

HIDDEN MYSTERY OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

Jesus taught that there were sins that could not be forgiven in that age (the law), and the immediate age following (early church)?? So, Jesus immediate disciples preached the same. Jesus stated: *"All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men."*

And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age, neither in the age to come." Matt. 12: 31, 32.

And John taught: *"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."* 1 Jn. 5: 16.

Jesus also taught: *"If you forgive not men their trespasses (offenses), neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."* Matt. 6:15.

Jesus told the 12 that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit was unforgivable, and being unforgivable of others was unforgivable. And He said that adultery would not be forgiven, and those who did were in danger of Gehenna fire. He said that lusting after a woman in ones heart was the same as adultery. Matt. 5: 32. And whoever called anyone a fool was in danger of Gehenna fire. Stay with me.

Jesus went on and said: *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."*

For verily, I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever shall break one of the least of these commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5: 17-19.

Under the Law of Moses there was a great many sins that could not be forgiven. See Leviticus 18. Then in the 29th verse: *"For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be destroyed from among their people."*

So Jesus laid out sins that could not be forgiven, and placed them onto those of Moses law in addition. And the apostles of Jesus went and preached what

Jesus had told them. Acts 21: 20, 1 Jn. 2: 3, 4. The apostles teaching of salvation and forgiveness of sins in the Jerusalem church had limitations even as the Law did.

And to the knowledge of the apostles, there were some sins that God would not forgive. And after they believed, if they committed those sins they would be cut off, and their name blotted out. 2 Pet. 2:20-22, 1 Jn. 5:16, Rev. 3:5.

But aside from the Jerusalem church, Jesus the ascended glorified One apprehended Saul of Tarsus, a great enemy of the church who was bent on stamping out those heretics that preached about Jesus.

The Lord transformed Saul of Tarsus, making him the greatest witness for Jesus that has ever been known. Most of the readers know of Saul's conversion, being struck to the ground, seeing a bright light as (Jesus "*Who dwells in light that no man can approach unto*" 1 Tim. 6:16), that blinded Saul. Jesus said, "Saul, why are you persecuting me"? And after Jesus told him who He was, He instructed Saul to go into Damascus to a "street called Straight." He also sent a certain disciple named Ananias, who laid hands on him. and there Saul received his sight, as scales fell from his eyes.

Sometime after that Saul went into the Arabian desert, and there received a unique revelation of the glorified Savior living within him. And after Saul's stint into the desert, Barnabus went to Tarsus and brought him to the church in Antioch. Acts 11: 26. Later the Holy Spirit sent Barnabus and Saul out across the Roman Empire. And Saul's name was changed to Paul (little). Didn't Paul say that he was the "least of all saints."? It behooves us all to be little in our own eyes. Some brethren at times lay some high sounding boasts on themselves.

When Barnabus and Paul arrived at Antioch Pisidia, and had gone into the synagogue, they were asked if they had anything to say. Those overseers of the synagogues were more liberal than most of the church ministries are today. "Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said..., Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus Christ) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13: 38, 39.

During this message he spoke a profound truth by the Holy Spirit pertaining to forgiveness, that the law, that Jesus, or His disciples had not proclaimed. The Gospel (Good News) that Christ revealed to Paul says that Jesus died for sins without exclusion, or exception. Meaning that there is no unforgivable sin,

neither unforgivable sinner. He revealed to Paul that Christ died for ALL MEN!

The Law forgave men of some sins, it pardoned men of some sins. But the law did not JUSTIFY them. Jesus justifies men of all sins, and to be justified means, not guilty. Ex-president Nixon was pardoned for the "Watergate conspiracy by president Gerald Ford. Nixon had resigned from the presidency because he was guilty.

But, Christ "Saves to the uttermost, those who come unto God by Him." Heb. 7:25. He remembers the believers sins no more.

The Law was "weak through the flesh" in that it could not justify all sins. Rom. 8:3.

