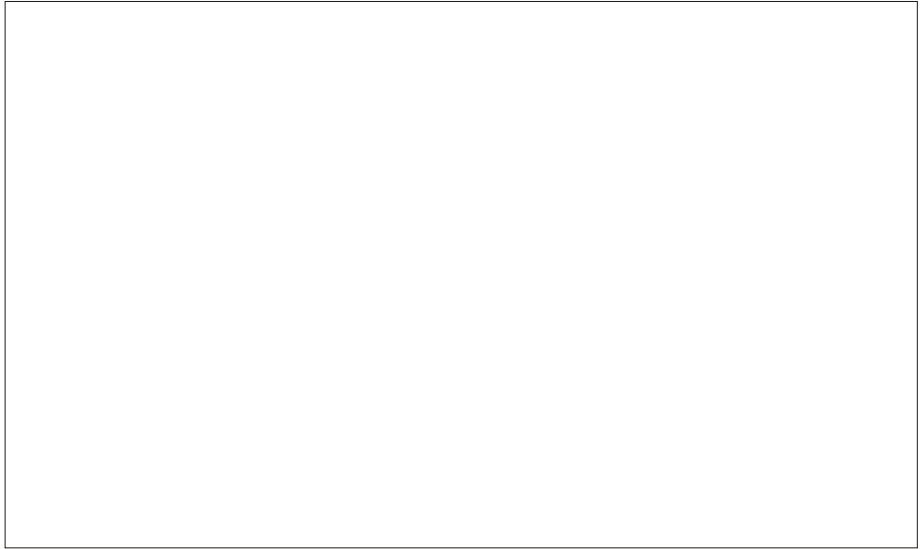
“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned” (Rom. 5: 12). This opens up more of the terrible consequences of the fall. Its mastermind, called Satan the adversary of God appears to have just won Adam over. However, Satan actually gained the **Kingdoms of this world not just first man** (Matt. 4:8, 9). He still beguiles and seduces those not under his control promising to give them uncommon power, wealth and royalty. They however must accept to come under his infernal lordship. An uncompromising advance of the Kingdom of Christ must therefore engage in confronting sin within man and in the Kingdoms without.



The Truth- filled events of the death of Christ and of His resurrection are the master strokes releasing **toward the believer and upon the World**, the omnipotence of God. This **awesome power**, directed toward the blessing of the Church, is held in trust, in the person¹ and manner² of the Holy Spirit.


Two things arise from this: The government of the Holy Spirit in the believer and in the Church is the way of victory over 'sin and satanic opposition'. By it also, mastery is demonstrated over an already defeated foe. Secondly, the Church **through the Holy Spirit** effectively improves the world of sin and will deliver her Kingdoms to the Lord Jesus by conquest.

Who is the Holy Spirit¹? He is another of the same kind as Jesus whom He sent to us and has come as the Spirit of the **resurrected, glorified Christ**. How does the Holy Spirit connect with the shed blood of Jesus, in which resides His incorruptible Life? We see the Holy Spirit **in time** but He was *before time*. As the eternal Spirit, it was through Him Jesus offered Himself without spot. And **what is His manner²**? He perfectly serves the dictates of Christ and cannot endorse whatever misses this quality.



A central feature of the New Testament is the Grace covenant which is **founded upon Promise made to Abraham by God**, upheld by Him alone. God did two things to assure the fulfilment of the promise. First is the shedding of the blood of the Lamb of God which He commanded (John 10: 17, 18). By this act, the curse is cut off (Gen. 3:17; Gal. 3: 13) and the promise to Abraham becomes '**Abraham's blessing**' (Gal 3:14). Secondly, upon the resurrection and glorification of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit was outpoured upon the Church. By this act, a fulfilment of the Father's promise, the awesome power dispensing redemption may now flow to the church.

