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I believe that Christ came to save His people from their sins.

Mt.1.21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

That his people are those that the Father gave to Christ.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

And that they were given to Christ and predestinated before the foundation of the world by an act of the grace of God.

*Eph.1.3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

That grace of God took nothing into account concerning any good or evil that we might do in time.

Ro.9.11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

God's election of grace didn't look down through the proverbial halls of time and chose anyone because they believed. Otherwise election would have been based on meritorious faith, not grace.

The experience of the salvation of this people begins with the new birth, which is an immediate or unmediated act of God. No faith, no gospel, no works, nothing but the power of God to bring the sinner from death to life.

*Jn.1.12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

As soon as anyone puts *received by faith*, or received by any other than an act of God, the truth concerning the new birth has been perverted, twisted. And I after the new birth, God will direct someone to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, the impeccable Savior,

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Jo 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

There was nothing in the Lord Jesus that Satan could ply so that He might sin.

Jn.14.30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: FOR THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD COMETH, AND HATH NOTHING IN ME.

The Lord Jesus, for His people was *made sin*, constituted the sin offering for the people that He came to save.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Christ came to give Himself an acceptable offering for sin to God.

He.10.5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me (to be a sin offering):

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 ¶ Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Christ fully satisfied God for the sins of His people when He died on the cross.

Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

When this people hears gospel concerning Christ, that He came born of a virgin (not receiving the nature of any human father), lived perfectly the law of God, died on the cross for the sins of His people, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and raised up bodily, glorified the third day, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for this same people given him in eternity past ... hearing this gospel they trust in the Lord Jesus as their Savior. This is called conversion. The gospel converts them that have been born again.

2Ti.2.9 Who (God) hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But (God's purpose and grace) is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel ...

See those words, *hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*. In other words the gospel exposes those that have been born again. The gospel converts the born again to Christ. Having heard the gospel, they know they should be baptized, immersed in water, which baptism is an expression of the gospel. I was in Christ when he died, was buried and rose again. And now, having believed on Him to the saving of the soul I should follow Him by coming into the fellowship of a NT church, like this one. By that I am putting my witness in a church to properly glorify Christ.

Mt.5.13 ¶ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The candlestick is the church, or better *one of the churches of the Lord Christ.*

Re.1.10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

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18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

The New Testament Scriptures were written for this people, understanding that they would come into a NT church relationship until the time of Christ's second coming. This people should testify of Christ by word and deed as they live from day to day. They are to be a holy people, a chaste people, a faithful people, a

loving, joyful, good, patient, forgiving, forbearing, longsuffering, merciful, obedient people. (Gal.5.22-24) Otherwise they are a judged, disciplined people. (Mt.18.15-18; Ro.16.17; 1Corinthians ch. 5.; 2Th.3.6-11; 1Ti.1.20)

Ro 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

This people should walk with Christ and His people in the context of a NT church. These are the baptized, believing, church-related disciples of Jesus Christ, which are walking in anticipation of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Here is summary of *last things*, eschatology. Understand this as the people of God that are in this church. No matter how strong or weak our faith is, He is going to keep everyone of us, and He is going to bless us with His promises to rule and reign with Christ in his millennial kingdom. If we know anything about what is directly before the nation of Israel and especially the churches of Jesus Christ it is this: the world is going to become very, very dark morally, it's hatred is going to focus on the Israel and the churches. Whether we live through that time is irrelevant. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's special people in the earth, and we shall be with Him when He returns to reign over the earth.

Let me define who you that are of the churches of Jesus Christ. You are the saints of God. You are not just believers. There are many believers, but fewer saints in comparison. That has been the case ever since the Lord Jesus started His first church during His earthly ministry.

Jn.8.30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Not every believer is a saint because they will not come into one of the Lord's NT church. (There is no such thing as a universal visible or invisible church. That is fiction made up in the minds of some questionable religious people in the past.)

Ac 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

On the Day of Pentecost, not everyone that received his word came into the first church at Jerusalem. But we know that about 3,000 did.

Now, all that are in one of the Lord's NT churches are called the saints of God, the holy ones of God.

1Co 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

These have by the word of God the promise of being glorified at the rapture/first resurrection. First, the rapture/first resurrection event is a singular, momentous event. This occurs at once for the saints of God when Christ returns. What we are about to read is a church letter. It is written to the saints of the churches. It has no application to believers at large. Yes, they are saved, but they have no part in this that we are about to read here.

