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“Holding forth the word of life” Phil. 2:16

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HOW THAT CHRIST DIED

Saul of Tarsus wrote, “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, HOW that Christ died for our sins ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES,” I Cor. 15:3. That is how the King James Version has it. The American Standard Version has it as follows, “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, THAT Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.” The KJV uses the word HOW; the ASV leaves out the word HOW. Should the word HOW have been omitted? I think not, HOW did Christ die ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES. Preachers of the gospel had better go back to the gospels according to the scriptures as given by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and remind themselves as well as the OTHER sinners HOW Christ died according to those scriptures.

Read the account of the crucifixion in Mark 14, 15, 16, not just the crucifixion, the hanging on the cross, but all that went before the crucifixion, the so-called trial. Mark says “And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him and to say unto him, Prophesy: and servants did strike him with the palms of their hands,” 14:65 “And they ALL forsook him and fled,” 14:50. “And so Pilate, willing to content the people,

released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns and put it about his head, And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews; And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him and bowing their knees worshipped him and when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him ... And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of the skull,” 15:15-20, 22. How that Christ died according to the scriptures ... From antiquity comes a voice, “As many as were astonished at thee, his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men,” Isaiah 52:14 ... “He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and

WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment FOR THE TRANSGRESSION OF MY PEOPLE WAS HE STRICKEN. And he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death He shall divide the spoil with the strong: because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors,” Isaiah 53:3-7, 8, 9, 12.

Reader, hear HOW that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. According to the scriptures? All right, HOW was it according to the scriptures! We have four scriptural accounts which we call the GOSPELS and one is not preaching those Gospels if he does not tell HOW and not just merely THAT he did die according to the scriptures. Yes, the whole hideous, horrible report as given in

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A FOUNTAIN OPENED

ZECH. 13:1

Fountains are often used in scripture to picture the vitality of the Christian life. In John 7:37, a fountain is used to speak of the refreshing life that is ours as a believer in Jesus Christ. In Isaiah 58:11 a fountain speaks of guidance and satisfaction, and in Psalm 37:7, a constant supply of grace. But one of the greatest uses of the word applies to the fountain of redemption.

How we should rejoice that there has been a fountain opened to cleanse us from all sin. It is a fountain which is open to all sinners no matter how vile, and we can come at any time. Grace opened this fountain and grace will keep it open. This fountain is none other than the precious blood of Jesus which was shed for sinners to wash away their sins. Its efficacy is infinite and eternal. It cleanses the vilest of sinners and is available to

all who come by faith now. It not only suits the sinner, but the saint as well. The Scriptures plainly declare "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." What would we do without this fountain? To all who need pardon and peace with God and old gospel hymn tells us:

*There is a fountain filled
with blood*

*Drawn from Immanuel's
veins:*

*And sinners, plunged
beneath that flood*

*Lose all their guilty
stains*

*Dear dying lamb Thy
precious blood*

*Shall never loose its
power*

*Till all the ransomed
church of God*

Be saved to sin no more.

We can have a full hope in Christ. This precious fountain for healing and cleansing springing from his shed blood for us opens heaven's doors to us, brings us into our inheritance, and bestows upon us the riches of his grace. It washes us as white as snow, brings a full forgiveness to us and fits us for his kingdom and to share his eternal glory.

*The dying thief rejoiced
to see that fountain in his
day*

*And there may I though
vile as he, wash all my
sins away!*

~ Larry Windham

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the scriptures, according to those scriptures, otherwise one just gets a plan of salvation; one does not get a person of salvation; and we are not saved by a plan, we are saved by a person ... JESUS OF NAZARETH. "And He said unto me, I am JESUS OF NAZARETH whom thou persecuteth..." that from heaven, please note, Acts 22:8. A PERSON identified in time and place.

WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED. We hear preaching; we read scriptures and commentaries thereon and we sing a little song and we say a long prayer maybe, but we need to keep going over what came to pass on that PLACE

OF THE SKULL. O, no, it is not referred to often as THE PLACE OF THE SKULL. Call it Calvary; call it Golgotha. Why "de-emphasize" that part about the place of a skull?

Witnesses Matthew, Mark, Luke and John corroborate one another and go into detail. These details of the total testimony concerning the crucifixion and the resurrection are not to be neglected; they are to be dwelt upon. These are the gospels ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

And they all left him and fled All we like sheep have gone astray, all we like sheep have gone astray,

all we like sheep have gone astray... that is one scripture you hear in "The Messiah" over and over and over and over again; not once and again, but again and again and again and again and again All we like sheep have gone astray. As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb. So He opened not his mouth.

"And behold there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN! Matt. 28:2, 6

~ Boyce Henderson

BELIEVING IN GOD, OR BELIEVING GOD

I am writing this tract with a prayer in my heart that it may help someone to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

One cannot believe in a person without believing what that person says, and one cannot believe what a person says without believing in that person. Now to the Word of God.

“Abraham believed God; and it was counted unto him for righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). It was not HOW Abraham believed, but it was whom and what he believed. He believed God. And what was it that he believed? Or what did God say to Abraham.

In Gal. 3:8 we are told that the gospel was preached before unto Abraham, saying, “In thee shall all nations be blessed.” It was the gospel, then, that Abraham believed, or, the “Good news of God.”

Abraham and his wife, Sarah, were old and childless, but God had promised, and Abraham “staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God: and being fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness” (Rom. 4:20-22).

Now, someone may say, “Oh, that was in Abraham’s day, and we are not concerned.” But, in verses 23-25 we read, “Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead: Who was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification.”

Lost sinner friend, what is it that gives you trouble when you think of standing before God who knows all about you? Is it not the fact that you have sinned? Then, what will give you greater peace than to hear God

say that His own Son “was delivered for your offenses and raised again for your justification.” When you believe that Christ died for your sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures, you are no longer worried about your sins.

If I owe one hundred dollars and am worried about how I am to pay the debt, and a friend pays the debt for me and gives me a receipt, I am satisfied when I believe that my debt has been paid. Jesus Christ paid our sin debt, and gives us His word that it has been paid.

Yes, “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with

His stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:3). Will you now believe what God says in His blessed word?

“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God (or what God says) hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son” (1 John 5:10-11). “He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (V 12).

Sinner friend, do you have life? If you believe what God says, you do. For God says that you have life in His Son.

~ J. F. Hartley

HOPE

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil. Heb. 6:19.

Christ is our hope. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. 17:7. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Our Hope is good. Now our Lord Jesus and God even our Father which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting Consolation and good HOPE through Grace, Thes. 2:16.

OUR HOPE is living: Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God which according to His Abundant Mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3.

Christ Jesus is our blessed hope. Looking for that blessed HOPE, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament was written in

order for us to have hope. For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have HOPE.

Beloved, now are we sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is and every man that hath this HOPE in him purifieth himself even as He is pure, 1 John 3:2-3.

Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures and was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

The good news is what Christ Jesus did for us at Calvary, there He bore our sins in His Body and was raised and revived and because He lives we (believers) shall live also.

My friends, let us be busily engaged telling those which have no HOPE, 1 Thes. 4:13, about Christ Jesus which is our Hope.

~ Grady Bradford

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The conference will begin on Monday evening Aug. 16 with supper at 5:30 p.m. Singing and preaching will begin at 6:55 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 17, services begin at 9:55 a.m. Seven speakers are on program with lunch at 12:00 noon. Tuesday evening services begin with supper at 5:30 p.m. and preaching at 6:55 p.m. Bro Larry Windham and the church invite you.

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