

Mt. Lebanon Church.

Gods Grace

Grace and the Revelation of Christ as seen through the Heart of John - Part 4

The Great Tribulation

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

John 1: 1 – 18.

Revelation Chapters 5 – 19

With sin entering into the world there also came troubles, trials and tribulations. God, full of mercy and grace, before time began, made a way of escape through his son Jesus Christ, and the cross. Sadly, this would not prevent sinfulness, mankind would continue in sin, and due to the law, that was given, and the living word, man would now know that this sinfulness was, and still is, disobedience to God. Because of this disobedience, and those who continue to reject Christ, Gods word foretells of a time in which his wrath will be poured out upon the whole earth, once the church, who is the body or bride of Christ is called out. This time of wrath is referred to as, the day of the Lord, or the great tribulation period.

Isaiah 13: 9,....behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate, and he will destroy its sinners from it....

Daniel Chap. 12,....there shall be a time of trouble....how long shall the fulfillment of those wonders be....my Lord, what shall be the end of these things....the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up....

Malachi 4: 1,....for behold the day is coming....and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble, and the day which is coming shall bare them up, says the Lord of host....

Matthew 24: 3 – 12,....all these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulations and kill you....for my name sake....and because lawlessness will abound, the love of many shall grow cold....

This time period of the tribulation, will take place over seven years. It will be a time when Gods judgement will increase in severity as it goes along. There are judgements of seals, trumpets, seven thundering's uttered, the bowl judgements, and the battle of Armageddon.

So, will God's grace prevail through all things, and if so, how will it prevail.

Matthew 24: 13 – 14,....but he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come....

In this church age that we are living in, the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ is proclaimed throughout the world by the church, which is the body of Christ. This message will continue to be preached until Christ comes to claim his bride, and we will be called up to meet the Lord in the air. Once this takes place, the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, will continue to be proclaimed throughout the world during this period of great tribulation.

Revelation 6: 17,....for the great day of his wrath has come, and who is able to stand....

Revelation 7: 3 – 4,....do not harm the earth....till we have sealed the servants of God on their foreheads. And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty four thousand....

Revelation 7: 9,....after these things I looked, and behold a great multitude which no one could number....

Yes, the gospel will be proclaimed, and a great multitude which cannot be numbered will be saved, due to the preaching of the anointed of the one hundred and forty four thousand. Make no mistake, that even though Gods grace and mercy will prevail, so that all mankind may still have the opportunity for salvation, but it will come at a price. Our salvation, during this grace dispensation period, came at a great price, and that price was Christ death on the cross, with the shedding of blood. Our sin debt paid, his blood shed, and all that we must do, is to confess with our mouth, and believe with our heart.

Romans 10: 9 – 10,....that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe with in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved....

To be saved, we give up the world and accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ. During the great tribulation period, in order to be saved, there still must be confession of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through faith, we must believe that God has raised him from the dead, and with their life they will do so.

Revelation 6: 9 – 11,....I saw under the alter the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held....rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed....

Joel Chapter 2,....and it will come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh....and it will come to pass the whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls....

Who is able to stand, it is the one hundred and forty four thousand.

Revelation 14: 1 – 5,....then I looked and behold a lamb standing in Mount Zion, and with him one hundred and forty four thousand....they sang as if it were a new song before the throne....who were redeemed from the earth....redeemed from among men, being the first fruits of God....

Romans 8: 1,....there is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the spirit....

There will be no eternal damnation to those who have been born again, those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, those who have trusted in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Judgement that is rightfully deserved, took place on the cross, paid in full, by the blood of Christ.

So, was Paul talking about us as believers, or was he talking about the one hundred and forty four thousand. Through salvation, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1: 13,....in whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in who also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise....

Being filled with the Holy Spirit we are commissioned to preach the gospel.

Mark 16: 15,....and he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature....

Gods mercy and grace has been the same for everyone from before time as we know it, and will continue on through the millennial reign of Christ.

Who else will be able to stand.

Revelation 20: 4,.... then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands, And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years....

Following the rapture of the church, the wrath of God will be poured out in full measure upon the earth. Due to Gods love, mercy, and grace, a way of escape is still made possible for those who will believe, and there will be multitudes that no one can number that will accept.

As believers, we must increase our efforts to tell the gospel of salvation to as many people as we can before that great and terrible day of the Lord.

Hebrews 4: 12,.... for the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart....

The word of God, through the revelation of Jesus Christ, will not fail. Those who believe will not be condemned, but those who do not believe, will be eternally condemned.

Let us learn to believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, so that all might be saved.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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