

Chapter 2 Dangerous and False Blessed R Teachings.

The nine blessed Rs given in the introduction of Jesus' sermon on the mount of Matthew chapter 5 naturally divide into three categories of three. The first three give the conditions and effects for a man's approach to a holy God.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

(Matt 5:3-5)

There are many false teachings about this approach to God, the necessity of salvation, the means of salvation, and even the applicability of these words of our Lord Jesus Christ. This chapter is intended to warn and expose some of those dangerous teachings.

- 3) Come After ... Become a Follower of Me
- 4) Come Out - Be ye separate
- 5) Come Up Hither Rev 4

Concerning the model for salvation.

The model for salvation, built by religions, and especially in Christendom, by Protestant religions, is that a departed soul shows up at heaven's gate and Saint Peter weighs their good works, and their bad works, and uses some sliding scale to determine if that soul gets in or not. It is a totally false, a completely made up model, but it is distressing how prevalent and misleading it is.

The Bible has no works salvation in any of it's teachings, but some try to misconstrue these beatitudes that we are calling the 9 Blessed Rs, into a works salvation model.

Some people suppose that they can keep the ten commandments and deserve heaven. Curiously, the people who have presented this preacher with that hypothesis have been unable to tell me what the ten commandments are.

So too, some people, used to the errant works model of salvation, suppose that these 9 Blessed Rs will be the more adequate list to work from. The works salvation model is completely wrong no matter what list you put together.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph 2:8-9).

Be aware also that some, trying to work this malicious model towards a works salvation have found Micah 6:8 in a Bible, *“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”*

The Bible needs to be “rightly divided” and this verse, in its rightful context, divides off to pertain to the Hebrew of the nation of Israel.

Look at Deuteronomy 10:12-13 to keep the bigger context, *“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?”*

Under the dispensation of Law, in order to be kept in the Promised Land, in order to be saved from their enemies, in order to receive the blessings of God in the land, Israel had to keep the commandments of God. No where in the New Testament scriptures is soul salvation achieved by keeping commandments (or for the confused Ellen White-ists called 7 Day Adventists, keeping the Sabbath). *For by grace are ye saved through faith.*

In this dispensation of grace that we live in, God will save you till you know it, and then change you till you show it.

A saved person will KNOW they are saved, 1Peter 1:18-19, *“Forasmuch as **ye know** that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:...”*

A saved person will GROW as a newborn babe, 2:2, *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that **ye may grow thereby**: ...”*

A saved person will SHEW forth praises to him, 2:9 *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that **ye should shew** forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: ...”*

And then a saved person will GO and be a witness, 2:21, *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **ye should follow his steps**: ...”, i.e. **go!***

Find those verses in your Bible and mark them. The Apostle Peter put them all in one epistle, they rhyme, and need to be marked in the margin of a Christian's Bible; **Know, Grow, Shew, and Go.**

Further understand that when one gets saved they are instantaneously:

A. Converted to Christ, Matt 18:3 Acts 20:21;

*Matt 18:3 Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted**, ... ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (Conversion defined.)

B. Justified before God, Romans 3:24;

*Ro 3:24 Being **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

C. Quickened by the Holy Ghost, Eph 2:1,5;

*Eph 2:1 ¶ **And you hath he quickened**, who were dead in trespasses and sins;... Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

D. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God, Rom 8:11;

*Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwelt in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that **dwelleth in you**.*

E. Baptized into Christ, Romans 6:3, Gal 3:27.

*Ro 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death?*

*Ga 3:27 For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.*

Mark those five things on your right hand, associate each one with a finger; **Converted, Justified, Quickened, Indwelt, Baptized.**

A normal hand will have a thumbs up on Baptized; keep the water out of the baptism, that is a different thing altogether.

Memorize the five things that happened instantaneously when one gets saved, then take that right hand and tell someone what happened to you, it will help you GROW.

That same right hand should be used to recall the five things to be done right after conversion.

PRAY; Talking to God got you saved via Romans 10:9-10, keep talking.

READ; The Word of God showed you the way to salvation, keep reading.

TELL; tell someone else what just happened to you.

Be **BAPTIZED**; following the Lord in believer's baptism by immersion in water is telling God and everybody that you have been saved. And

Join a **CHURCH**; get into a Bible believing church, united with other born-again believers.

- 1) Come In - The Ark - Salvation
The way - The Door - The Ark - Matter
- 2) Come Now - Isa 11:10 - Sin as Scarlet
Red - with it all
- 3) Come After - Deceit & Trickery of Men
Follow me
- 4) Come Out - Be ye separate
- 5) Come Up - Hither - Rev 4

These first three Blessed Rs show the only approach to a righteous God, and emphasize the attitudes and attributes that bring one to the saving cross of Calvary. These attributes are

- 1) poor in spirit, of a contrite heart;
- 2) they that mourn, repentant of sin; and
- 3) the meek, *“The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way”* (Psalm 25:9).

There are three effects enacted in this humble approach to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this dispensation of grace, in the church age, we understand that it is the Christian, the born-again, bought with the blood, converted to Christ, who knows of their eternal life,

- 1) *“theirs is the kingdom of heaven”*,
- 2) they are comforted with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God, and
- 3) *“they shall inherit the earth.”*

They arrived at Calvary's door of salvation “poor in spirit”, with a contrite heart, with a mourning and repentance for sin, and with a meekness that God could discern, *“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

The Bible is clear, there is only one way, one mediator, one door!

