

Review:

- **Salvation**
- **the 10 Commandments**
 - **Baptism**
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the Rapture and the
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**Once Saved,
Always Saved**

**What did you *do* to be saved? Nothing.
You believed the gospel.
What can you do to *lose* that
salvation?
Nothing. Ever.**

We need to start at the beginning. How is a person saved? Anyone who believes that the Lord Jesus Christ took everyone's sins upon Himself, and died, was buried, and rose from the dead is saved.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (page 1075)

Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

Jesus saved all men, but only those who believe, *receive* the salvation.

1 Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is **the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.**

Salvation is a free gift, given to everyone. If a gift is not free, then it is not a gift.

Romans 5:18

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one **the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

God never takes His gifts back.

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Christ has literally paid for—redeemed—us. We belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 7:21-23

Art thou called being a servant? care not for it:

but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. **Ye are bought with a price**; be not ye the servants of men.

We are sealed as Christ's until He meets us in the clouds of heaven.

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby **ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

What About The 10 Commandments?

We do not have to keep the Law for our salvation today. Jesus fulfilled the Law for us and when we believe that He took our sins on Himself and died in our place, we are placed in Christ and are on our way to heaven. That being said, many churches continue to put a lot of emphasis on following the 10 Commandments. It can be confusing for many believers.

Here are the 10 Commandments as they were given to Moses, the first 10 of a total of 613, known as The Law.

Exodus 20:1-17

(1)Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ⁴

(2)Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

(3)Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

⁸**(4)Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

(5)Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(6)Thou shalt not kill.

(7)Thou shalt not commit adultery.

(8)Thou shalt not steal.

(9)Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

(10)Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Jesus told His disciples:

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

He also told His disciples that He came to fulfill, complete, the Law.

Matthew 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Paul tells us that Christ's death means that we are no longer required to follow the Law, even

the 10 Commandments, to show our faith—our righteousness.

Romans 10:4

For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness** to every one that believeth.

We have been freed from the Law, but we know how God wants us to behave. Paul has given us our “10 Commandments.” All of them can be summed up by “love your neighbor.”

Romans 13:7-10

⁷ **(1,2,3)**Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; **(5)honour to whom honour.**

⁸Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

⁹For this, **(7)Thou shalt not commit adultery, (6)Thou shalt not kill, (8)Thou shalt not steal, (9)Thou shalt not bear false witness, (10)Thou shalt not covet;** and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ¹⁰Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: **therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Can you spot the Commandment that is missing from Paul's list for us? It's number 4, honoring the Sabbath day. Here's why:

Using the principle of right division, we find that honoring the Sabbath does not apply to us today. That is why Paul does not tell us to honor the Sabbath day. (FYI: The Sabbath Day has never changed from the 7th day, Saturday.)

"Rest" was specific to the people of Israel, referring to the land that God was going to give them, where they could rest because He would protect them from all of their enemies.

The writer of Hebrews further explains that entering into His rest is still future for Israel.

Hebrews 4:8-11

For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest,**

lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Paul gets down to the most important part of the Commandments, loving your neighbor. He has also told us that God wants all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Bottom line, love your neighbor and make sure you tell him about salvation. The Law was given as a way for God's people to know God's will. It is still that today, but we do not have the same arrangement of blessings and curses for compliance and non-compliance.

Baptism

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What's the first thing you think of when you hear the word "baptism:" water, right? Well, that's how the word is used most of the time, even though water baptism is not for us today, in the dispensation of grace.

The water baptism we usually think of is known as the "baptism of repentance" and it was done using water. It started with John the Baptist. Water baptism was never meant to be a permanent means of remission of sins.

Mark 1:4-5

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach **the baptism of repentance** for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all **baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.**

Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus told His disciples that they would receive a different baptism, with the Holy Ghost (not water.)

Acts 1:5

For John truly **baptized with water**; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence.

The disciples' promised baptism with the Holy Ghost occurred on Pentecost.

Acts 2:2-4

And suddenly there came **a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There were 120 people who were first baptized with the Holy Ghost on Pentecost.

Acts 1:15

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about **an hundred and twenty**,)

There was no water involved at Pentecost. In fact, it tells us they were sitting in a house.

Acts 2:2

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled **all the house where they were sitting.**

Peter told the people who witnessed Pentecost that they should repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. It sounds like John's baptism. But there was a difference from John's baptism. Now, it was being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, by receiving the word (no water.) Then the Holy Ghost would come upon them.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of **you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

There was no more need to be baptized by water for remission of sins. Christ's death, burial and resurrection took away everyone's sins! Simply

by believing the word of God, people were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:12,14-15

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Notice that when they believed the word, the people in the previous verse were baptized into Jesus Christ. They did not immediately receive the Holy Ghost. After Pentecost, they still needed the “laying on of hands” to receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:16-17

(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Everything changed after the Lord Jesus met and saved Saul. He sent Ananias to tell Saul about the Lord and how He was going to use him. Notice that Ananias put his hands on Saul. That

was so Saul would receive the Holy Ghost—Saul’s baptism.

Acts 9:17-18

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and **putting his hands on him** said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, **and be filled with the Holy Ghost**. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, **and was baptized**.

There was no water baptism for Saul (who became Paul.) This is fitting because as members of the Church, the Body of Christ, Paul is our pattern, the one we should follow.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

In this new baptism for Gentiles, everything happens at once. The Holy Ghost immediately falls on all who hear the word and believe. There is no need for anyone to lay their hands on the

newly baptized believers to receive the Holy Ghost. Gentiles simply believe the word and the Holy Ghost falls on them.