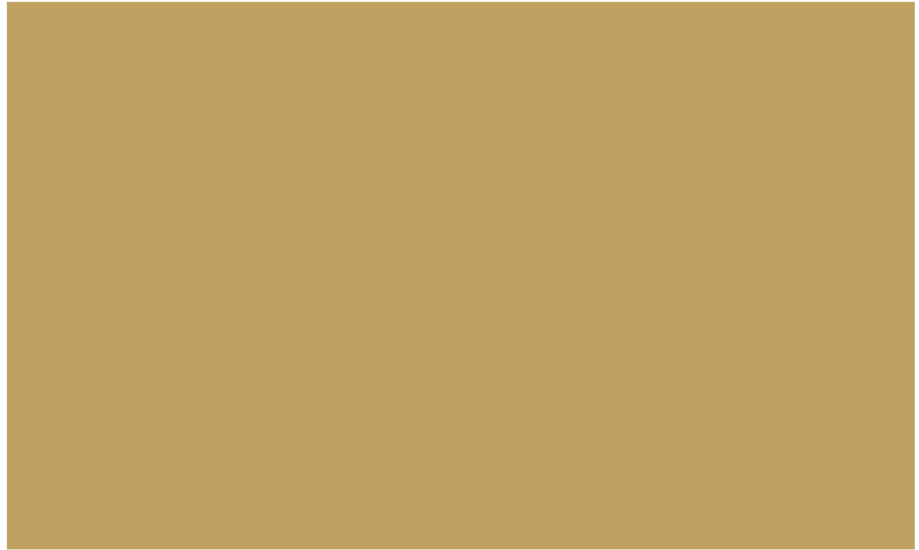
Respecting Abraham's blessing, there is **our present inheritance** which is ours by what Christ has done and is enjoyed by faith alone. Righteousness, Grace for grace, Peace, Access to the Father, Authority to use the name of Jesus, Accounted as sitting with Christ, Prosperity, Healing, The right to life, are but a partial list. **We do well to keep awake to this high estate** by knowing and believing it. Moreover, the Holy Spirit requires it from a consecrated child of God. Then there is the **future inheritance** which we are fitted for through spiritual growth and service.



The Holy Spirit has the task of walking the Church through to her final destination in Christ.

See how this *all knowing and all powerful personage* commits to executing His mission. John 16: 13, 14 reads in part, “**He will not speak of Himself** but whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak”. “He shall glorify me, for He shall receive of mine, and shew it unto you”. We must understand this of the Holy Spirit: He does not consult Himself, Rather, in self abandonment, the Holy Spirit is total in His submission to the Lord Jesus. Just like Jesus was to His Father in the days of His flesh!


The Lord in wisdom has placed the church under the privileged tutelage of the Holy Spirit. In John 16: 12- 16 the Church is to **lean on the Holy Spirit** much the same way a blind man submits to his guide. Understanding our disability, He patiently teaches and leads the church to the fullness of Christ. Learning to follow the Holy Spirit in all things is a habit everyone should wisely cultivate and encourage others to. To grow in Christ each day, let's continually feast on the Word, praying in and through the Holy Spirit.



The inheritance promised the children of Israel was a land flowing with milk and honey. The 'flowing' was by miraculous sustenance since the land itself was a difficult terrain. The abundance of means which 'milk and honey' signifies is not traceable to natural occurrences but **to the blessing of God** by unceasing miraculous flow (Deut.11: 11-17). The phrase 'a land flowing with milk and honey' indicates treasurable land but the actual estate far exceeds imagination. Israel, even today, ranks highest among nations in Science and production of most advanced military wares.

The promised inheritance of the overcoming Church is captured literally as the 'heavenly Jerusalem, having the glory of God' and 'the street of the city is pure gold'. This description is attractive in every sense but points to **an estate of being and dwelling**, revealed in the Bible that is **awesome beyond compare**. Satan hates to think the once slaves captive should come to inherit such excellent glory that no created being has ever known.


Christ 'hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel'. Made worthy by Grace, the overcomers by life and immortality shall reign with Christ. Glory to God in the Highest!



What was behind Adam's tragic fall? The Bible records it in few words; the event hardly lasting an hour! The Serpent led Adam and Eve away from their trust in God. Doubting God, they desired liberty from His control by becoming an equal authority. 'Ye shall be as God" (Gen. 3:5). Dismiss the authority of God!! "Ye shall surely not die"!!! (Gen. 3: 4). But they died and their blood began servicing Serpent's fortunes.

