

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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“To them which have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

II Peter 1: 1

*The word “obtain” is unique in its scriptural application, which defined by the English language means: “to attain, possess, or gain.” In Peter’s epistle, he declares as he writes to the Asian believers that they **HAVE OBTAINED** this like precious faith.*

Faith being defined as the “substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb. 1:1) is a supernatural gift of grace alone. Man, by nature, is faithless in the state of total and absolute depravity through sins dread curse.

“For without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb. 11:6). Therefore, in order to please God, one must have “obtained” this gift of grace called faith. Knowing that the absolute sovereign grace of God can only dispense such glorious gift upon undeserving souls, faith is that attribute which causes the heir of divine grace to lay hold upon the person of our Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of sinners. When one is revealed that faith is a fruit of the Spirit, it manifest that without the Spirit abiding within the child of God through regeneration and the new birth it is impossible to believe that God is who He says He is and the rewarder of them which diligently seek Him.

The scriptures further indicate that Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2), therefore, He alone causes faith to occur and evidenced within the elect heir of free and sovereign grace. Consider that when we shall see our Lord and Saviour in immortal glory, faith will have finished its work, for we shall see Him as He is, and be like Him, immortal and incorruptible per the promise of Him who has called us with a Holy calling into the kingdom of His darling Son.

How often have you heard sincere and earnest pleas “exercise your faith and come to Christ” by the neo-evangelical invitation? This is loading an impossible deed upon the hearts and minds of sinners. For faith is the evidence of life and until Spiritual life is granted the depraved alien sinner by the operation of the Holy Spirit they shall remain dead, deaf and blind to all spiritual declaration by any gospel minister. For the gospel shall only be heard by those chosen in Christ by the Father and quickened with hearing ears which manifest LIFE in the New Born heir of grace. “The gospel brings LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light” (divine revelation), the gospel does not nor cannot cause LIFE!!! The gospel is only good news to them which have been given a spiritual ear “to know the joyful sound” and rejoice in it.

May God bless us to praise our Saviours righteous name for granting this so great gift of faith that we might be caused to believe on Him who alone gave himself for us on that tree as the ultimate sacrifice and redeemer of sinners per the predestined and determined will of God the Father, the Almighty sovereign who only hath immortality.

Respectfully,

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