When God committed the Gospel of Grace to Paul, you can see that he outdistanced all those who had closely followed Jesus in His ministry of three and a half years. Paul taught not only the salvation of all mankind, but the forgiveness of all sins-even those that had once been said to be unforgivable.

Through Paul's preaching of the "Gospel of the Grace of God," all sinners can and will be justified, and sins forgiven because of Jesus at Calvary. The Law of Moses could not do that. The children of Israel under the Old covenant were pardoned and forgiven of some sins, but not justified as the children of God under the New covenant through Christ's blood. The Father engraces us in the ONE always Beloved. Eph. 1:6.

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has quickened together with Him, having forgiven you of all trespasses." Col. 2: 13.

"Pas" is the Greek word for "all." And is in other places translated: "All manner of," "all things," "thoroughly," "each," "any," and more. And this says that Christ forgives every sin, no matter what description. He forgives, and justifies everyone without exception through the merits of Christ, who come unto God by Him. Forgiving them of present, past and future sin to the uttermost, never "imputing their trespasses" again. 2 Cor. 5: 19.

In Romans 4: 7, 8 Paul draws on the inspiration and revelation of David: "*Blessed are they (the many) whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*"

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." God would surely not have given Paul the unction of the Holy Spirit to write Col. 2: 13, saying, "ALL", if there were sins today that He does not forgive. Or if God only forgive past sins today.

The Gospel that the 12 apostles preached was limited, and had restrictions, exceptions and exclusions on it. It was salvation for the Jews, or the twelve tribes of Israel. And God gave Peter a vision, and spoke to him three times, and sent him to preach to Cornelius and his household. When Peter had come to Caesarea, and met with Cornelius, he said: "You know how that is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean." Acts 10: 28.

Peter was convinced for awhile, but it soon wore off, and Peter withdrew from their company to eat exclusively with the Jews. This was because James sent some of the Jerusalem church elders to spy on Peter. But then Paul confronted Peter over this race issue. Gal. 2: 11-14.

"God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean." I hope that I am not touching someone's sacred cow. But I haven't heard this one taught among the traditions of the elders of Christendom. Is that the character of God now, declaring such to His people: to see no man common, or unclean?

One lonely, forlorn, joyless soul wrote me recently of a television bible teacher in Tennessee: Quote, "He is a heretic on his way to a devil's hell. And he kept repeating that. He had disagreed on several issues that the bible teacher was teaching. I disagreed on the issues too, but that doesn't make me judge and jury to send anyone to a devil's hell. The only devil's hell is in mankind's mind. Man is his own heaven, and he is his own hell. And it takes Jesus to bring heaven to the inside of men.

Of Paul's Gospel, he said: "I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not after man.

For I neither received it of man, nor was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Gal. 1: 11, 12.

Paul speaks of the Gospel that Christ gave him, as "my Gospel": "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to MY GOSPEL." Rom. 2:16.

"Now to Him that is of power to establish you according to MY GOSPEL, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world (ages) began, But is now made manifest..." Rom. 16: 25, 26.

He also declares that he was "entrusted with the gospel", and allows that we

are too: "But as WE were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which try's our hearts." 1 Thess. 2: 4.

And according to Paul's Gospel, God can and does forgive ALL SINS today with no exceptions, and no exclusions.

And as I read through Paul's letters, he tells us that the Cross of Christ has such exceeding power now that God forgives any and all sinners. And forgives any and all sins.

The 12 apostles taught that Christ died for sins the Law could forgive, but Paul preached that Christ died for sins that the Law could not forgive, including the ones Jesus spoke of in Matt. 5, 6, and 7. How could Paul the "blasphemer" have been saved? He explained it. 1 Tim. 1: 13, 16. *"Who was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and violent: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief."*

And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am first. But on this account I received mercy, that IN ME FIRST, Christ Jesus might show forth (exhibit) all forbearance, for a PATTERN to those which should hereafter believe on Him to everlasting (aionian) life."