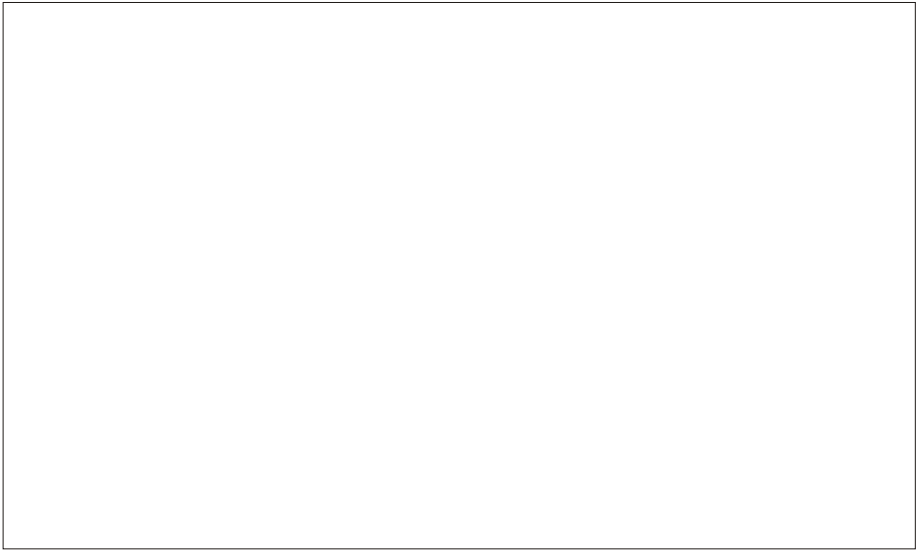
Like the Serpent, Babylon the great harlot drinks for wealth, the blood of entrapped saints. Never satisfied, this **earth beast** (Rev. 13: 11f) reaches out for more blood sourcing fatal persecution. "In her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of *ALL that were slain upon the earth* (Rev. 18: 24; 17: 6).

Adam's fall gifted Satan the world, **now a beast**. With sorcery, this **sea-beast** (Rev. 13:2f) clubs down all and sundry, laying the spoils at Satan's feet. Only the blood of Christ can deliver from these axes of wickedness. His blood is available but only at the Altar where His Lordship is testified to. The Lordship of Jesus confessed gets one saved. He is the author of eternal salvation unto them that obey Him (Heb. 5: 9).



“Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed”? (Isa. 53:1). It is little discussed how certain aspects of Jesus coming and life on earth; the death **of and on** the cross show the way to experiencing *decisive victory* over Satan and his kingdoms. Here are vital issues relating to the blood of Christ: a) The Word became flesh; b). His death to - self - attitude, seen in a complete forfeiture of His rights to God; c). The attestation by God and man, to the holiness of His life and conduct on earth; d). His labour of prayers behind the scenes of public ministry; and finally e). The vicarious sufferings and death on the cross.


The foregoing, summarily considered, urges a life of consecration upon believers of the report (Matt. 16: 24, 25; 2Cor. 5: 14- 15). Such ones through faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice, are able to die to self and live unto God. The incorruptible seed remains active in them rendering powerless the satanic mystic field of influence **that casts many stars to the ground *unawares***. The arm of the Lord, the living, awesome blood of Christ, is ever present to preserve ALL walking in obedience to the demands of the **Gospel report**.



Obedience to Gospel demands is an act of faith. The obedience of love is the highest form of obedience and confers a worthiness on a man that enables him walk with the Lord Jesus in WHITE (Rev. 3:4). Anyone manifesting obedience of love joyfully surrenders the heart, mind and will to the Lord. He is thus fitted to experience transforming change from one level of glory to another.


A sheep cannot see far but **always gets to its destination** thanks to the Shepherd. The normal sheep habitually hears, obeys and follows the Shepherd. The characteristic bond between a sheep and its Shepherd is unique. The obedience of love bonds the Shepherd Christ to His sheep. **In the Kingdom, it is the highest manifestation of faith and also the believer's highest wisdom.** The Master's words take over his thought life. He chooses to keep to the instructions of the Holy Spirit once known.

