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Let us continue our study of some things that are written in the N.T. but many "believers" reject.

23. In Acts 4:12 [Referring to **"the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth"**, whom God raised from the dead] we read: **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby [by which]- NKJV] we must be saved."**

NOTE: In spite of these plain words, there are those who glibly say, "There is nothing in a name."

24. Acts 10:43- **"To him [Jesus of Nazareth] v. 38] give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."**

NOTE: This does not say "has received" but it says "shall receive."

25. In Col. 3:17 Paul declared: **"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father**

**by him."** NOTE: The idea here is "in recognition of the authority of and the thought of relying or resting on" that authority. We do not act without authority from Christ to do so! Clearly stated but many will not follow Christ!

26. 2 Timothy 3:16-17- **"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."**

NOTE: Although the Scriptures are sufficient to instruct us in doctrine and righteousness, to reprove and correct us and to furnish us completely unto all good works, many simply refuse to accept them as sufficient!

27. James 1:25- **"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."** NOTE: The *perfect law!*

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### Editorial...

#### **DID PETER & PAUL PREACH THE SAME GOSPEL?**

Occasionally a false teacher arises who will make the claim that Peter preached one gospel to the Jews and Paul preached another (a different) gospel to the Gentiles. Some of these false teachers contend that Peter preached a gospel of "works" to the Jews and Paul preached a gospel of "grace" to the Gentiles. This teaching springs forth from assumptions and assertions but it is not proven by the New Testament..

Some contend that Peter preached a gospel of works that included baptism being essential to salvation but Paul preached a gospel of grace which did not include water baptism as a condition of salvation. It is contended that no works are necessary in the dispensation of grace which, they say, began with the preaching of Paul when he went to the Gentiles. Of course, their teach-

ings are filled with assumptions and assertions but no genuine proof from the New Testament. It is asserted that a dispensation of works was in effect from the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 until Paul began a new dispensation of grace when he went to the Gentiles, as mentioned in Acts 13.

I. THE GOSPEL PREACHED BY PETER AND PAUL WAS THE SAME GOSPEL.

A. Jesus Commissioned His Disciples To Preach The Gospel To Every Creature In All Nations! He said: "**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**" [Matthew 28:19-20]

---Mark 16:15-16- "**Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**"

---Luke 24:47- "**And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**"

B. The Gospel Preached By Both Peter And Paul Was Universal In Scope.

---Acts 2 :29-37; Acts 2:38-39- [Peter said]: "**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children,**

and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." NOTE: The gospel Peter preached in Acts 2 was for the Jews and their children and "to all that afar off" (the Gentiles), "even as many as the Lord thy God shall call" (this would include any person anywhere that would hear the gospel and obey it).

---Acts 10:34-34-[Peter said]: "...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, & worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." In v 43 we read: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." NOTE: Peter taught that the gospel he taught was for "whosoever" "in every nation." It still is!

---Romans 1:16-[Paul said]: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." NOTE: A Greek was a "non-Jew, Gentile, Greek."

The gospel that Paul preached is the same gospel that Peter preached!

---Romans 10:12-13- [Paul said]: "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." NOTE: Since there is no difference between the Jews & Gentiles, "whosoever

shall call upon the name of the Lord" by hearing, believing and obeying the one (only one) gospel "shall be saved"!

---Acts 15:7-9-[Paul and Barnabas & certain others had come to Jerusalem & were received of the church, the apostles and elders about the question of keeping circumcision after the manner of the law of Moses in order to be saved]- "And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." V 11 says: "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved even as they."

NOTE: Peter said God made no difference between how the Gentiles and the Jews were saved! Both saved by faith! Both saved by grace! God showed there was no difference in how they were saved by choosing Peter to preach the gospel to the Gentiles first.

---Acts 20:20-21- [Paul said]: "...and have taught you publicly and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." NOTE: *Repentance* and *faith* are two of the conditions mentioned

in the commission given by Jesus in Luke 24:47 & Mk. 16:15-16.

**II. PAUL PREACHED THE SAME GOSPEL (FAITH) HE ONCE DESTROYED!**

---Galatians 1:20-24- [Paul said]: "...and was unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ: But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in time past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me."

NOTE: What faith had Paul destroyed? Without question, *it was the "the faith" (the gospel) that had been preached by Peter and other apostles!*

The "revelation of Jesus Christ" of Galatians 1:11-12 that Paul did not receive of man was "the faith which once he destroyed"! It was not a new gospel! It was the same gospel that he believed and obeyed in becoming a Christian! (To be continued)

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28. John 12:48- Jesus said: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

In John 5:22 Jesus also said: "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." Yes, the word of Christ will judge us in the last day! Although this is true there are many who reject this teaching! What about you?

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Be sure and watch your attitudes and your steps. Others are watching them.

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It is to somebody's shame when children know more about TV programs & sports than they know about God's Word and Jesus Christ.

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A habit can be either a good servant or a bad master. It is up to us to decide which.

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A great person is always humble, thankful and kind.

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