



GRAN ALACANT TABERNACLE NEWS

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Greetings to all our brethren in Christ and friends.

We thank you and know a blessing whenever those on vacation come to visit us and share in our time of worship together.

As you will know we are a very small congregation and as so many others these days do, we experience some difficulty to cover the rental and running costs of the mission here, but we give thanks for the great generosity of our brothers & sisters for their gifts that will enable us to continue for the next few months ahead God willing.

Thank you also for your prayers for the work here in Gran Alacant. We now have a very small number of Spanish believers who have joined us, to look at furthering the work in the Spanish community. We trust that The LORD will guide them and us in the way forward, it is a hard door to open in this area.

This is our first "NEWS" publication and hope that it will keep us in communion with our visiting brethren & friends through e-mail and can be seen on our webpage.

We are starting with a quarterly contribution at this time.

As the pastor I also hope to share some articles that I pray will be of help and interest to you all, the purpose only to give glory & honour to The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob our creator

1. A message of the true gospel message for those who may not yet know God and that the offer of salvation & reconciliation would be revealed to them.
2. A message to us and our brethren in Christ for edification, reproof, and exaltation for spiritual growth in the knowledge & wisdom of Almighty God.
3. A message of warning about false teaching, religious institutes & denominations and worldly deception, leading vulnerable people in search of Almighty God (Yahweh) into a lost spiritual eternity.

Thank you for your continuing prayer & friendship

Since July of this year we started a journey in the Epistle to the Romans which has been quite an experience, it is fascinating how the more we study the word of God how much more is revealed each time we go back and re-study. We are now in chapter 8 and God willing we will continue through to next year.

There is a very important fact about the letter to the Romans that should not be taken lightly; the letter was written to "believers" a mixed congregation made of Gentiles and Jews although mainly Gentile. The apostle Paul received information in Corinth from Aquila and his wife Priscilla, Jewish believers that had been expelled from Italy, that at that time were under the rule of Claudius ref. Acts 18:1-2. These later returned to Rome when the new emperor Nero about 12 years later invited the Jews back because he realized that the Jews were good for business, as Claudius had left the situation of the economy of Rome in decline. Aquila and Priscilla are back in Rome when Paul writes the letter, as we can see from the salutations in Rom.16 verse 3-4.

But when they came back the believing Jews were not welcome by the gentile believers because while the Jews were expelled, "Christianity" among the Gentiles had been increasing in Rome, but because the congregation was not properly established, that is the foundations were not solid, it started to develop problems. These believers did not have an appreciation of the faith of Israel and knowledge of Israel's History and dealings between God and His chosen people, as compared to those in Jerusalem or where the apostle Paul and other apostles had founded the churches where they heard the scriptures in the synagogues. It was the only one that was not established by one of the apostles. In Rome they were approaching their "new faith" directly from the pagan Roman world, full of anti-Jewish prejudices. As new "believers," they knew very little about God and the prophesied Messiah, and of the law of God and had no respect for the Jews.

This is one of the main reasons why Paul wrote the letter to the Romans, the difficulty the congregation was experiencing was caused by gentile believers who were boasting and prideful with many signs of anti-Semitism.

Throughout the history of the mainstream Christian Church we see persecution of Jews, the Crusades, the Inquisitions, and many expulsions, and of course the Holocaust, these have been results of the Church's anti-Semitic doctrines.

The "Protestant Reformation" of the 16th century did nothing to change the anti-Jewish idea, an understanding of this is important to have a better understanding of the epistle to the Romans: The anti-Semitic ideologies of the early Church leaders and later Protestant reformers, established a foundation for Christian opinion, Catholic and Protestant, to this very day.

The mainstream church and Christian religious institutions have not been teaching the correct interpretation of Scriptures, If one was to look at the history of the church this becomes evident and is not hidden. The apostle Paul who foresaw the problem starting in the congregation of Rome 2 thousand years ago, is writing to establish the truth of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, and obedience in the faith, of the God of Israel through Jesus the Jewish Messiah. Bringing both Jewish and Gentile believers to a full understanding of the Gospel of God, as many were coming into their faith in God from a pagan background, no different to how the many are coming into the faith today. And the Jews were including their Judaism laws which created discord. That is why the letter to the Romans is to be preached correctly and to "believers" in the churches today. For what is not built on solid foundations will eventually collapse however good it may seem.

To be continued next edition

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise

1 Peter 5:5-7

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

In Isaiah 66:2 the Lord says; Has *not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?*” declares the Lord. *“These are the ones I look for with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.*

We have examples of holy men who were *“poor in spirit”*. Moses felt unworthy and inadequate for the task given to Him. This spirit is also in Isaiah when in a vision he sees God in heaven and cries out, *“Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips.* (Isaiah 6:5).

