

Good News!

The Story of our Salvation Part 5

Please Stand and open your bibles to
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

We are in a series we started after we finished the book of
Matthew because we had left off with...

Matthew 28:19-20

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, 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.” Amen.

And what was it that He had commanded them?

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel
to every creature.”

We better make sure we are getting this right!

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What is the Gospel?

How is it Preached?

How is it Received?

How is it Received?

- What does it mean to Repent?
- What does it mean to Believe?
 - By Grace
 - Through Faith
 - How to be Born Again
- The Holy Spirit's work in Salvation
 - God's Part
 - Man's Part
- What is Justification?
 - A finished work
 - Forever secured

What Does it Mean to Repent?

- Original Greek Meaning
- English Meaning and History
- Use in Classical Greek and Koine Greek outside the Bible
- A use in the Septuagint
- History of NT Translation of Metanoia
- Context, Context, Context
- The Plague of Works Based Religion

We discovered that it means to change your mind and way of thinking and has nothing to do with changing your behavior or mourning over your sin.

This week we will look at the second of the three...

- What does it mean to Believe?
 - By Grace
 - Through Faith
 - How to be Born Again

What * does the word believe mean in the original language?

Acts 16:30-31

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

The first of two words we will look at related to our salvation is the verb form.

Pisteuo - Strong's 4100, verb

To be persuaded, to trust, to rely, to believe.

It is more than just a simple belief in God...

James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

I have told you before that I believe that Joe Biden is the president, but do I trust him in the role? No. Can you believe that Jesus is the savior of the world and not be saved? Yes. You have to be willing to trust in Him for your salvation. I believe that repentance is the easy part. I can convince almost anyone that they are a sinner. It's easy to show people that. But to then get

people to trust in the One that can save them is a whole other thing. Believing is the hard part!

One of the ways that it is very difficult to get people to believe is that it is all by grace.

Before we talk about that let's turn to Ephesians 2:1-10

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

So, our * first point is that it is by Grace.

Charis – Strong’s 5485

Grace, A favor done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the giver; unearned and unmerited favor.

God Riches At Christ’s Expense!

Yes, we are to see ourselves as sinners. We are to change our minds about sin. We are to look at it differently. But the feelings of emptiness and loss from our sins needs to be replaced by the joy that comes from God’s grace that is offered to us through the gospel message!

Verse * 8 of chapter 2 of Ephesians takes away any idea that works are involved in our salvation.

What does the bible say about Jesus’s attitude to die for your sins?

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Another thing to note if you do a world study on grace that it much more than just a gift. It is the joy of the giver and the receiver. It denotes a motivation of an action. A gift that is so

attractive that its draw is the force that leads you to receive it.
How? Through Faith!

Through Faith:

Pistis – Strong's 4102, noun

To win over, persuade. Faith. Firm Persuasion, Conviction,
Assurance

Believe (Verb) Faith (Noun)

To trust in, to rely upon, to cling to

It's one thing to believe that something is true it is a whole other thing to trust in it.

There is a difference with believing in God and trusting Him for salvation.

That is what we mean by "Saving Faith". As we said earlier the demons believe but they are not saved. There are many who believe in God but are not saved. You need to put your trust in Him. It is a form of surrender.

Here is another way of looking at it. If you really believe that you are lost and going to hell. If you see yourself as having sinned against God and understand you are under His judgment. If this truth has become reality to you and you understand it, just the mention of a possible pardon should be attractive to you. It should be the thing you would seek out with all your being. We always want the best lawyer or surgeon. We take the time to find

the best investments and deals. We take those things seriously but not our eternity? It starts with true repentance. A mind that is changed and a way of thinking that has clearly understood the situation and now is ready to look for the solution. You don't just hear the gospel, you run to it. It is something you want and need. That is grace. The message of the gospel that all your sins are forgiven through Jesus on the cross. That He rose again and defeated sin, death and paid the price for the judgment you deserve. You don't just believe in it you put you trust in it because without it you are hopeless. See the difference?