This is the work of God that we believe on Him whom He has sent (John 6: 29). Works done supposedly for God but outside this rule stand rejected, mere rituals; dead works. Clothes draped in MIXED COLOURS, spiritually speaking, are seen on the disobedient. Reputation? Maybe but no character change for this comes from Christ alone.




Behold, **I send my Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which i have prepared.** Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him (Ex. 23: 20, 21). God also gave them Ten Commandments saying, **“After the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel** (Ex. 34: 27).

What the Angel and Ten Commandments were to Israel of Old, the Holy Spirit is to the Church and more. There was overthrow of the majority of the Israelites in the wilderness. It is visibly so today. A return to the Holy Spirit will bring deliverance to many caught up in organized disorders of many assemblies. The official 'clergy and laity' distinction is a norm in the denominational churches but hated by the Lord. The Holy Spirit does not even consult with Himself, but submits to the Lord in carrying out His mission. It is useless therefore for man to try subverting His manner of doing things. David of old, sincere and passionate for God, still faced His wrath because he ignorantly breached the 'due order' stipulated in Scriptures (1Chr. 15: 13).



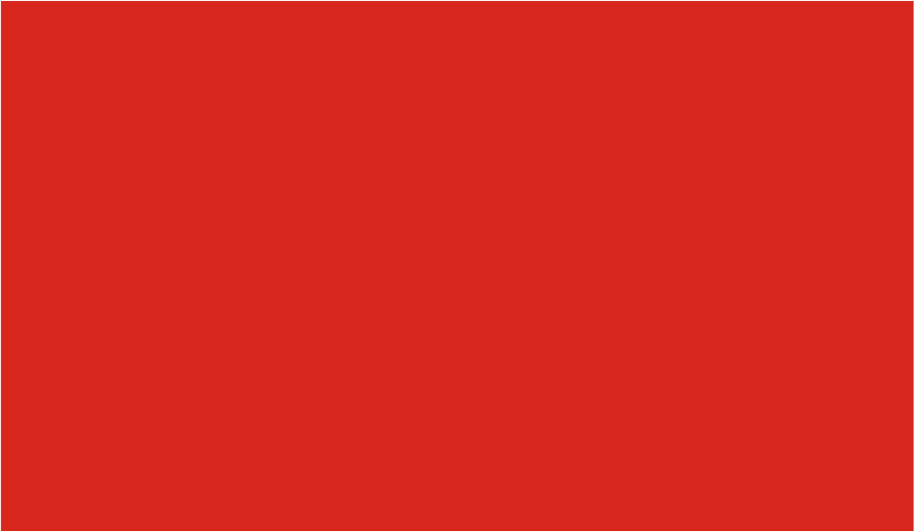
“Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very *small remnant*, we should have been as **Sodom**, and we should have been like unto **Gomorrah**” (*Isa, 1: 9*). These cities were twice judged, the first being a warning. Those escaping captivity **fled to the mountain** for safety (*Gen 14: 10*). *Abraham intervened for Lot (Gen. 14: 14-16)*. In the second, the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah **brimstone and fire** from the LORD out of Heaven (*Gen. 19: 24*). Lot escaped but his wife became a pillar of salt. In the season of Christ return, it would be *as* in the days of Lot (*Luke 17:28-30*). God is also raising a 'remnant' that will recover many of their brethren.

Recall: “**Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant** -“. We see in our day, a remnant class, in many nations, emerging out of the organized disorders in the man-ruled churches of the world. “.... At this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace” (*Rom, 11: 5*). Has the voice of Lord crying out “Come out from among them” reached you? Then prepare your heart to be a remnant indeed. Blessed be the goodness of God forever!



False ministers were a serious problem to the early Church after only about twenty five years. Carefully read 2Cor. 11: 13-15. The Churches had not only become a gathering of mixed multitude (2 Tim. 2:20) but things were worsening no thanks to the activities of ungodly ministers. Called anti-Christ by Apostle John, he points out that these persons were once in Christ (1 John 2: 18-19) and warns that this development will be on the increase in these last days. It's no wonder that five of the seven Churches of Rev. Chapters 2 and 3 were even then in fallen condition; victims of worldly lusts which are prone to Satan's deception.