The word of God is a two edged sword able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart: (Hebrews 4:12-13).

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

It exposes us for what we really are – wretched sinners who have transgressed God's laws and offended Him.

We have nothing to offer, nothing we can do or bargain with, the more we understand His word the greater our awareness of our sinfulness and our need for His forgiveness. This produces poverty of spirit, a contrite and humble spirit; our only resource is to come to Him in complete humility asking for His mercy.

This beatitude is realizing that our only hope is in God that He would be gracious to us and forgive us, we have no hope in anything we have or in anything we can do to establish a relationship with God except by His mercy according to His conditions. This demands complete humility, our pride and self assurance must go, and totally trust in the nature and character of God.

This is the first step to true repentance to God with Godly sorrow in order to be reconciled to Him by His mercy and love through sending Jesus.

This is what is meant by being *“poor in spirit.”* Praise be to God for His promise that while He resists the proud, He gives grace peace and joy to the humble. *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* (Matthew 5:3).

But as a warning, the person that takes glory in his humility, a supposed poverty of spirit, only proves that it is just a show or an act, having the appearance of being pious, which may fool men, but will have to give account to God his creator.

The Bible is the Word of God, it is composed of sixty-six books and all of these books are called 'Holy Scriptures' because they were written by men of God moved by the Holy Spirit. This means that all things that these books say and teach are true because it comes from God, who cannot lie. Therefore we trust in the Bible and refer to the Holy Scriptures as the word of God and trust the teachings with all our heart. The Bible does not contain errors or contradictions.

The Holy scriptures have no need to prove that what they say is true, it is only man that needs that proof and God has given man that proof, of which a main source is in the Bible itself.

The Proof of Prophecy, the bible is full of prophecies which are future predictions; the Bible is 100% accurate in predicting the future. The Old Testament was written between 1450 BC and 430 BC, many predictions of the future were recorded in that time by God's prophets. All of the predictions that God had given that were to take place have happened just the way God predicted it would. And there are some still to be fulfilled, for their time has not been reached, there is no other historical, religious or philosophical book that has, can or will ever be able to do that.

There are many prophecies that can be proven through scientific and archaeological findings, prophecies regarding whole nations that are recorded in the Bible and have come true to every detail, that they could not have been predicted by chance. There are also Messianic Prophecies, the predictions about an "anointed one" Christ ("Messiah" in Hebrew) who was to arrive in the future.

In the bible we are told that there is only one God, whose name is YHWH (Yahweh), which means 'I am who I am'. He is the first and the last, and apart from Him there is no God.

God is a living and intelligent Being, with a will, reasoning ability, and emotions. God is spirit; He is Everlasting because He had no beginning and He will have no ending; He inhabits eternity. God is holy, righteous, wise, good, and slow to anger, merciful, faithful and truthful; God is the Creator of all things. The heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them were made by God and He upholds them by the word of His almighty power. He is the Ruler of the universe, and nothing happens in the whole universe apart from His will. He is Omniscient because He knows all things; He is Omnipresent because He is everywhere. God is unchanging; He has always been the same, and He will always be the same.

About 2,000 years ago a miraculous event took place; a baby boy named Jesus was born to a virgin (a prophecy) named Mary. The story of this birth is recorded in the New Testament (Luke 1:26-38 Luke 2:1-40, Matthew 1:18-25). Jesus fulfilled many prophecies written about the Messiah, He gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, and healed those who had leprosy, gave hearing to the deaf, He also raised people from the dead. These were done in front of witnesses for three years. Then Jesus was crucified (prophesied) and died (prophesied). Three days later he rose from the dead (prophesied), and was seen alive with His resurrected body by over 500 eye witnesses. This Jesus is the son of God. Some of these prophecies regarding the Messiah Jesus were written between 1400 and 400 years before they happened, there is no doubt that the Holy Scriptures were inspired by an Omniscient God (Yahweh).

God is abundant in Mercy and love, the love of God was manifested that He has sent His only Son Jesus into the world that we might live through Him.

Jesus the Messiah was born in Bethlehem, the city of David (which is in Judea Israel), during the days of the emperor Caesar Augustus. Jesus was brought up in Nazareth of Galilee, then when Jesus was a grown man He began to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom in the cities and villages of Galilee (He said: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near, Repent and believe in the Gospel").

Jesus committed no sin nor was any deceit in His mouth, He did only good, yet he was hated and despised by many in Israel, many times they tried to kill Him, but they did not manage to kill Him, because His hour had not yet come.

The world hated Him because He testified that the works of men were evil and were sinful towards God and that God was angry with them and would punish them if they did not repent and follow after Gods law through His word, also because He said that God was His Father.