For by grace (God's Unmerited Favor) you have been saved (Forgiven of all your sins past, present, and future) through faith (Trusting in, relying upon, clinging to the gospel message)

When * you have done this, you will be Born Again!

What's * it mean to be "Born Again"?

1 Peter 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, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

James 1:18 NLT

He chose to **give birth** to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

John 3:1-21

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you,

We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

For * God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes (Trusts in, Relies Upon, Clings to) in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Have you put your trust in Jesus as your Savior?

If not, I have some good news for you, you can today, right now in this spot be born again by putting your faith and trust in the finished work of Jesus on the cross. He died for you sins and rose again from the dead. He finished the work and all you need to do is believe. Don't let anyone deceive you into thinking you have to give up your habits, clean up your act or stop your behaviors. You can't. Only Christ can through the power of the Spirit. We are going to talk about that next week as we look at the Holy Spirit's work in salvation. But the work He is doing right now is He is knocking on the door of your heart and telling you to let Christ in. He is testifying of His saving work and all you have to do is believe. Do it today!

Why we do not sponsor or support the TV Series "The Chosen"

#1 Dallas Jenkins own words on his relationship with the LDS

<https://www.deseret.com/faith/2022/5/19/23130781/why-the-chosen-creator-dallas-jenkins-made-definitive-statement-latter-day-saints-jesus-christ-lds>

Why 'The Chosen' creator made a 'final, definitive' statement on Latter-day Saints and Jesus Christ

Dallas Jenkins, creator of the "The Chosen," a popular show on the life of Jesus, addressed questions about what he called the "LDS issue" in a YouTube video. Here's what he said.

Does the evangelical creator of “The Chosen” believe that Latter-day Saints are Christians or that they love the same Jesus as evangelicals?

Dallas Jenkins, the show’s mastermind, director and executive producer, gave his definitive comments on what he termed the “LDS issue” in a YouTube video statement Thursday.

“There has been an increased amount of attention given not only to the show itself lately, but to a comment that I made several years ago that I probably need to add a little clarification to and this is what we kind of call the ‘LDS issue’ or the ‘LDS question’ when it comes to ‘The Chosen,’” Jenkins said in the video.

According to the video, Jenkins said false statements have been attributed to him in which he states that “Mormons and evangelicals love the same Jesus” or “LDS are Christians.”

“Is it true that I said that?” Jenkins said. “The answer is no. I did not. Did it appear like I said that? Could it be easily interpreted as me saying that? I think that’s true. ... I probably could have given more context and clarity than that I’m giving now.”

Why are those statements a problem?

“Not because there aren’t LDS folks who are Christians and not because there aren’t LDS and evangelicals who love the same Jesus, but because it would be wrong of me to ever say that any

one group believes any one thing altogether. That is just a level of arrogance that I don't have."

He continued: "It would be just as dumb for me to say that all LDS are Christians, as it would be to say that all evangelicals are Christians, or that all Catholics are Christians or any other faith tradition. It would also be dumb for me to say that none are."

What did he say?

<https://youtu.be/SXliv3Nhlhc?si=ba6WegbC--usJJWy>

<https://thewordlikefire.wordpress.com/2021/12/16/dallas-jenkins-states-mormons-christians-love-the-same-jesus/>

"So I can honestly say, it's been one of the top three most fascinating and beautiful things about this project – it's been my growing brother and sisterhood with people of the LDS community that I never would've known otherwise and I learned so much about your faith tradition and realizing, gosh, for all the stuff that maybe we don't see eye to eye on...that all happened, that's all based on stuff that happened after Jesus was here. The stories of Jesus we do agree on, and we love the same Jesus. That's not something you often hear...sometimes it's like, oh they believe in a different Jesus than we do. No, it's the same, I mean I'll sink or swim on that statement. I know that's controversial and I don't mind getting criticized at all for the show, and I don't mind being called a blasphemer, I don't like it when my friends are. I made it very clear that if I go down, I'm going down protecting my

friends and my brothers and sisters and so I don't deny we have a lot of theological differences but we love the same Jesus."