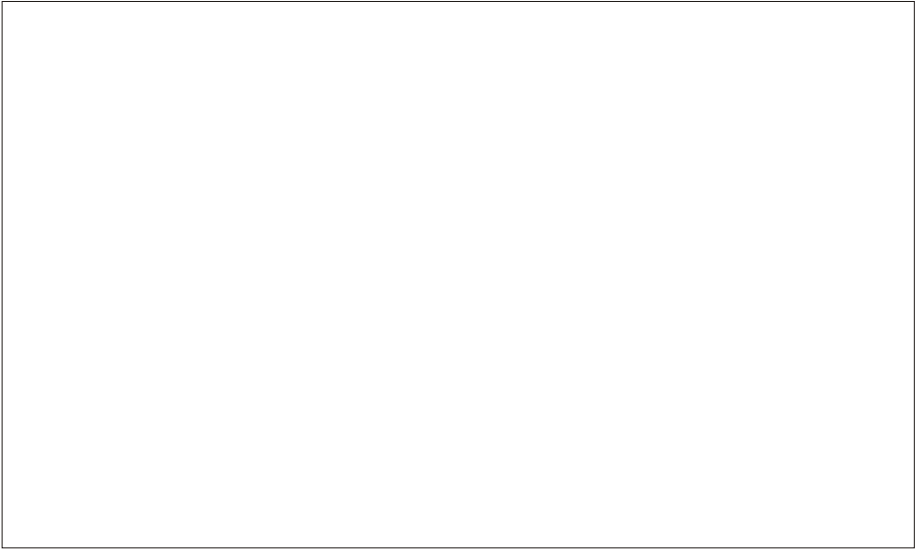
We are in this last hour confronting a churchian system, the world over, that operates like the true Church (Rev, 13: 11f) but completely owned by Satan. A Beast but appearing like a Lamb! (Two horns feigning the Word and the Spirit). This evil system is in Rev. 17 disclosed as **mystery Babylon; the great Harlot**, commanding the followership of '*peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*'. Painful to realize that many of God's unsuspecting children are trapped in it; under the same blinding influences cast over all nations (Rev 18: 2-4; Isaiah 25:7).



The promise of eternal life (Titus 1: 2), life at the highest expression, was in God's plan when in Gen. 1: 26 He said "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". Thereafter He provided for the redemption of man, foreknowing his fall: Rev. 13. 8 declares that the Lamb of God was slain *from* the foundation of the world. Thirdly, Matt. 25: 34 declares that the Kingdom (of the Lamb) was prepared *from* the foundation of the world. These Scriptures considered together, makes it abundantly clear that the fall of man did not overtake God. His planned response **MUST** therefore be taken as being absolutely adequate to deal with the issues of sin, death and Satan. The Grace of the Gospel excels in strength.

Satan's power is not just curtailed but rendered completely impotent. Grasping equality with God by setting aside total dependence on Him is the surest way to keep active the seed of rebellion.

Once the fear of God meets a disposition towards obedience, the blood of Christ will keep the individual perpetually above the Serpent's reach. The prince of the power of the air is ceaselessly at work but he shall find nothing in the obedient. Those who lead themselves are actually led of the Serpent.




“Let us be glad and rejoice, . . . for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready, And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints” (Rev. 19: 7,8). “Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And shewed me the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God” (Rev. 21: 9 - 11 part).

The selected verses above portray the outcome of a faithful walk with Christ, thus allowing Him bring desired transformation and glorification (see her beginning in Rev. 3: 7-12)

“I will show you the great harlot... with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication” “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils” (Rev. 17: 2; 18: 2 3part).

In contrast, the harlot prophetess ended up with the demons that brought her fame, control and wealth. The 'kings of the earth' began as servants of Christ but shared 'ministry' with that woman Jezebel. (See their beginning in Rev. 2: 20).