Acts 10:44-45

While Peter yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

This incident serves to show that baptism by water was no longer necessary. Baptism was now simply believing the word (baptism by belief) about the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ and instantly receiving the Holy Ghost. (It is still that for us, today.)

Here is baptism for us today.

Ephesians 1:12-14

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, **after that ye heard the word of truth,** the gospel of your salvation: **in whom also after that ye**

believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Paul says that Christ sent him not to baptize, but to preach the gospel. He explains further: if you preach the (water) baptism of John for the forgiveness of sins, you have no need for the death of Christ for the forgiveness of sins! That really misses the entire point! Our salvation is totally dependent on Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, not any water baptism we might receive.

1 Corinthians 1:17

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, **lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.**

Is The Lord's Prayer, Our Prayer?

Paul tells us about the wonderful gift of prayer that we have been given. He also tells us that we do not know how we ought to pray, so God gives us the Holy Ghost as an intercessor to make sure our prayers get to God in the way that they should, so that He can answer them.

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for **we know not what we should pray for as we ought:** but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And **he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

On top of all of that, Jesus Christ also makes intercession for us with His Father! What a wonderful God we have!

Romans 8:32-34

What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all**

things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? **It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

We can be certain that if Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are interceding for us, God cannot deny Them (Himself.) Every prayer will be answered in the way that it ought to be answered. We just have to look for it!

2 Timothy 2:11-13

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: **he cannot deny himself.**

Jesus gave His disciples what we call "The Lord's Prayer." Some people call it "The Disciples' Prayer" because Jesus gave it to His disciples to pray.

Matthew 6:9

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Should we pray the prayer Jesus gave His disciples? God is our Father, too. We have the kind of relationship with Him that we, as His sons and daughters—and even better, heirs— can call Him “Abba, Father.”

This is the same thing that Jesus Christ, Himself, calls God, His Father!

Mark 14:36

And **he said, Abba, Father**, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Next, Jesus reminds them to ask for the Kingdom. Israel has been promised a Kingdom on the earth where Jesus Christ, as the son of David, will reign for a thousand years.

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

The disciples asked about the kingdom, right before Jesus ascended.

Acts 1:6-7

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

This part of The Lord's Prayer is not for us in the dispensation of Grace. Christ's earthly Kingdom is not our ultimate destiny. Instead of waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ to come back to establish His earthly Kingdom, as He has promised the nation Israel, we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air to forever be with the Lord in the heavens.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the **Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with**

**them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:
and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The next petition in The Lord's Prayer is also specific to the Jews. Daily bread is a large part of the relationship between God and Israel. God fed Israel in the wilderness with manna (daily bread) six days a week for forty years

Exodus 16:21

And **they gathered it every morning**, every man according to his eating: and **when the sun waxed hot, it melted.**

Jesus included daily bread in their prayer to remind Israel that they can trust God will provide everything for them.

Matthew 6:11

Give us this day our daily bread.

We, too, can ask God to provide food for us, but Paul reminds us that we will be taken out of this world to spend our eternity in heaven. Until

then, we should be satisfied by having something to eat and something to wear.

1 Timothy 6:7

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

We know that the next of Jesus' petitions is also for Israel, not us. We can be very thankful that our sins are *already* forgiven.

Jesus told His disciples to pray:

Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our debts, **as we forgive our debtors.**

Forgiveness of everyone who had wronged them was required of every Jew in Israel if they were to be forgiven by God for their sins.

Mark 11:25-26

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. **But if**

ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

It is different for us, today. We are supposed to forgive one another *because* Christ has forgiven us. Our forgiveness from God is not dependent on our forgiveness of other people. Praise God for that!

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Then, Jesus told the disciples to ask God not to lead them into temptation (testing) and to deliver them from evil.

Matthew 6:13

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Testing and evil are future for Israel on the earth. The Tribulation is described in the book of

Revelation. Jesus also described the seven-year Tribulation to His disciples.

Matthew 24:21-22

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

Today's believers have been promised that we will not go through God's wrath. Because we will meet the Lord in the air, we will not be on earth to go through the Tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, **which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

We do have to deal with testing, temptation and evil because we live on a sin-cursed world.

Following is what Paul tells us about temptation for us. It is different than the testing that awaits those people on earth during the Tribulation.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

In his last letter, Paul tells us that the Lord will deliver him from every evil work. He also reminds us that we are destined for a heavenly, not earthly kingdom.

2 Timothy 4:18

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The end of the verse sounds very similar to the last petition of the Lord's Prayer. "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

Let's look at how we can follow the manner of the prayer that the Lord gave to Israel, while making it specific to us today.

Side by Side Comparison

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Our Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. We eagerly await the Day of Redemption when we will meet your Son in the air, to ever be with our Lord. Until then, help us to be content with having food and raiment, and to remember to give thanks in everything. Make us kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, because you, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us. Thank you that you will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear. Thank you for delivering us from every evil work and from the wrath to come, and preserve us unto your heavenly kingdom: to You be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Differences Between the Rapture and the Second Coming

Differences	
Rapture	Second Coming
Next event on God's calendar--imminent	Comes at least 7 years after the Rapture
Involves all members of the Church, the Body of Christ	Involves everyone on earth—the Jews will get their kingdom
Believers are taken to heaven Unbelievers are left on earth	Believers are left on the earth Unbelievers are taken to hell
Christ meets believers in the clouds of heaven	Christ comes to earth as King to set up His kingdom
Happens before the Tribulation	Happens after the Tribulation
Christ meets us in the air as the head of the Church, His body	Christ comes to earth and does battle with the antichrist and all of his armies on earth
Those taken will be judged at the Judgement Seat of Christ and given rewards	Those taken will be sent to hell to await God's judgement at the Great White Throne, after Christ's 1,000 year kingdom.

