

GOSPEL KINGDOM FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES

THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM. To enter the kingdom of God, one must repent of their past sins (Acts 3:19; 26:20; Romans 10:9-13, 2 Peter 3:9), be water baptized by a spirit filled man of God (Acts 19:5; Romans 6:3-4; Col 2:12-13; 1 Peter 3:21), and be spirit baptized by the Lord with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit of God gives utterance, receiving a new birth (Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; Acts 2:4; 10:45-46; 19:6; John 3:3-6). These are summarized in Acts 2:38.

THE BODY OF CHRIST. We recognize that there are three bodies of people in the world today: 1) the body of Moses (natural born Jewish people), 2) the body of the Beast (the sea of humanity that is not part of the kingdom of God), and 3) the body of Jesus Christ (a chosen group of born-again, spirit filled people working toward a restored church, Romans 12:5).

OUR HEADQUARTERS. The body of Christ is not part of a man-made earthly organization. It is overseen in 3rd heaven by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23; Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 3:1).

THE MINISTRY. God works with a ministry to assist and feed the church (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-3). The ministry is made up of men who are called of God to work in one or more of the five offices (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers) for the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

GOD'S TRUTH. While organized religion claims to have all the truth of God, the body of Christ is working towards its restoration. Divine truth is revealed through the holy spirit to chosen people with pure motives and an honest heart (Isaiah 29:11-13; Proverbs 2:1-5; Matthew 11:25; 13:11; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2: 12-14; Eph 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; 1 John 2:27).

THE GODHEAD. The Bible teaches that God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are separate entities (John 3:16; 8:17-18, Mark 16:19, 1 Cor 8:6; 11:3; 1 Tim 2:5; 1 John 2:1). They are one in purpose (Exodus 37:7; John 10:29-30; 17:11). The holy spirit is their presence and power (Matt 3:16; Luke 4:14; John 14:16-17; Acts 1:4,8; 10:38; Rom 15:13; Ephesians 3:16; Philippians 1:19).

SATAN/DEVIL. The Hebrew word 'satan' was not viewed to represent a fallen angel until after Persian ideas began to infiltrate Jewish beliefs during the Babylon captivity. The Bible teaches that 'satan' is anything, good or bad, that acts an adversary to another, while 'the devil' refers to only a bad adversary. These words can represent our sinful nature (Acts 5:3; James 4:7), other people (Matthew 16:23; John 6:70), and organizations (1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 2:9,13).

HELL. The English word 'hell' was not viewed to represent a place of eternal fire where fallen angels and ungodly people suffer pain throughout eternity until after pagan Greek myths were incorporated into early Christianity doctrines. Translated words for hell are: sheol (grave/pit, Eccl 9:10; Jonah 2:2; Job 17:16), gehenna (Jerusalem's fire burning dump, Matt 29:30; James 3:6), hades (Greek word for sheol, Acts 2:31), and tartarus (lowest part of hades, 2 Peter 2:4).

BEAST SYSTEM. Made up of civil government (dragon) and religion (false prophet), a beast system is a past and/or future organized world system that is against God's people. The seven beasts systems of the past are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Mede Persia, Greece, Pagan Rome, and Papal Rome. Another beast is in our future, an "8th that is of the 7" (Rev 13:11-12; 17:11-13).

OVERCOMING. To inherit eternal life, one must use the holy spirit to overcome their sinful nature (Romans 8:13). This purification process of perfecting ourselves in the Lord is achieved by rightfully enduring fiery trials and afflictions (James 1:2-4, 12; 1 Peter 1:7; 4:12-14) and by adding works of righteousness to one's faith (James 2:14-26; 2 Peter 1:4-11; 1 Tim 6:18-19).

THE BRIDE. The Bride of Jesus Christ is made up of people who overcome their sinful nature before the midpoint of the prophetic hour, a 15 year period that culminates with the Battle of Armageddon. These are the "Lamb's wife" who will "reign with Him" (Revelation 20:6; 21:9).

MOVING OUT OF A LIVE SOUL. A phrase used to describe how the soul of an overcomer does not taste death when they physically die (Matthew 16:28). It goes "under the altar" (Rev 6:9-11) to await the catching away of the Bride at the midpoint of the prophetic hour (1 Cor 15:52-53).

CHARITY. The body of Christ is founded upon charity, the highest form of love. Without exercising charity, one cannot overcome their sinful nature (1 Cor 13:1-13; 2 Peter 1:7-10).

SPIRIT LED. Our desire is to *watch the spirit*, allowing the holy spirit to lead us in our worship services, Bible studies, and in our daily walk with the Lord (John 16:13; Rom 8:14; Gal 5:16-18).

RESTORED CHURCH. God's true church, the body of people that were launched at the day of Pentecost, fell away and went into a wilderness condition (2 Thes 2:3; Acts 20:29-30; Matt 24:29; Rev 12:6). God has been slowly restoring it for the later reign (Songs 8:5; James 5:7).

PREDESTINATION. God predestined both the Jew and the Gentile to gain access to His Kingdom under the new covenant and the opportunity to inherit eternal life (Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 3:2-6). Individuals that are made aware of His truths of salvation will either accept them or decline (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). Those that receive these promises will then choose to continue in the faith (Colossians 1:23) or be led away from their own steadfastness and fall (2 Peter 3:17; Heb 6:4-6). While His master plan of salvation is predestined to transpire, God allows people to control their own destiny, telling us to "work out your own salvation" (Philippians 2:12). As such, there will be people who attain eternal life, and those who do not.

RESURRECTIONS. While there are many different types of Biblical resurrections, the "resurrection of the dead" (Acts 24:15, Philip 3:11) refers to those who are part of the "first resurrection" (Rev 20:4,5b,6) - overcomers who have physically died and are raised up at the catching away of the Bride (1 Thes 4:16). Conversely, at the end of the millennial reign of Christ, a final resurrection will occur (Rev 20:5a,12). This resurrection will include: 1) people who lived for God to the best of their ability before the new covenant was given, 2) people who repented of their past sins after the new covenant was given and continued to live for God according to their personal understanding, and 3) spirit baptized believers who continued to live for God at the time of their natural death but had not yet overcome their sinful nature. It seems that this resurrection will occur in stages based on the various dispensations and time periods of the Bible. Those who are part of the final resurrection that did not receive the holy spirit during their lifetime (1 and 2) will be taught of their need to receive it. Those who choose to do so, along with those who did receive the holy spirit during their lifetime (3), will have ample time to use it in that day to overcome their sinful nature so they can enter into eternal life.