**Rm 1:16 True Gospel Pt 2: Acceptance-Rejection**  (c) 2018 WF Cobb Truthbase.net ***DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

**I. Faithfully Believing the Good News results in Blessing; Doubting, Rejecting, Disobeying God's Revelation, results in Loss**

To **repent** is to change your mind, self-image, values, and actions. Lk 3 stop living for this world, and start living for reward in kingdom

To **believe** is accept/trust/embrace/rely/act upon the accurate correspondence to reality (Truth) of a situation/proposition; “the way it is”

To **obey***/listen under*, is to enthusiastically embrace with submissive responsiveness the agenda and actions of what is accurately heard

**II. Satan blinds forgiven carnal believers (Day of Atonement and NT) to the Gospel of Glory (God's good plan to bless)**

Jn 3:19 love darkness 'cs deeds are evil 2Cor 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the

 light of the **Gospel of the Glory** of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them

Heb 11:1,6 w/o faith it's impossible to please Him...must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him

2Thes 2:10 with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, 'cs they did not receive/embrace the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation thru sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,for the **obtaining of the Glory** of our Lord JC 15 stand fast and hold the traditions taught, whether by word or our epistle

**III. The HS convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment** *(Jn 16:8)* **but is resisted by the carnal redeemed**

Acts 7:51 You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

**A. Fruit** Lk 3:9 “even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit (Jn 15:6 abide,,bear fruit.. glorify God..no abide..burned) is cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?

**B.** **Repentance** Acts 2:36 let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ/Messiah." 37 heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the HS *(Ac 5:32 obey)*" 42 they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, he breaking of bread, in prayers.

**C. Carnal Christians just don't get it (quench..grieve HS)** 1Cor 2:6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature...

10 God has revealed them to us thru His Spirit. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, interpreting spiritual things to spiritual men.14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things 3:1 I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal.

**IV. Faithful Christians embrace the Word, conseq serve God in work, love, witness, and bearing fruit thus reap Glor*y*** *Rm 2*

**A. Faith Works** 1Thess 1:3 your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the HS and in much assurance 6 you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all...who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth,,,Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 what entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. ***Heb 4:2 profit***

2:11 as you know how we exhorted, and incentivized, and charged every one of you 12 that you would **walk** **worthy** of God who calls/invites you into His own kingdom and glory. 13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. Gal 3:18 if the inheritance is of the law, not promise; God gave it to Abraham by promise *Js 2*

Col 1:4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven *2Tim 4:8,* of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and epi-knew/experienced the grace of God *en* truth;

**B. Faith Calls** Rm 10:3 being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own R, have not submitted to the R of God. 8 the word of faith which we preach: 9 if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes *eis* righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made *eis* salvation.11 "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."13 For "whoever **calls on** the name of the LORD shall be saved." 14 How call on Him...not believed? 15 preach the gospel of peace...glad tidings of good things!" 16 not all **obeyed the gospel**.

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

1. How did OT saints get their sins forgiven and have a rlshp with God? How about the NT audience (Anna, Simeon, Mary, Joseph)?

2. To whom was the NT written? What is the emphasis of the NT, esp the epistles? What does the HS want folks to do in the OT? NT?

3. What does a person have to do/believe to get their sins forgiven? What do they have to do to get glory? Where does obedience fit in? Jn 14:21