

## THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Eph. 1:1-14: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He proposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth -- in Him.

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

DEFINITION: ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ means "good news" or "good tidings". In the New Testament, it refers to God's great Plan For Redeeming Man From Sin. It embraces the entire scheme of redemption.

### I. THIS PLAN ORIGINATES IN THE COURTS OF GLORY BEFORE THE WORLD WAS CREATED.

- A. Matthew 13:34-35: "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 'I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.'"
- B. Romans 16:25-27: "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began, but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith."

II. IN ORDER FOR MANKIND TO BE SAVED, THIS GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION MUST BE PREACHED.

- A. Matthew 28:18-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- B. Mark 16:15-16: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."
- C. Luke 24:46-47: "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."
- D. Romans 1:16-17: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'"
- E. 1 Cor. 1:21: "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."
- F. 1 Cor. 15:1-4: "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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."
- G. Col. 1:23: "If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister."
- H. 2 Thess. 2:14: "To which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

B. MAN'S PART: (Obedience)

1. Man can save himself by obedience to the commands of God.

(1) Acts 2:40: "And with many other words He testified and exhorted them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation.'"

(2) Phil. 2:12: "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in My absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

NOTE:

Man cannot save himself without the grace of God. However, God cannot save lost mankind without obedience from man.

\* 2. There are Six Steps in obedience which leads us Home to Heaven.

<sup>131</sup> (1) HEARING THE WORD OF GOD -

Rom. 10:13-17: "For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!' But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our report?' So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

John 6:44-45: "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me."

John 17:17: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

John 8:32: "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

<sup>240</sup> (2) BELIEVING IN GOD, THE BIBLE -

Rom. 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Acts 8:36-37: "Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.'"

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#### BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS -

Mark 16:16: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Acts 22:16: "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

1 Pet. 3:21: "There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

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#### LIVE FAITHFUL UNTIL THE END OF LIFE -

Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. . . . He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death. . . . He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it. . . . And he who overcomes, and

A. John 5:45-46: Jesus said to the Jews of His day, "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you -- Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me."

3. We shall be judged by the New Testament Law.

John 12:48: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

Rom. 2:16: "In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel."

Rom. 14:11-12: "For it is written: 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then each of us shall give account of himself to God."

2 Cor. 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

CONCLUSION:

WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE ENORMITY OF THIS PLAN AND THE LOVE OF GOD, HOW CAN YOU REJECT IT?

God has done His part.

Now, will you do yours?