When the hour had come, one of the twelve apostles that were following Jesus, Judas Iscariot betrayed Him for thirty coins of silver, and was taken to the Pharisees, the scribes and the priests, who were the religious governing body of that time, who sentenced Him to death. They did not have the authority to carry out the sentence so they handed Him over to the Roman governor of Judea Pontius Pilate. The Roman governor at first wanted to release Jesus because he found no reason to put Him to death, but eventually did as the people in the region requested, that is, that Jesus should be crucified. They brought Him to a place called 'Golgotha', which is in Jerusalem, and they crucified Him.

But on the third day the Holy Spirit through the power of God raised Him from the dead, and He appeared to His disciples; He ate with them and talked with them after He arose from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus was a bodily resurrection, which means that He took back the same body with which He had died, including the nail marks in His hands and His wounded side; His resurrected body is immortal, glorious and powerful.

Forty days later Jesus ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father. He is still there alive, where He makes intercession for those who search and put their trust in Him.

In the Gospels of the bible Jesus taught many things "Repentance to God" was His main teaching, the reason being that God has condemned man because of his disobedience in following Gods commandments and has become Gods enemy because all are born with evil inclination (sin). There is only one way that Human kind could be reconciled to God and be in His favour, that is by wiping away the evil inclination and cleansing man from his sin through Jesus.

There is warning after warning about this, Jesus said: "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them **into the fire**, and they are **burned**". (John 15:6) And "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come **into judgment**, but has passed from **death** into life". (John 5:24). And in Mark 16:15-16; "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be **condemned**".

This judgement or condemnation that Jesus is talking about is the wrath of God that will be poured upon all of mankind who have not repented with Godly sorrow and believed and trusted in the works of His son Jesus, and will be excluded from His Kingdom and thrown into the lake of fire where the soul will eternally be tormented with gnashing of teeth.

Jesus also said; in John 14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"

There is only one way in which man can be saved! **Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.** Now you also know the way! if you desire to be eternally with God in one of the many mansions Jesus is preparing, Repent and confess to God that you are a sinner and deserve eternal death, but trust in His mercy and love that He has sent His Son into the world, that you might live through Him to be eternally in His Presence.

[About Repentance](#)

The word of God has been corrupted to suit many religious institutes for their own personal gain and benefit, of which the prophets and apostles have warned us about, in the Old and New Testament. The Holy Scriptures have been hijacked, distorted and made a business off by nullifying parts of the word of God and His commandments and adding what is not of God.

The simple message of salvation that Our Almighty Holy God has generously gifted through His Love and Mercy to mankind has been turned into confusion and lies and made into a mega money making business, deceiving many vulnerable people in search of God. Behind all this is the great greed of man who has been deceived by the old serpent the Devil.

Some churches and ministries are proclaiming they have won thousands of people to Jesus. However, when the people they claim to have won are examined by their fruits, there is no evidence that the person truly repented. There is no evidence that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour. There is no evidence they are obeying God's Word or are following the Jesus of the Bible. Their actions are centred on this world with no signs of any radical changes to their lives, or any evidence of any fruits of repentance, which the new birth in Christ Jesus brings forth.

The salvation message of this generation is Jesus loves you and wants to save you, no mention of true repentance, and true trust in Jesus, submission, obedience, forsaking everything, to carry the cross, persecutions, God's wrath, sin, hell and the lake of fire. By simply saying a prayer, the person is eternally saved no matter what they may do, not even knowing what they are being saved from.

The message of Bible prophecy and good sound doctrine is seldom heard in today's preaching. Most of today's churches are social clubs, prosperity seeking institutions that want to reap the benefits of God's love and promises, but despise and get angry when

biblical correction comes their way it is a church age that claims that they know God, but in both fruits and works, they deny Him.

They do not or cannot examine themselves truthfully by God's Word to see if they are truly in the faith: 2 Cor 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

We are living in the last days and many will be deceived there will be a falling away from the faith 1 Timothy 4:1-2;

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron".

We need to pray that both preachers and hearers of the word may come to a true understanding of Gods Gospel; we need to shout from the top of the house roofs to bring to the light any heresies that are hindering many vulnerable people to a true relationship with their creator.

Salvation is today tomorrow may be too late; it is a question of heaven and Hell!

Luke 12; 2-3

*2 There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.
3 What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.*

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 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.

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At certain times of the year we have been very isolated with only a small number attending the meetings, but we thank God that He keeps us strong in His word and guides us from day to day.

Please continue to pray for us that the Lord will guide us into His will for the church mission here in Gran Alacant.

Blessings in Jesus name.

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