Do we love the same Jesus? NO!

If you heard me say something and then you asked me if I said it and I told you no I didn't, what's that make me? A liar!

We have a biblical word for that and it's not a good one...He said it himself...

Blasphemy!

Galatians 4:16

Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Who helps produce the show?

<https://www.ldsiving.com/latter-day-saint-producers-of-the-chosen-talk-creative-liberties-gratitude-for-involvement-in-show/s/10332>

Latter-day Saint producers of 'The Chosen' talk creative liberties, gratitude for involvement in show.

Derral Eves, one of two (Brad Pelo) Latter-day Saint executive producers of the hit show The Chosen, knows the show's creator, Dallas Jenkins, has received pushback for choosing to work with members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In

fact, Eves became emotional when talking about that opposition in a recent podcast interview.

Executive Producer:

The executive producer sits at the top of the production hierarchy as it is their job to source and secure financing for production.

Without them, a film or show could never be made as they are the ones who kickstart the project...

What's more, depending on the project, their role can quickly take on a hybrid quality – EPs often find themselves involved in making key creative decisions, especially if they are personally financing a project.

Let me ask you, what if you found out that we had a Mormon and a JW on our board of directors? You look them up online and you find a conversation of us talking about how we are all family and love the same Jesus. You ask me about it, and I tell you I never said that. Would you stay a member of this church? No, you would not.

#2 They take these creative liberties too far...

<https://www.deseret.com/2022/10/25/23424009/chosen-law-moses-book-mormon-quote>

What the creator of 'The Chosen' said about the alleged Book of Mormon quote in Season 3

In the Season 3 trailer released last week, one segment shows Jesus being confronted by a Jewish religious leader who dramatically tells him, “Jesus, if you do not renounce your words, we will have no choice but to follow the law of Moses,” insinuating Jesus could be put to death.

Jesus, played by actor Jonathan Roumie, steps forward and boldly replies, “I am the law of Moses.”

Some people have since claimed the line about Jesus being the law of Moses came from a verse of scripture — 3 Nephi 15:9 — in the Book of Mormon of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“Behold, I am the law, and the light. Look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live; for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life,” the verse reads.

Jenkins addressed the claim during a video live stream Tuesday where he was promoting a new trailer for the theatrical release of episodes 1 and 2 of the forthcoming Season 3.

The creator of “The Chosen” said around 99% of people “went crazy and loved it” the “I am the law of Moses” line while only a tiny percentage made a fuss.

“No. 1, it’s not a direct quote,” Jenkins said. “It wasn’t referring to the law of Moses in that quote. ... And I have never read the Book of Mormon, to be honest with you. I’ve read some of it. People will share with me. I read it when someone told me, ‘Hey, that’s

from the Book of Mormon.’ I was like, ‘OK,’ and I went and looked it up.”

Jenkins continued: “It’s a cool line. So either way, it’s in the show because I believe it’s a really great line and I believe that it’s also theologically plausible. ... The point is God is over these things. Jesus is over these things. He is these things. He owns these things. They came from him. Jesus makes many ‘I am’ statements and is called the ‘Great I Am.’ So no, I didn’t pull this quote from anywhere else. ... It’s a theologically plausible line and, I believe, a cool, Jesus-as-king moment, and that’s it.”

Is Jesus the Law of Moses? NO!

(See Matthew 19:3-10) What if I came to you and said Jesus said “I Am the Great Chicken” you would laugh and think I was joking only for me to tell you it’s theologically plausible. Why? Well Jesus did say “How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings” Matthew 23:37. Do you see what I am doing? What does the scripture say about that...

Deuteronomy 4:2

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the

plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life

It's one thing to use scripture and come up with possible scenarios and a whole other thing to put words in His mouth that He did not say. When you do that the bible calls it...

Blasphemy!

So, I ask you again...

Galatians 4:16

Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Ephesians 4:11-15

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—