

# Principles of Gospel Truth

(IN GOD'S DIVINE MESSAGE TO US)

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The apostle Paul explained that Jesus appeared to him to call him (Rom.1:5-6) "into apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ."

The apostle explained as the main subject of his letter to the Romans that salvation comes through a life of faith in Christ Jesus, and by believing (accepting and trusting on) what His shed blood has done for us. (Rom.1:17) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The majority of people of the world have been so deceived by Satan to not accept God's willingness to protect and heal His people from diseases, and to provide needed things for those who will place their trust on Him. In the same way, Satan has deceived people of the world not to accept any other plan God has for His true followers.

Satan has all types of counterfeit plans against receiving healing from God, wrong plans to keep one from becoming Scriptural on their finances, self-efforts to avenge wrongs done to us, and many other issues in life that are of much concern to people of the world today. The devil has deceived many people to trust on drugs and medicine, and to trust on methods of those in a medical profession for their health and healing (instead of trusting on God for divine healing). Satan wants to rob people of all the spiritual benefits that accompany God's healing plan, which includes that most important spiritual growth toward our being prepared by God for eternal life. (Jere.17:5, 7-8) "This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD." "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted

by the water that sends out its roots by the stream."

The same divine plan for our healing, our forgiveness, and our merciful redemption from God, is for anyone else today (if they will accept it), and to believe that it is God's will for each of us to enjoy perfect health. (Psalm 103:2-4) "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."

Again, everyone needs to understand that 'salvation comes through a life of faith in Christ Jesus' for our answer to prayer and victory (not in some other way with Satan's wrong counterfeit plans), so each person must turn to God via their own free-will, to seek His help, guidance, and healing (not trusting on the guidance of the plans of fallen man). (Isaiah 31:1) "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek help from the LORD."

We need to be strong in the Lord, and to separate ourselves from religious leaders who falsely claim to be prophets or healers. If they do not trust God for health and healing in their own life, then they surely should be recognized as a false teacher and must be avoided to protect our 'eternal interests' and those of our family. (Jere.23:14-16) "And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: They commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah." Therefore, this is what the LORD Almighty says concerning the prophets: "I will make them eat bitter food and drink poisoned water, because from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has spread throughout the land." "This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD."

That same divine order and plan is still in place today for anyone who will believe God's Word about His Son, and what He has done for us by shedding His blood as an eternal sacrifice for our sins.(Hebr.10:12-14) "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at

the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

The 'sacrifice of Christ' was not a sacrifice of sin (for He had no sin), but it was (as Scripture says) "sacrifice for sins." So, by our following that same divine plan today (that of repenting and placing our trust on that shed Blood of Jesus Christ), a person today can still receive God's forgiveness for sin, and through believing (and being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ), can also enjoy the same presence of the Holy Spirit within themselves, to guide them and inspire them with faith to trust God.

That means to return our life back to God, by confessing the life of self that was born within us (and that had been in control), and so committing ourselves to do God's will (which means to trust on Him, and to depend on Him for everything in our life). (Matt.18:3) "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the 'kingdom of heaven'."

The Lord sent Azariah to King Asa because the king had fallen away from trusting in God. He said to the king: (2 Chron.15:2) "The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you."

Jesus said the same thing to those who will turn away from God, and who do not trust Him for every-day life issues (but who turn to man instead). (Matt.10:32) "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."

For those who will not seek the Lord's help (the Lord, Who would enable them to overcome the temptations to sin, but instead they continue to disregard the Word of God, they will have to be judged (if they do not repent and turn back to trusting God). (Malachi 3:5-7) "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers, and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty. "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of

Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty."

Then Jesus told and warned us all (Matt.7:21) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of [are obedient to WEY] my Father who is in heaven."

Via our following God's instructions in our own life and living within His will for us, we can enjoy His peace now, and be prepared to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.(Psalms 33:18-19)"Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine."

No one can compromise their place of trust on God, concerning divine healing without medicine, not owning real estate, not depending on insurance coverage, not avenging injustices, etc. To trust in (or depend on) anything or anyone other than God, is a false 'place of trust' and would eventually lead a person away from God's Word and truth (if they do not repent and forsake that false trust).

