

What Does the Bible Teach About Denominationalism?

**Part Two:
Sounding Forth the Gospel**

Perversions of the Gospel

- ◆ Gal. 1:6-7 - "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ."
- ◆ Complex rituals
- ◆ Doctrines of mental assent
- ◆ Acceptance or de-emphasis of sin

The Gospel Consists of:

- ◆ Facts to be **believed**
- ◆ Commands to be **obeyed**
- ◆ Promises to be **received**

Believe The Facts Of The Gospel

◆ That Jesus was crucified for our sins

- 1Cor. 15:1-3 - "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."

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- Isa 53:4-6 - "Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

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- ◆ **That Jesus was crucified for our sins**
 - 1John 4:9-10 - "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Believe The Facts Of The Gospel

- ◆ **That Jesus was raised from the dead**
 - 1Cor. 15:4 - "...and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."
 - 1Cor. 15:17-19 - "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."

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◆ That Jesus is King and Savior

- Acts 2:33-36 - "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.' 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

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- Eph. 1:20-22 - "which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."
- 1Peter 3:22 - "...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him."

Believe The Facts Of The Gospel

- ◆ That Jesus is coming again
 - **Prophesied**
 - ◆ Rev. 1:7 - "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him."
 - **Proclaimed**
 - ◆ Acts 1:9-11 - "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Believe The Facts Of The Gospel

- ◆ That Jesus is coming again
 - **Purpose**
 - ◆ 2Thes. 1:7-10 - "...and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ **Believe** the Gospel of Jesus Christ

- Mark 16:15-16 - "And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."
- Rom. 1:16 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

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◆ **Believe** the Gospel of Jesus Christ

- Rom. 10:9-10 - "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
- Heb. 11:6 - "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

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- ◆ **Believe** the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - John 20:30-31 - “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”
 - Rom. 10:17 - “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ Repent of Sins

- It is generated by godly sorrow for sins
 - ◆ 2Cor. 7:10 - "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted..."
- It produces a visible change in one's life
 - ◆ 2Cor. 7:11 - "For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter."

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◆ Repent of Sins

- Luke 24:46-47 - "Then He said to them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ Repent of Sins

- Acts 2:37-38 - "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 3:19 - "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord"

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ Repent of Sins

- Acts 17:30-31 - "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

- ◆ **Confess** Faith in Jesus as Lord
 - Rom. 10:9-10 - “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

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◆ Confess Faith in Jesus as Lord

- Acts 8:37 - "Then Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
- Matt. 10:32-33 - "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

- ◆ Be **Baptized** for the Remission of Sins
 - Mark 16:16 - "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."
 - Matt. 28:19 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

- ◆ Be **Baptized** for the Remission of Sins
 - Acts 2:38 - "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."
 - Acts 22:16 - "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ What happens in **Baptism**?

- Rom. 6:3-6 - "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the **likeness of His resurrection**, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that **the body of sin might be done away with**, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ What happens in **Baptism**?

- Col. 2:11-13 - "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by **putting off the body of the sins** of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **12 buried** with Him in baptism, in which you also were **raised** with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has **made alive** together with Him, **having forgiven you** all trespasses."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ Be **Faithful** Unto Death

- Acts 2:41, 47 - "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 47 And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."
- Matt. 28:20 - "Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ Be Faithful Unto Death

- Rev. 2:10 - "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
- Heb. 10:36-39 - "For you have need of endurance, so that **after** you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: 37 For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

◆ Be Faithful Unto Death

- Believers can fall away
 - ◆ Heb. 3:12 - "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God."
- Believers can be hardened
 - ◆ Heb. 3:13 - "But exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."
- Believers can lose fellowship with Christ
 - ◆ Heb. 3:14 - "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end."

Obey the Commands of the Gospel

- ◆ Be **Faithful** Unto Death
 - 1Cor. 15:58 - "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Receive the Promises of the Gospel

◆ Remission of Sins

- Eph. 1:7 - "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

Receive the Promises of the Gospel

- ◆ **Enriched** by the Blessings in Christ
 - Eph. 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

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- ◆ **Guided** by the counsel of God
 - 2Peter 1:2-4 - "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Receive the Promises of the Gospel

- ◆ **Co-heirs** of glory with Jesus Christ
 - Rom. 8:16-18 - "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Receive the Promises of the Gospel

- ◆ **Preserved and protected** by God
 - Rom. 8:38-39 - "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Receive the Promises of the Gospel

◆ **Rewarded** in Heaven

- 1Peter 1:3-5 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Receive the Promises of the Gospel

◆ Gift of **Eternal Life**

- Matt. 25:46 - "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
- Rom. 6:22-23 - "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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◆ Gift of **Eternal Life**

- Rom. 2:6-7 - "Who will render to each one according to his deeds 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality."

