

A True Gospel Message

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Life, here, on earth, declares the bible, is a vapour that disappears shortly. Steam rising up from coffee is a good example of the vapour, in, James 4:14, which is nothing compared to eternity. That's the length of our life on this earth from God's point of view, which God's people consider. From the bible we know, everyone is going to live somewhere FOREVER WITHOUT END. The bible speaks of two paths. Hell, which is eternal death, and, heaven which is eternal life with joy and pleasures forever more (Psalm 16:11).

There is only one way to heaven, "yet which way is it?" If we want the truth from the God who created all things including ourselves, then, the answer begins, in, Matthew 7:13-14:

Matthew 7:13-15 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

False prophets present a false message that subtracts some aspect of the true Jesus who is the true gospel (2 Corinthians 11:4). One of their lies is that there is no perpetual evil in this world God's elect may have to experience and deal with once their saved:

Deuteronomy 4:30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; ...

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

I hear from many today that there are earthly paths we may, or may not take, that will affect our salvation. Marriage, purchases, education, vocation, etc.; the things the world is interested in. But none of these can eternally affect God's elect who have had their sins forgiven, past, present, or future. I see no where in scripture where God separates the earthly from the spiritual; except with regards to HOW WE ARE SAVED.

We're not saved by any earthly act, whether a ceremony, declaration, a special prayer we made, etc., (Ephesians 2:8-10). From before the foundation of the world, we must have been chosen from the Lamb's book of life, given to Christ from the Father for each individual elects sin to be paid for on the cross (Romans 8:3-4; 2 Timothy 1:9).

In time we'll show if we are spiritually of a good tree bearing good fruit, [*inwardly Jews*], or spiritually of an evil tree bearing evil fruit, [*outwardly Jews*], as the Israelites who typify the fig tree:

Jeremiah 24:3 Then said the LORD unto me, what seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

Since the days of Abel's message to Cain, when Cain talked with his brother Able and then slew him, it has always been true that God's messengers, [*beginning with Abel*], bring an unwanted gospel message to the world. The world hates the elects single mindedness, (Joshua 23:6; Luke 11:34); turning neither to the left, nor the right:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; 16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. 17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; 18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose. [see as being acceptable and excellent], life, that both thou and thy seed may live: 20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Am I of the spiritual line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? What an incredible question to ask myself! We find an excellent reason for why this question is so relevant while it is called To day:

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John 6:65 Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.