Paul stated that he had been a "blasphemer," a "persecutor," he was violent toward Jesus followers. But he received mercy. And the Grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which was in Christ Jesus.

It was Christ's faith and love that carried, and held Paul. Paul didn't have any, carry any faith and love. Christ Jesus holds you, you don't hold Him. It is His faith and love that holds us.

Paul said, he received mercy, THAT IN HIM (PAUL) FIRST, Christ Jesus should exhibit all forbearance for a PATTERN to those who should later believe Christ to everlasting life. He made no bones about it, that he was "FIRST," and "A PATTERN" to the later believing ones into life in Christ. He meant that he was showing a way that had not been shown clearly before.

Paul received a revelation of a New Day-the Dispensation of the Grace of God. And declared by the authority of the Holy Spirit: "For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Nations, If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me for you: How that by revelation He made

known to me the mystery." Eph. 3: 1-3.

Paul again stated: "A dispensation of the Gospel is committed unto me." 1 Cor. 9: 17. Again: "I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God." Col. 1: 25.

Paul received from God that Christ died for ALL MEN, and He died for ALL SINS. And the teaching today that there are unforgivable sins is not valid. Such contradicts the scripture of truth that is for the Gentile nations today, according to Paul.

We must reiterate, some sins were unforgivable under the Law of Moses. Leviticus 18: 1-29. and the prophets backed Moses up, warning the people who sinned that their soul would die if they sinned. Ezek. 18. Jesus was born under the Law, ministered under the Law. But He brought "Grace and Truth," He was the embodiment of Grace and Truth. Jn. 1: 17.

So Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ, yet Jesus during His ministry on earth did not speak plainly that which He later revealed to Paul, because Paul was in a different "dispensation." Jesus did say: "When He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth..." Jn. 16:13. Ananias prophesied to Saul/Paul: "You shall be a witness for Him (Christ) TO ALL MEN OF WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD." Acts 22: 15.

So many of the higher, deeper, broader, lengthier, wider truths were for the Holy Spirit to reveal. Eph. 3:18. There has been truth that was for only certain ages. and they expire when superseded by a greater. On the Day of Pentecost the Law of Moses expired with the preaching of Jesus Messiah as God's way of salvation. Yet certain concepts of the law was held by Jesus disciples.

God said that he would "Cleanse the false prophet out of the land." Now people are beginning to see and embrace the Reconciliation of all mankind that could not hear it before. All because of that which they thought was truth before. We heard a report of this in our ecclesia gathering last week. and I am receiving testimonies all the time now from viewers at our web site, as they respond by E-mail.

Theologians of Christendom have persuaded their followers that after this life, no one can be saved. But these scripture tell us that after this life, in time, all are saved. 1 Cor. 15: 22-28. 1 Tim. 2: 6. Those standing in loyalty to a man, ministry or an organization against the truth of God's Grace is destined for "weeping and gnashing of teeth."

These things will sound as heresy to those with troubled understanding,

clinging to traditional teaching. Yet it is the Proclamation of Emancipation to those desiring the more liberating way of Father's Good News of Grace.

Peter stated: "Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the Grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1:13.

Peter here was exhorting the saints to look expectantly forward for the grace of God to be revealed. On the other hand Paul stated that you, the saints, are standing in Grace.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By Whom also we have access by faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5: 4, 5.

Peter declared that the ungodly are condemned. 2 Pet.2. And James said, "But do you wish to know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead." Jam. 2:20. Do you know Paul's answer to James?

"To him that works not but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Rom. 4: 5. Mans concepts, creeds and doctrines teach that God is mad at the world, but 2 Cor. 5: 19 says that: "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not reckoning their offenses to them." Mans doctrine teaches that God only saves those who believe now, but the scripture of truth says that God saves ALL, "especially" or "in a special way those who believe" now. 1 Tim. 4:10.

