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Ephesians 1:13 KJV

“In whom ye also **trusted**, after that ye **heard** the word of truth, the **gospel of your salvation**: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were **sealed** with that **holy Spirit of promise**,”



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**Topic** >> “The Shed blood of Jesus Christ cleansed us from all our sin.”

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:17 KJV “For **Christ sent me not to baptize**, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, **lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.**” (Paul’s words)

Why then in this Dispensation of Grace do Churches think that Baptism by water is so important. – What they are missing is that when we are saved, **we are baptized into the body of Christ - this is not a water Baptism.** It is an operation of God **where God baptizes believers into the body of Christ** where we are “sealed” with the **HOLY SPIRIT** of promise.

“Grace” to the Gentiles like what the Apostle Paul introduced was never seen in the Bible before and where both Jews and Gentiles were saved the same way.

Going back to **Israel’s works program? Which is another gospel.** (Galatians 1:6) in our “Grace” age is not a good idea!

**Apostle Paul’s Distinctive Gospel was Preaching the Cross - That Christ died for our sins was buried and rose from the dead on the third day.**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-4 KJV “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the **gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and **wherein ye stand**; 2 **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I **delivered unto you** first of all that **which I also received**, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; 4 And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**”

The twelve Apostles nor any other writers in the Bible had ever preached a gospel like this before. **It was unique to the Apostle Paul** and so different than **Israel’s works program that the Jews took counsel to kill Paul.** Acts 9:23

Paul’s gospel of **faith PLUS nothing** for salvation was a “**stumbling block**” for the Jews of the Jerusalem church and the 12 Apostles who preached circumcision and keeping the Mosaic Law. **God did not reveal the message of Grace to the 12 Apostles or Israel, and they did not understand it.**

This also seems to be a “**stumbling block**” for **most churches today** that go back to Israel’s program and take what they like and add it to Apostle Paul’s Dispensation of “**grace**” **which is faith plus nothing and make salvation into a work - Contrary to Paul’s simple “Grace” message.**

Which is believe, and trust in Christ exclusively that He died for our sins on the cross. That He was buried and rose again on the third day. **GOD KNOWS WHEN YOU BELIEVE** and at that **moment** you are sealed with the **HOLY SPIRIT.**

If you do something for your salvation (**no matter how small**) it is no longer by faith. **Believe and Trust by faith is the only thing that qualifies as faith.**

The “**Moment**” **we believe** Jesus Christ paid for our sins **we are “SEALED”** with the Holy Spirit

**Jesus speaking: John 15:13 KJV** “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”

Galatians 1:1 KJV “**Paul, an apostle**, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)”

Romans 11:13 KJV “For **I speak to you Gentiles**, inasmuch as **I am the apostle of the Gentiles**, I magnify mine office:”

The **risen Jesus Christ** introduced “**Grace**” through the **Apostle Paul** (who was Saul of Tarsus the enemy of Jesus Christ and the 12 Apostles)

<https://youtu.be/fRcEsdn3Re8> (48:35) Saul of Tarsus / The Apostle Paul – video by Pastor Richard Jordan

