

ONEGOSPEL

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“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”
(Matthew 28:5, 6)



I know that ye seek Jesus He was Crucified / He is Risen

Luke 24:1-31

Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and the women who went to His grave to anoint His body for burial, were surprised to find the stone that sealed His tomb moved, and Jesus not there.

As the women stood at the tomb perplexed, not understanding what they were seeing, two angels appeared unto them and asked them why they were seeking “the living, among among the dead.”

They had seen Jesus crucified; they had seen Him placed in the tomb, and now they were reminded of what He had told them before His death, that He:

“...must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”

The Bible tells us that the women went and told the disciples of Jesus what they had seen and heard, and the words that Jesus had told them before His crucifixion. But the disciples did not believe them, because “their words seemed to them as idle tales.”

Jesus told two disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24: 25-27, that they were “fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:” Because the fool does not consider God

(Psalm 14:1; 53:1 Proverbs 18:2; 28:26). And the slow of heart hardens himself in order not to believe God (Mark 7:18; 8:17, 18; 9:19; 16:14; Hebrews 5:11, 12).

Then “...beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

It should not surprise us, but it does, that even today many are in unbelief. They hear the word of God but to them “it is, but idle tales.” But, Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead; He is God, sitting at the right hand of God the Father.

And they remembered His Words

The LORD is risen indeed

Luke 24:13-31

When we pray

God's written word (the Scriptures) is His spoken word (Exodus 24:7; 1 Kings 17:24; Matthew 4:4; Romans 1:2; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21). Therefore when you pray in private, as opposed to praying to yourself in a meeting at work; pray so that you hear what you are saying. Because God said, *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:11)

When we pray and we say, *"Lord, you alone are God, there is no other."* We are speaking God's word (Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 45:5, 14, 18, 21, 22; 46:9). Every prayer that you find in the Bible speaks God's word.

When we say, *"Help me, for I am yours."* Again we speak God's word and He will answer. (Psalm 46:1; Zechariah 2:8; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23)

And when we remind the Lord of what He said, *"Lord, Your word says..."* We are not reminding God of what He said, but we are reminding ourselves and that increases our faith (Romans 10:17).

Can God love us more?

What can we do to make God love us more, so that He will answer our prayer and give us what we really need or ask Him for? That is precisely what the Lord Jesus was asked when He was here on earth as a man: "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom He hath sent." (John 6:28, 29) That is all! How simple! Believe on Jesus Christ! That is the simple message of the Gospel: you are saved, not by your "good" works, not by paying penance, not by imitating His death, not by being crucified with ropes, nails, or wood; not by walking a distance on your hands and knees to an idol, but by accepting Him as your Lord and Saviour. He loved you and died for you.

He is no longer at the cross, and definitely not in any tomb, but is risen to live forever! Jesus did it all for you already. He suffered death for us, so that all our sins can be forgiven; all our sickness can be removed; all our fears can be forgotten; all we have to do is accept Him.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8

The Bible tells us in John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:"

And by being a child of God (son or daughter) there are benefits that are yours that others cannot have, not only here on earth but in the life after.

Like what? Well, first you have eternal life. When you leave this earth, you have a place with God in Heaven. Those who are not of the family of God, cannot go there. Second, all your needs are met on earth; all your cares are taken care of; wherever you go, Jesus goes before you; you are never alone; there is peace in heart even when the world around you is in turmoil and fear; He will never leave you nor forsake you; He will hear your every prayer, and respond to your every need.

And there is more, much more: If you've ever heard someone tell you that the days of healing and miracles are over, its because the person who told you that never met this Jesus that we preach and teach, because He has not changed:

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8)

This is the living Christ, the Son of God, who came as the humble Saviour and is returning as the reigning King. (Revelation 17:14; 19:16)

Let not your heart be troubled

The devil always seeks to steal your joy and gladness because he thinks you will not pray as often, and will put your problems first rather than the Lord.

The Bible tells us that God is not pleased when you don't serve Him with gladness (Deuteronomy 28:27) because if we are sad, we don't consider His blessings and it seems we don't trust Him. It does not profit us when we are not happy and cause others not to be happy with us (Hebrews 13:17). And the enemy knows that "the joy of the LORD is our strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) Give Jesus your burdens.

Jesus said, *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."* (John 14:1)

Matthew 11:28-30

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And when he had opened the second seal

Revelation 6:3, 4 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.)

