

#### The Gospel Of The Grace Of God

by Elder Doyal Thomas Once a Pastor of our church. From his article titled "The Gospel of The Grace Of God"

The gospel that Paul had preached to these Corinthian brethren, and that they had received was also that grand doctrine upon which they now stand. They are saved. The only way they are not saved is if they have believed in vain, as verse 2 of I Corinthians 15 plainly states. And what is it to believe in vain? Hear Paul again as he speaks to these same folks in verses 12-17. Read them. Hear them. Put your finger on them and read what God says. What is said here is the only way one can believe in vain and be not saved. "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection from the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." Those who preach a false gospel say that the resurrection of Christ did not occur. They say that man has no hope of resurrection, for he trusts in a crucified, buried, and un-risen saviour. What kind of a gospel is that? Do you believe that kind of gospel? If you maintain that man must work works of righteousness, when he is yet in a dead and unrighteous state, then you declare that man's hope is not in a risen Saviour, that his hope is in his own works of self righteousness. What a terrible, blasphemous statement that men make.

Can you truly believe in vain, and be lost? ONLY IF CHRIST BE NOT RAISED. If God has begotten you, you are His spiritual child, and you are forever secured in the glorious risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for the saints.

Now, just what is this gospel that Paul had preached; that these Corinthinans had received, and in which they stand? "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures". (I Corinthians 15:3,4).

The gospel, then, is HOW Christ died for our sins ACCORDING to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day ACCORDING to the Scriptures.

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## The Fall of Adam and Eve Was the beginning of a war. By Pastor Randy Johnson

Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

The word "enmity" means "war" therefore God said, "And I will put hatred between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed" The fall was not something that just happened, it was God's created creatures obeying Satan's sly temptation against God. I believe this hatred is between God and Satan, not mankind and Satan. Her seed, I believe is referring to Jesus Christ and not mankind in general. Mankind does not have a battle with Satan, God does and because God does Christians and churches do. This battle is good versus evil, and mankind has been conquered by Satan at the fall. The fall in its entirety was a war against God, a war against holiness, and a war against right and wrong. The world is pitted against each other, the saved verse the evil, because every lost soul is evil in their heart. If you will remember back to the flood God explains why He flooded the earth, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Genesis 6:5 - 6 God punished mankind for their evil and defeated the sin that was ruling the earth. God hates sin and God hates the people that sin against Him because sin is a human war against God that started with Satan, Adam, and Eve. Satan is at war with God and Satan uses God's people to battle God. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8 Satan is not the lost persons adversary, he is the believer's adversary, he is the churches adversary. Satan is an enemy against Christians because he hates us, he wants us to sin so that he can accuse God's children before God. This is the same reason Satan challenged Job, in an attempt to defeat God, but he failed. Satan will do anything in an attempt to get even the slightest **thought** of a victory against God. However, God cannot be defeated, Satan did not defeat God in the fall, he did not defeat God in the account with Job, nor with the temptation of Jesus,

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and not even at Calvary was God defeated. Evil never understands God, He will always be victorious. Someday after the coming of Jesus Christ again through the workings of the Anti-Christ, the false prophet, the great Dragon himself all will fail to defeat God. God will cast them into hell's eternal flames in the hottest parts and Victory will be God's. God cannot be defeated; He will forever be victorious because a created creature will never defeat the Creator. And in the end, God will only defeat Satan He will also defeat sin and those that are at war with Him on this earth. "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Revelation 20:8 – 10 So Satan battles with us, the believer, and God tells us to "Be sober, be vigilant..." because Satan is after us because we are the soldiers of the Lords army, therefore we are supposed to be fighting the "good fight" and if we are not clear minded and watchful, we will lose the battle and become a tool of Satan in the fight against our own Lord. The battle is ours also, let us be good servants of God and fight the "good fight". "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" Titus 2:11 - 13 Fight The Good Fight, Never Surrender To Evil!



- Happy Birthday to our Pastor Randy Johnson Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Conference is approaching quickly. We need
  to soon invite our speakers. Therefore, think about who you want to
  speak this year and how many speakers you want to speak so we can
  get our invitations sent. The Conference is scheduled Friday night
  and Saturday September 15 & 16.