

Judgment

Sunday April 17th, 2005

1). *1Co 15:1 ¶ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,*

a). There is good news in which they presently stand, by which they will also be saved (future) – unless the their belief (past) has proved to be of no consequence

b). Note the first thing Paul ‘delivered’ to them, being the first thing he received - : *that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,* - the Gospel of Grace.

2). Pay particular note that these things happened ‘according to the scriptures’ – this is not a reference to the gospel accounts as these did not exist as scripture at this time.

a). Rather it is that which is in the O/T

3). Look at one of the original types

Ex 12:12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

a). First there is the appropriation of the blood based on faith in what God had said - God saw the blood and passed over and this is never an issue again.

b). Once they have appropriated the blood by faith then God deals with them in an entirely different fashion relative to that which is vile, corrupt and sinful in their midst.

14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. 15 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

This is because they are to enter the land of their calling, to receive their inheritance, to be a holy nation to fulfill their role as the head of all the nations of the earth within a Theocracy, with God in their midst.

c). Failure to deal with this on the part of those who have appropriated the blood results in their being 'cut off from Israel', cut off from the land of their calling – but not cut off from God.

4). Now in respect of ourselves we know - *1Co 5:7For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

a). Note what scripture records concerning this event - *Joh 17:4 "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

Joh 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

b). 'Finished' – Greek perfect tense – that which was completed in past time existing in this completed state in the present.

c). God judged His Son's work in relation to sin and eternity and He was satisfied.

d). For everyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ sin in relation to eternity is no longer an issue as God has already judged this in the body of His Son – He died in our place as our Passover Lamb - God saw the blood and passed over and this is never an issue again.

5). *Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

a). Eternal salvation is as result of works – but never ours – but Christ's finished work at Calvary. And in relation to sin and eternity we will never come into judgment. - *Joh 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Joh 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into

judgment, but has passed from death into life. This is what was first delivered to us – And this is what we will have believed in vain if we miss the next part.

b). As we would read this in 1 Cor 5 - *1Co 5:7For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

c). We see here that once we have appropriated the blood God then deals with us after a completely different fashion, just as He did with Israel. There are things that we have to deal with in relation to entering the land of our calling and receiving our inheritance.

6). And the scripture plainly tells us ‘that we shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and give an account of what we have done...’

a). On what basis are we judged?

b). And in relation to what?

Ro 8:1 ¶ There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh (the leaven), but according to the Spirit.

2Pe 1:5 ¶ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. (walking according to the Spirit) 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

c). Scripture clearly shows that it is our works during our Christian life that are judged in respect of our entrance into or exclusion from the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.

d). Just as with Israel after the Passover – those of us who refuse to deal with that which is vile and corrupt what God calls sinful in our lives after we have been born again – this is part of the work we have to do - will find ourselves cut off from the people and the land of our calling.

I/ At present He is High Priest (towel / confess..)

ii/ Then He will be Judge (golden sash) – this will no longer be a time for forgiveness, but a time for receiving exactly what we deserve.

1Co 3:11 ¶ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. This is what we received at first – Then - 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, (according to the Spirit) wood, hay, straw (according to the flesh), 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

7). At the Judgment Seat of Christ will appear all those who have been born again. From Pentecost to the end of the dispensation. All those who at some point in their life exercised faith in the finished work of Christ on their behalf regardless of how they lived their life subsequent to that.

a). All Christians there will fall into one of two categories

i / Those who have faithfully governed their lives after believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, with a view to their calling to receive an inheritance in the land promised them

ii/ And those who were unfaithful in governing their lives after believing (having believed in vain) in respect of their calling

b). Those who have been faithful will find themselves in a position of authority, sharing Christ's throne during the kingdom age. Those who are unfaithful will have no position of authority and will be relegated for the entire kingdom age to what scripture describes as 'outer darkness where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth'

c). It would be good for us to understand this.