Mans teaching says that God will be all in some, while 1 Cor. 15: 28 tells you that: "God shall be ALL in ALL." "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister (servant) of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers." Rom. 15: 8.

Then Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Matt. 15: 24. When Jesus was on earth, He was a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises of God to the patriarch's. Jesus ministry was very limited in that he was a servant of the circumcision. He did minister to and heal a few Gentile people who called upon Him in desperation. But that was not the focus of His earthly ministry. Peter, James and John followed in the foot steps of Jesus along these lines, for Jesus had told them to. He spoke some solemn things to them, like this:

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:

But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5: 19.

Paul states under his "Dispensation": "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets."

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Rom. 3: 21, 28.

"Now we are delivered (exempt) from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Rom. 7: 6. It is the letter that holds men in death. And teachers of "flesh and blood" revelation of the letter tell you that observing the 10 commandments will make mankind better. When the revelation of the Christ Spirit given to Paul says, "THE LAW ENTERED THAT THE OFFENCE MIGHT ABOUND," that is, it makes mankind worse. The Law was only given to the children through Moses, not to the Gentiles (the nations).

Too, the "flesh and blood" teaching of Christendom tell us that sin is stronger than God's Grace. But the revelation of the Holy Spirit teaches you that: "where sin abounded, Grace did much more (super abounded)." Rom. 5: 20.

"As sin has reigned to death, Grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 5: 21.

Our Father forgives all sin today, and accommodates and adjusts His Grace and Truth that it is given at its due season. "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; WHO WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and come to the knowledge of the truth. for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Who gave Himself a ransom to be testified in due time." 1 Tim 2: 3-6.

As God sprang the Law on the Israelite's in the wilderness without a hint, so we find no hint of Paul's ministry in the four Gospel's of Christ. Paul's ministry was utter Grace. It was absent of Law, of Baptism's, of Sabbath keeping's, of Circumcision. Under his teaching Grace shined a great light as the mid-day sun among vile heathen. And his word translated men from paganism into citizens of the heavenly spheres. Eph. 2: 5, 6.

When Jesus was dying on the cross, He said, "It is finished." Meaning, "Paid in full." In other words, Jesus paid the price in full by His own precious blood. Some time ago a magazine of religious articles stated, that faith is not enough, you must go through the rituals of the church. Meaning, that you have to add your two bits to the finished work of Christ.

Someone said, "This is not Grace - this is disgrace," Beloved, we can't be

deceived by religious views. Religious views will say "DO", but the scripture of truth says "DONE."

"Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own. You are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20. You are bought with a price. And the price is PAID IN FULL! Therefore trouble of any kind can not affect your salvation. Christ has paid the full price of your salvation. Nothing can be added because nothing is wanting.

So again the Gospel that the 12 apostles preached, salvation was quite limited, and so was the forgiveness of sins. And according to the Gospel revealed to Paul, Christ died for ALL mankind and for ALL SINS also. And his Gospel does not reveal any unforgivable sinner or sin. It was revealed to Paul in Titus 2: 11, "For the Grace of God that brings salvation to all mankind has appeared."

And Paul waxed bold declaring: "God that cannot lie..has in due times manifested His word through preaching, which is committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior." Titus 1: 2, 3.

"I kept back nothing that was profitable to you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly...I have not hesitated to declare to you all of the counsel of God." Acts 20: 20, 27.

Paul having received "ALL of the counsel of God" for the Gentile nations never mentioned HELL. If Christ paid for the sinner's sin, why would the sinner have to pay for his sins again in hell? Someone said that would be "DOUBLE JEOPARDY." Or, is the cross powerless without a little help from the helpless sinner. Read what Paul spoke of the "enemies of the cross of Christ":

"For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." Phil. 3: 18.

"Enemies of the cross" under-rates the blood of Christ, in that they teach that multitudes of people are headed for an eternal burning hell of torment. By not searching out the origin of words, they believe a lie. Scott Paris 6-23-99