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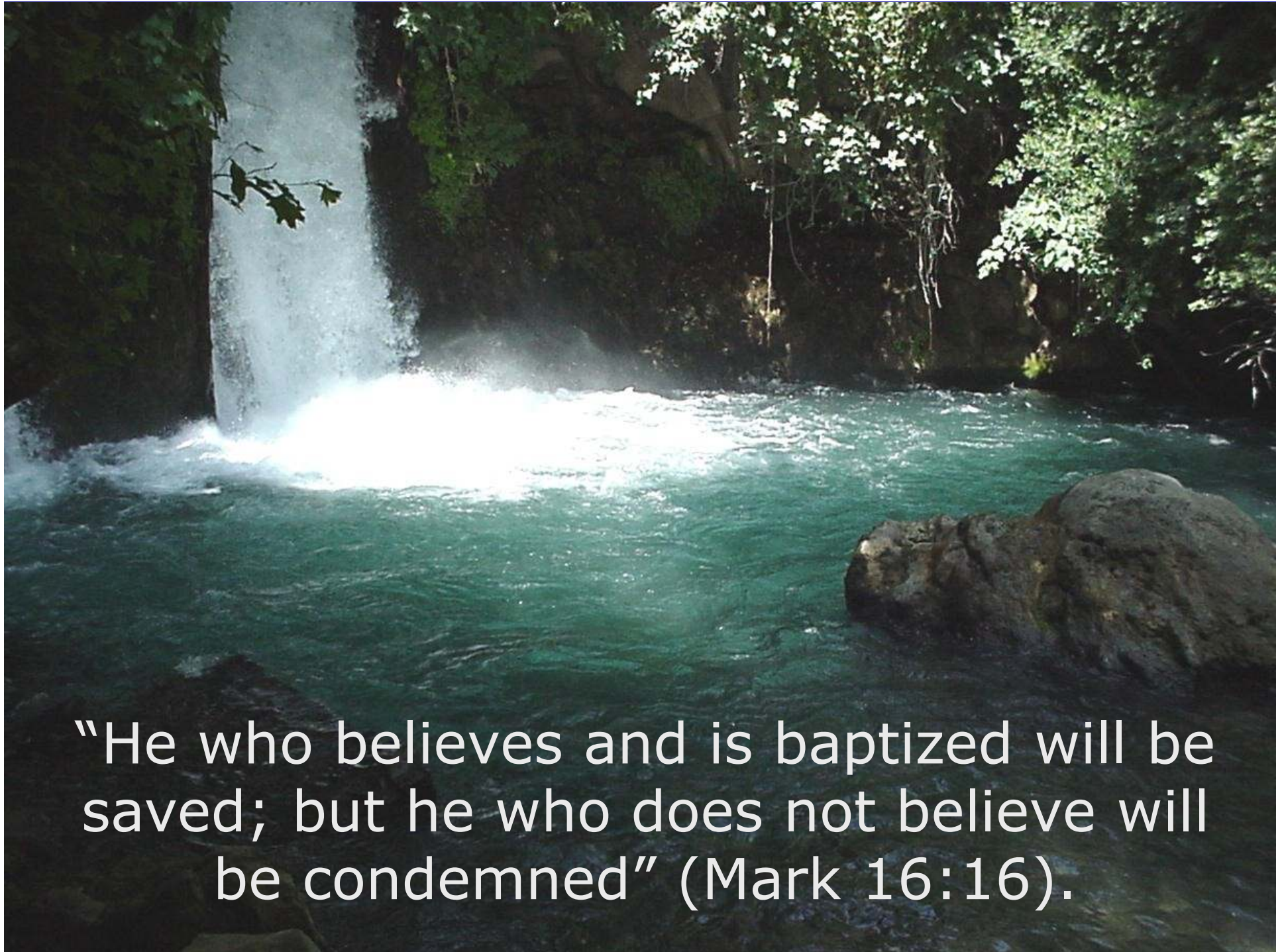
◆ Gift of **Eternal Life**

- John 17:2-3 - "As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."
- John 10:10 - "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Believe the Facts

Obey the Commands

Receive the Promises



“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16).