

The Super Bowl Gospel

Pitfall: The Super Bowl of Pitfalls-“another Jesus”

”Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!“

II Corinthians 11:1-4 NKJV

*The called out believers in Christ were in serious danger of being deceived and accepting a lie from the enemy camp. All of Pauls corrections to the Corinthian church were because of sins they had brought into the house of God and believing that He was ok with this. Anytime we invite sin into Gods house, and we are living stones that make up that house, we accept “another Jesus”, “a different spirit”, and “a different gospel”.

**Remember Jesus died to “take away” the sins of the world, the Spirit came to “convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement”, and the gospel is the grace power given to us to live a life “pleasing to God” and “enter the kingdom of God”.

”Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.“

II Corinthians 5:9-10 NKJV

”We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.“

II Corinthians 6:1-2 NKJV

”For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.“

2 Corinthians 2:9, 11 ESV

*If the Church does not understand the true message of salvation, they will be outwitted by Satan and lose the opportunity for the inheritance and the end of the ballgame when Jesus will judge His people.

”Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.“

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 ESV

”Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.“

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV

*We must as the church of God take the warnings of God seriously. The Apostle is reminding us that we can be deceived even after we have been washed and sanctified and justified!

Therefore...

”Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.“

2 Corinthians 7:1 ESV

*We have only begun this race, we must endure to the end to complete it!

”Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?...“

Hebrews 2:1-3 ESV

”Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’ As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’” Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.“

Hebrews 3:7-19 ESV

***The true message of the gospel of salvation is that we all have been saved by the blood of Jesus and now have the greatest invitation to endure the race that can give you the land, privileges, and intimacy with God when Jesus returns to set up His earthly kingdom. The two greatest deceptions given to the church through false teaching is that Jesus has accomplished all of this for you so there is nothing to race for or if there is it really isn't that significant, and that if you don't inherit the kingdom promises of God that you will spend an eternity burning in hell. More damage has been done to the real Jesus, Spirit, and gospel than any other teaching!

Remember:

Justification salvation: has been given to everyone(see article "universal salvation")

Sanctification salvation: is the "difficult" path to holiness and maturity "few" will take.

Glorification salvation: is the privilege of brideship, rulership, and citizenship of Gods kingdom and this will only be for "the one" who overcomes.

Bonus:

Justification salvation: can best be depicted by the scene in "hacksaw ridge" where private Doss saves the Japanese soldiers as well as his own soldiers.

Sanctification salvation: can best be exemplified by the movie "Miracle" where coach Herb Brooks trains his athletes "again" to defeat the Russians.

Glorification salvation: can best be shown by the movie "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King"

Brideship: "Cinderella", "Beauty and the Beast"

Rulership: "Narnia"

Citizenship: "Schindler's list"

Gospel of Salvation: The Race to The Kingdom

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1 Corinthians 15:1-2 ESV

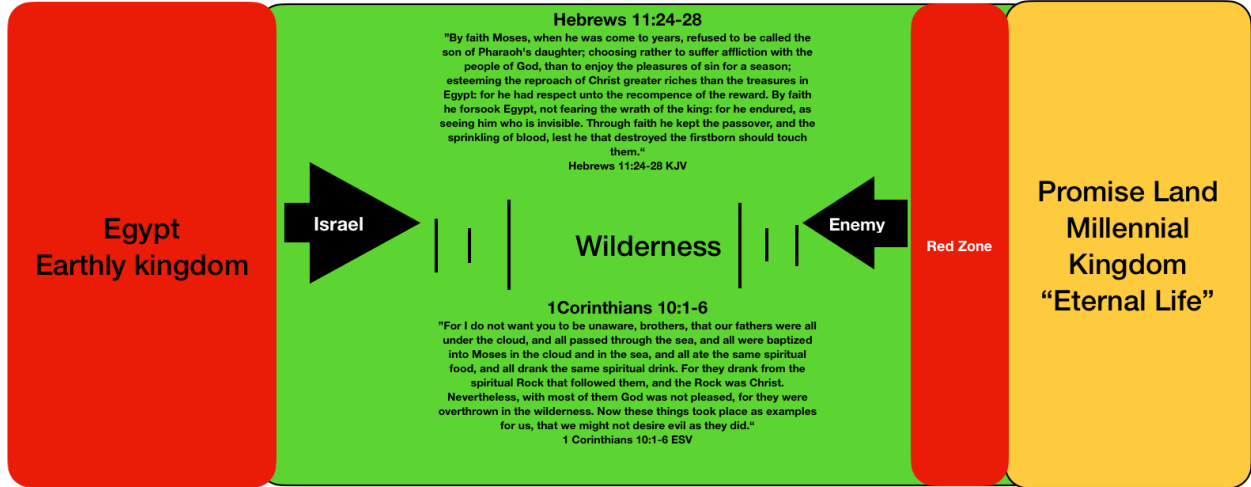
"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied"
1Cor. 15:19

Justification Salvation
Christs Work

Sanctification Salvation
Holy Spirits Work

Great
Tribulation

Glorification Salvation
Gods Work



Pitfall: 2Corinthians 11:1-4

"I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough."
2 Corinthians 11:1-4 ESV