

ALL THE WAY BACK

There are lots of religions in the world. Religions are done by men and for men. Many people believe that Christianity is just one of the six thousand religions on the planet.

What makes the Gospel different from every religion, is that it's done by God and for God. It's actually not a religion that at all. It's the supernatural work of God to restore Man back into his original created oneness with God.

The Gospel is actually a blood covenant from God, the creator of all things, and is offered to all His creations.

Let me explain.

In religion, people can be involved as much or as little as they want. They can be "all in", or just casually affiliated.

A blood covenant is different. It signifies, that everything one party is and everything they have is completely committed to the other party.

God is giving everything that He is and everything He has to His creations. We enter into that covenant with God by giving everything we have and everything we are to Him. It's a mutual giving of ourselves to each other.

Our relationship with God is our response to His love for us. We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4.19

Those who relate to the Gospel as religion, believe that it's all about praying the sinner's prayer, finding a denomination that you prefer, accepting their scriptural interpretations and doctrines, and attending as many of their church meetings and Bible studies as you want, and going to heaven when you die.

Unfortunately, many people believe that this is all that's required, and this satisfies most people as living the Christian life. Many stop right there and go no further.

Let's look at some scriptures.

John 1.12 amp reads;

to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name— who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].

God's plan is considerably different than the religious approach. We don't do some catechism, receive some teaching, and affiliate with a denomination.

We actually receive Christ and are re-born of His supernatural nature into God's family, back into Man's original oneness with God.

This is not the mental acceptance of an academic teaching and committing to a life of behavior modification to improve ourselves.

It's accepting God's perfect work on our behalf by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, to set us free from our sinful nature.

This is supernatural and can only be done by God Himself.

The Gospel is completely supernatural, and our best human effort cannot produce it's intended goal of oneness with God.

The Gospel is a relationship originated by God and not a religious effort by Man. It's a supernatural eternal relationship with God that continually grows.

God isn't trying to get us to show up at the church building to sing to Him once a week.

He redeemed us into His family to restore the oneness and unbroken fellowship with Him that He originally created for ALL of His creations.

Let's Look at some statements of reality from God.

He redeemed us into His family and made us His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ of everything that He has. Romans 8.15

He has given us His Holy Spirit to guarantee our possessing that incredible inheritance as His children. Ephesians 1.13+14

Jesus gave us the glory that the Father gave Him so that we could be completely one with the Father and live in unbroken fellowship with them. John 17.22

God's Covenant with us is supernatural. His Holy Spirit puts His Word in our minds, He inscribes them on our hearts, and causes us to know Him. Hebrews 8.10+11

Jesus Christ is the light and the life of all men. John 1.1-4

Jesus explained that Eternal Life is knowing the only true God, and the One whom He has sent. John 17.3

The Gospel is not just the teaching that Jesus died for our sins, so we can go to heaven after we die. It's the supernatural work of God, by Christ's perfect sacrifice which paid in full our ransom from our old spiritually dead life, that we all inherited from Adam and Eve.

And God testifies, that He has given us His Eternal Life NOW. That Life is in His Son, whoever receives His Son has that Life, NOW. 1 John 5.11

True Christianity is an ongoing, and ever increasing knowledge of God. He has given His Holy Spirit to us to dwell within us and lead us into all truth. John 16.13

The Greek word translated as "truth" in the new testament meant "reality."

God has given us His Holy Spirit to lead us into the reality of everything that His supernatural work has made available to us as His children, by inheritance.

Everything we receive as a Christian is not by human effort, it's by inheritance as His children. God has given us His Spirit of adoption that cries out, Abba, Father, Daddy! It's an real, intimate relationship with the Father, not a set of religious teachings. Romans 8.15

The Apostle John exclaimed; "how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us that NOW we are children of God. 1 John 3.1+2

Let me share a couple more statements of reality about the Holy Spirit's role in our ongoing walk with God.

He has given us His Spirit that we would know the things freely given to us by God. 1 Corinthians 2.12

And also given us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that we would know the hope of His supernatural calling, the mind-boggling inheritance of the saints, and the immeasurable power that He exerted when He raised us with Christ from the dead. Ephesians 1.17-19, 2.6

Our walk with God is designed to be a continuous revelation of what God has done for us and an increasingly deeper knowledge of Him. 2 Corinthians 3.17+18

And as Proverbs 4.18 declares, the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, it shines brighter and brighter unto the full light of day.

By surrendering our natural perceptions to the Holy Spirit's Lordship, He can renew our minds and give us these revelations.

These revelations of everything that the Father has done for us are very enlightening. We can accept them as encouraging Bible verses, share them with other Christians, and even teach and preach them.

But again, we can stop here and become content with just receiving these revelations and not giving ourselves to the Holy Spirit's Lordship to allowing Him lead us into our full possession of them.

These revelations are actually statements of reality from the Creator of the universe, Who has the power and the intension of making them our reality. God intends to overrule the perception of reality by our natural senses with the reality of His Word.

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father has is Mine. My Holy Spirit will reveal, disclose, and transmit everything that I possess and make them available to you as your eternal inheritance. John 16.14

Jesus told Nicodemus, that unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom. And unless you are born of His Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom.

The whole point of being born again is to actually enter the Kingdom. Jesus didn't come to give us a new religion. He came to make a way for us to be redeemed into His family and become citizens of His Kingdom.

That's why God made a blood covenant with us and added His personal oath on top of it.

Hebrew 6.17 amp reads;

Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly *and* beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose *and* plan, intervened with an oath.

This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false *or* deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength *and* strong encouragement to grasp *and* hold fast the hope appointed for us *and* set before [us].

We can see from this statement of reality from God that He fully intends for His children to lay hold of His promises not just get a revelation of them.

The Apostle Peter tells us that;

His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to His life and His godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by *and* to His own glory and excellence. By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1.3+4

God's promises are two fold. By accepting them as our reality, they set us free from this world and our sinful nature and they also enable us to be partakers of His divine nature.

In the beginning, God breathed His own eternal life in to a pile of mud and created Man in His own image, in relationship with Him. God was Man's reality, his life, his health, and his supply. God was everything to Man. Man walked and talked with God in the garden. Genesis 1.26, 2.9, 3.8

We were created with a will of our own. We can choose to stop anywhere along this journey and say, "this is enough".

Jesus told the Jews of His day, "Oh Jerusalem, how I longed to gather you as a hen gathers her chicks, but you were unwilling".

Or, we can allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the entire Love of Christ to us so that we can be filled up with ALL the fullness of God. Ephesians 3.16-19

God's intention for the Gospel is not to have a church on every corner.

It's to restore all men back into the oneness and unbroken fellowship with Him that He originally created for mankind.

Jesus came and revealed the Father by manifesting His Eternal Life through a man. God's plan to redeem the entire world is to impart His supernatural life to anyone and everyone who will receive Christ's perfect sacrifice for us, and be filled with the life that Jesus demonstrated to the whole world.

Because God's intention for His children is that they grow to the full measure of the stature of Christ, and speak the truth in love and grow up in all aspects into Christ who is the head of the body. Ephesians 4.13-15

Let's not accept a partial experience along the way and camp there.

Let's let the Holy Spirit renew our minds, transform us, and lead us into the reality of our oneness with our Father.

Let's let Him lead us ALL THE WAY BACK.

Then we can possess God's Life in abundance on this Earth, manifest His Kingdom and as His Ambassadors lead every nation into His Kingdom.

God bless you.

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