Jesus was very specific about keeping our dependence and our trust centered on God. (Mark 10:15) "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Jesus said: NIV Luke 17:20-21 "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

The 'Kingdom of God' within, is the 'Spirit of God' within, Who inspires faith (which should grow and increase within our heart). (Matt. 13:31-32)"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

The divine nature of trusting faith within a person must grow and mature and increase. It also must endure to the end of one's life here on earth in order to receive the Crown of eternal life. (Reve.2:10) "Be faithful until death, and I will give

you the crown of life." It is by God's grace (Ephes.2:8) "*you have been saved, through faith.*"

[In regard to our finances], It is believing God's Word about His Son's eternal sacrifice and resurrection to life, in order that we receive His gift of the Holy Spirit, to inspire us to place a trusting and enduring faith (dependence) on God (our Father), Who promised to provide all needed things in our life. The issue of not owning real estate is clearly defined in God's Word (and does not leave any room for compromise). It is all part of God's 'financial plan' for true believers, who are willing to follow Jesus' example of a life of trust on God. (Matt.6:19-21) "Do not store up for yourselves 'treasures on earth', where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, .. there your heart will be also."

Jesus included one's getting rid of owned houses and lands as that being an eternal life issue, when He replied to the apostles (Mark 10: 29-30) "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel, will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields -- and with them, persecutions), and in the age to come, eternal life."

That is very clear and would be difficult to misinterpret if one had the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God inspires us to obey the Word of God. Most religious organizations teach that it is not necessary to trust God for finances, in order to be prepared for eternity. Most, it seems, do not realize in the least, that depending on laid-up money or financial assets and holdings in real estate, has anything to do with one receiving eternal life, but Jesus said that it definitely does. Satan has deceived most people to reject this 'principle of truth' in the Bible on financial trust on God alone, because he (the devil) knows that it is an essential and very important 'principle of Truth' that cannot be omitted.

Being in a Scriptural position concerning decisions on finances (that is; not owning real estate, and not 'laying up treasures' on earth), is

a teaching that Jesus repeatedly gave to His followers (because of its importance in receiving eternal life). That is why He told the young man (Mark 10), that his 'eternal life' would depend on his selling every treasure he had (property, lands, or any other means of financial security).

If he would sell those "treasures on earth" (and, give the money to charity), he really would have placed the money in heaven. Jesus said that, if the man would sell and give, first, then he could follow the Lord to trust His heavenly Father each day with no idols in his life (Matt.6:21) "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*"

God's financial teaching in the Bible is the one part of His Gospel Plan for salvation that most people in the world are not willing to accept, nor to follow in their life. Most people will use every excuse possible to get around obeying God's financial plan and teaching on not owning real estate property or other financial assets. Jesus' warning is very clear, however (Mark 10:24) "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

With any issue of life, where we would eliminate trust in God, we could enable the devil to have us drift away from God's will and plan for us to trust God like a small child trusts a loving parent. For that reason, it is according to New Testament teaching to rent homes, buildings, and automobiles in this modern age, because each of these three are very expensive items today, and could be considered a treasure on earth that can be depended on for security, instead of depending on God alone, Who told us in His Word that He is a 'jealous God', and that we should have no gods or idols between us and Him that could be depended on and trusted in instead of Him. (so, it is indeed an Eternal Life issue for everyone on earth). (Exodus 20:5-6) "*you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*" (Jesus Christ His Son (our Savior) told us the same thing (John 14:15) "If you love Me, you will obey My Commandments.")

Any area of our life where we try to take control, our trust on God is much lessened (or

eliminated). That position that we put ourselves, because of our misplaced trust on some other thing or person, would cause us to drift away from 'God's plan of trust for true believers', and 'that' is the most spiritually dangerous aspect. Items that are rented for use cannot be depended on as a form of financial security, because if the rent is not paid, we would not only lose the right to use of that item, neither could it be sold for one's financial gain.

The same *principle of truth* is involved with all false places of trust, such as the using of medicine or drugs for treating physical ailments; owning real estate property as financial assets; depending on insurance coverage of any type; joining a labor union for our rights to be upheld concerning improved working conditions, higher wages; or depending on other persons or plans to avenge our wrongs.

All of these are false places of trust that a person can depend on (instead of depending on God). Jesus was very definite about the severe consequences for anyone who does not (or will not) keep their dependence (faith and trust) centered on Him. (Mark 10:15) "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means [never enter it."

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