*1Co.15.52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1Th.4.14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

*16 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:***

***17 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.*

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The dead in Christ and the living are changed instantaneously, when the Lord Jesus returns to this earth to reign as King of kings, and Lord of lords. Now, we are not so concerned about knowing the exact time when the Lord Jesus returns.

Mt.24.34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

But we can know that that day is nearing.

Lu 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Mr 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

Though we do not know when the very day of Christ's return is we do know that it will occur at the sounding of a great trumpet.

Mt 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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The fact that Paul calls the trump the *last trump* in 1Co.15.52 means that there are a number of other trumps that sounded before this trump. And in the Book of Revelation there are seven trumpets that sound.

Re 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The last trump in this series is the 7th trump. Notice what it written under the sounding of this trump.

*Re 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound (the 7th trumpet), the **mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*

What is this great mystery? It is the mystery of the great rapture/first resurrection event!

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

And what occurred at the blowing of this last trumpet? Christ's begins his rule over the earth. He establishes His millennial (1,000 year) earthly kingdom.

Re 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded (his trumpet); and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

I know that the timing of this is pretty late in the scheme of things as it relates to the tribulation period. We might not like that BUT we must follow the Scriptures. Again, the timing doesn't really matter for, the faithful of the churches. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's and we shall be with Him to rule over the earth in that great day. I understand not wanting to suffer and die. I understand the question about suffering wrath. But let me point out a great misconception about wrath. We are not appointed to suffer the wrath of God. True.

*1Th.5.9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.*

But many seem to overlook that there is a difference between what is the wrath of God and the wrath of the Antichrist, man of sin, son of perdition. It does appear that the saints especially shall suffer under the wrath of this Satan-filled man.

Da 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them ...

Re 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

If we are to come through part or all of the tribulation period, if this is the will of God for us, and it does look very likely that it is, then He will shelter us in that day. In the Book of Isaiah, in middle of what is called the Little Apocalypse (chs. 24-27) this is written:

Isa 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

But certainly that there are believers and saints that shall survive through the most if not all of the Great Tribulation Period. See the text of the judgment of the nations. Here, these stand, the believing and the unbelieving. These believing enter into the millennial kingdom in their natural bodies. The unbelieving are cast into hell (everlasting punishment).

Mt.25.33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ...

There is a kingdom coming. We pray that almost every day. It certainly comes to mind every day.

Mt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

It is a millennial kingdom.

Re 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Israel is finally saved and exalted to be the chiefest of the nations of the earth.

Ro 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob ...

De 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them ...

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

The time of the kingdom shall be a time when the earth is restored from the curse laid upon it when Adam fell in sin.

*Ge.3.17 ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

The predatory nature of the animal kingdom shall be removed. There shall be no more war. Longevity of life is restored. No infant deaths.

*Is.11.4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Is.65.18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.
20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.
21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.
24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

No, it's not a perfect world, but it is as perfect as it can be given that it is still inhabited with sinners. But at the end of this 1,000 years, Satan is release and he gathers the masses of the unbelieving together for one final assault against Christ. And all he does is speak the word and they are consumed where they stand.

Zec.14.12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Re.20.7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

After this is the last resurrection. The heavens and the earth are dissolved, and all the living and the dead which were not raised in the rapture/first resurrection, all the saved and all the lost stand before the great white throne judgment to receive their final sentence from the Lord Jesus Christ. Them that are dead in sins are cast into the lake which burns with fire and brimstone. Here they remain in torments of the fire for the endless ages of eternity. But the people of God, the same that were elected before the foundation of the world, every single one of these without fail, those that were not glorified in the rapture/ first resurrection event are all glorified then and ushered to that new heaven and new earth. And here the this same people shall dwell in a place that Christ has prepared for them by way of the cross.

Jn.14.1 ¶ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

He has prepared an unimaginably wonderful place for His people. He loves them so much that He chose to share it with them for ever and ever. Here is a place we have imagined, but the truth is eye has not seen nor ear heard such glories that await the people of the Lord.

1Co.2.9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

He loves His people with an inalterable, eternal love. I hope that Jesus is your Savior and that what we have expressed today will become the substance of your hope too. Look to Christ as the Lamb of God, Who paid in full the sinner's debt to God.

Ro.10.8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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