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, **come out of her my people (Rev. 18:4).**



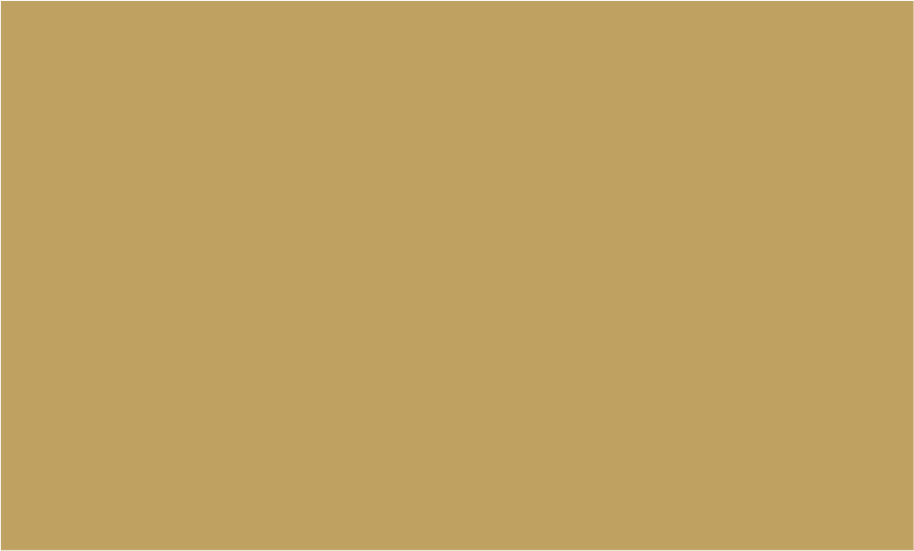
“The seven mountains are the seven heads on which the woman (great harlot) sits” (Rev. 17:9, 1)

There are *seven erroneous doctrines/practices (called seven mountains)* by which the Harlot and her denominational daughters **rule** their assemblies. We will now identify the first of the two most ruinous.

1. Christ is only nominal head. He instituted a Church structure prescribing human head locally (Pastor or some other office); regional/global (Pope, Bishop, General Overseer). A clergy/laity distinction is practiced.

This is an ignorant assault against the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ in His Church and a repudiation of His authority in redemption. “Christ is the Head of the Church: and He is the Saviour of the body” (Eph. 5: 23). And [God] hath put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church which is His body (Eph.1: 22, 23a). This headship cannot be delegated!

The Scriptures provide for plurality of ministries in every congregation who under Christ give oversight (Phil. 1; 1). The Church in a city is the largest unit of the body administratively. Bishops/Elders do not bear such responsibility outside their local church. The idea of regional/papal authority controlling several cities, countries or regions is hateful to Christ and attracts severest judgment (Rev, 2: 4, 16).



We observed that there are seven erroneous doctrines/practices by which the Harlot and her denominational daughters run their show. The two most dangerous of these are pitched together in Rev. 17:4 - **Priest** delicately robed with a **golden cup**. We have in the penultimate page covered issues about the Priest-craft syndrome. Now to the cup said to be *full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication!* What exactly is this error?

Christ's sacrifice offered for sins either not adequate and so actual body and blood of Christ is created and weekly offered(The Orthodox denominations) or does not perfect His followers on earth (The others). Variants of this error abound subverting the work of redemption.

Let's now confront this abominable error. Heb. 10:14 declares “For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified”. **The Sacrifice of Christ needs no repetition being absolutely adequate to administer moral perfection and bring the faithful to be after His likeness!** This gives entrance into life eternal in a divine body. This specific goal of **Christ's High Priestly ministry** is now directed toward them that earnestly await His appearing (Heb. 9:28. I John 3:2). Christ ministers by the power of indestructible life fully realizing His purpose (Heb. 7:16)!

1. ESSENTIALS OF LEADING A SOUL TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST IN SALVATION
2. GROWING IN GRACE AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
3. KEEPING FOCUS, BALANCE AMIDST THE FALLING AWAY OF MANY
4. DELIVERANCE FROM THE HARLOT CHURCHES AND GLORY IN SIGHT