The red horse is Islam

No religion in the world, but Islam, has waged unceasing war against it own ranks, and against the world since the day it was established. Read its history, seek its root; it is not a religion of peace.

I remember in my college days taking a course on World Religion taught by an Air Force Chaplain. I thought it was going to be an easy course, so I took more classes than I normally would.

I learned quickly I made a mistake, we were required to turn in a 6,000 word essay, twice weekly, on a religion we were to study that week. I did not think it possible that there were 12,000 words to describe a religion or its history, but there I was, turning in two essays per week. Reading, not only the textbook required for the course, but in the library, many books written by others more knowledgeable than I.

I learned to my surprise, that there was no peace during Islam's formative years, nor peace after. There was a strict discipline required from its followers not found in any religion, and death and destruction were at its core.

And then to finish the course, I was required to select a religion and make a 30 minute oral presentation to the class. Following the presentation, I was required to turn in a written essay on the religion selected. I did not select Islam.

The American Heritage College dictionary defines Religion as, "Belief in and reverence for a supernatural power or powers regarded as creator and governor of the universe." And if you ask, How can a creator that people believe in, bring forth so much hatred that men should kill one another? the answer is obvious, they do not serve the true God of Heaven and earth: *"For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens."* (Psalm 96:5)

And, *"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."* (1 John 4:8)

And Edom hated his brother.

"And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau." (Genesis 25:25)

"And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom." (Genesis 25:30)

"Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom." (Genesis 36:8)

Isaac blessed his son Esau and said, "And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck." (Genesis 27:40)

- Esau heard his father give Jacob the blessing of Abraham which he despised (Genesis 25:34; 27:41;
- Esau saw that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother (Genesis 28:6-9);
- Esau saw his father and mother were against his marrying a daughter of Canaan (Genesis 26:34, 35; 28:6-9);

Esau rebelled against his parents and married Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son.

Genesis 16:12 "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild man; *his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him;* and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. (Isaiah 48:22; 57:21)

You may have heard this: a young woman was asked as she celebrated the end of calendar year 2010 with her friends, "What do you wish for most, this coming year?"

She answered that her greatest desire was for world peace; that men would learn to live together without wars and without fear. It wasn't all she wished for, but it was her main concern.

Her friends likewise, and others asked by the reporter expressed the same desire, "peace in the world."

Those who lived through World War I and II, saw the horrors of war and the evil that men can do to others. The conflicts that followed these wars also showed the world that even when nations came together to stop disputes between people, wars came about because of the "old hatred" (Genesis 27:41 Psalm 137:7; Ezekiel 25:15; Amos 1:9, 11; Malachi 1:4) based on ethnicity and religion, in the very people that are supposed to live in peace.

"And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts." (Isaiah 19:4) Egypt in this case is the world upon whom the prophet Isaiah prophesied its burden. ~

What is His Son's Name? (Proverbs 30:4) Thy Throne, O God, is For Ever

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: (Hebrews 1:10)

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

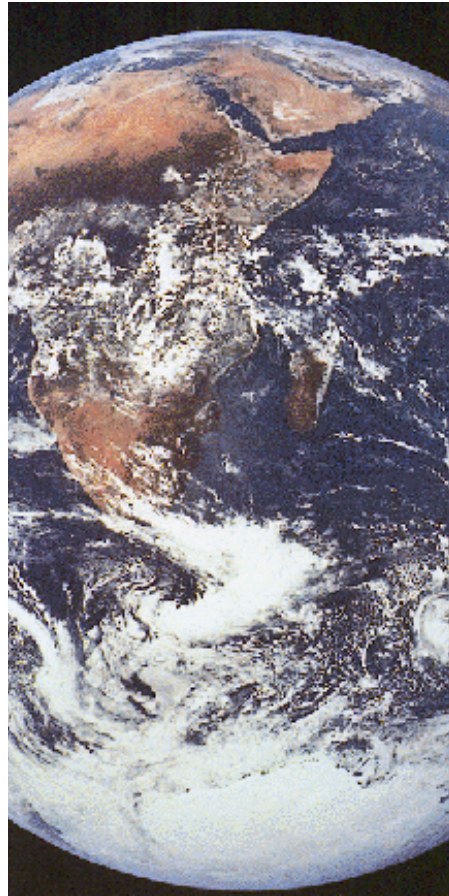
4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:1-7)

“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”(Hebrews 1:8).



Woe to the proud
Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth. (Isaiah 28:22)

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