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph 2:8-9).

A Christian needs to understand, and is the only one who could understand, what happens in “so great salvation” ...

*“How shall we escape, if we neglect **so great salvation**; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?” (Heb 2:3-4).*

Pause for a moment, in the examination of this “so great salvation” to consider that there are two major detractors from the truth's we are uncovering in the Gospel According to Matthew.

There are Roman detractors, holding to “Covenant Theology,” who suppose that there is no new covenant being introduced by Matthew and brought into place by our Lord Jesus Christ.

And there are Hyper-Dispensationalist who suppose that the Gospel According to Matthew is not even written to the Church that Paul built, the Gentile Church.

Understanding these two antagonists can solidify the ground a Christian must stand on.

The Dispensation of Grace's Two Antagonists

The Bible is a book of dispensations. A dispensation is a test of stewardship; indeed in the Greek the two words, dispensation and stewardship come from the same root word. The Apostle Paul describes two dispensations in his letter to the Ephesians. He he describes the dispensation we are presently in:

“If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; ... Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;...” (Eph 3:2-5).

In this present dispensation of grace, ushered in by the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, and detailed in the New Testament of the Holy Bible, Paul states, *“That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:”* (3:6).

This dispensation operates under “so great salvation” and is very different from the upcoming dispensation, that Paul calls the dispensation of the fullness of times, *“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:...”* (Eph 1:10).

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Since this dispensation of grace is under a new covenant, there must needs be a previous covenant that held the dispensation of law that Christ took us out of. The Psalmist describes the dispensation of law well,

“For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:... That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation;... They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.” (Psalm 78:5, 7-8, 10-11)

Christian, we have left the dispensation of law; we preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the dispensation of grace, and there is coming one last dispensation of the fullness of times wherein all things will be gathered in Christ as he sits on the throne of David in God's holy hill of Zion.

Jesus said, *“I will come again, and receive you unto myself...for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints...”* (John 14:3, Rev 19:7-8), And then the Bible says when he comes on a white horse, as King of kings and Lord of lords, *“And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”* (19:14). That details the rapture of the Church, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the Second coming of Christ.

The Gospel According to Matthew contains the transitional teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ taking us from the dispensation of law into the dispensation of grace. He writes to the Jews, but praise and glory to his name the transition applies to everyone, both the Jew and Gentile.

The Holy Roman Catholic Church, which is neither holy, nor catholic, denies and defies all dispensational teachings of the Holy Bible. All Protestant denominations are tainted with this arch-enemy of dispensational truth, covenant theology. They suppose that the catholic church replaces Israel as God's chosen people, and they end up very anti-Semitic.

The Hyper-Dispensationalist take dispensational teaching to the other extreme, and suppose there is a Gentile church founded by Paul and it excludes Jews, and they end up very anti-Semitic. Neither of these ideologies deals well with Jews nor understands when the church of Jesus Christ began. The Romans supposed the catholic church began in Genesis 6 and Jeremiah 31, the hyperists supposed the Gentile church of Paul began in Acts 13 or perhaps 28.

The important thing in this study of the Beatitudes, that we call the 9 Blessed Rs, is the understanding that Jesus is teaching through a transition from one dispensation to another dispensation.

The Gospel According to Matthew, in whole, is an exceptional introduction to the whole new covenant, and is thus a transitional book that starts with the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and ends with a crucified and resurrected Passover Lamb that purchased our redemption.

Don't miss the transition, and don't be detracted by the naysayers.

Covenant Theology

The Covenant Theologian supposes that the Catholic Church started in the Old Testament, particularly that it was part of God's Covenant of Grace. This Covenant of Grace, they suppose, was made individually with Noah, Abraham, and David, made nationally with Old Testament Israel as a people, and made universally with man in the New Covenant. Thus a prominent feature of all Protestant theology (whether Presbyterian, Reformed Churches, Methodism, Pentecostal, or Reformed Baptists... or Reformed Anything) is that believers in all ages are all 'in Christ,' are all part of the Body and Bride of Christ, and consequently Christ's church began with the Old Testament saints, not with Jesus Christ, and not with the coming of the Holy Spirit of God in Acts chapter two.

Let me reiterate that this is a prominent feature in "all Protestant theology." This leaven leads to their conclusion that Israel has been completely replaced by the Holy Catholic Church, and this leaven is a major influence in all denominations. Baptists are not Protestant, nor reformed, nor a denomination, nor denominational. Baptists are independent and autonomous under the headship of our founder the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptists churches have no human entity, head, or denominational authority that they answer to. Beware of the leaven of Protestants.

Jesus Introduces the Kingdom of Heaven.

It may also be helpful to understand that in the Gospel of Matthew the kingdom of heaven, being the Messianic earth rule of Jesus Christ, is made available to Israel, but rejected.

Much idle speculation can be made about what would be, had they not rejected their Messiah and King, ... “much” and “idle” are the key thoughts there.

It is left as a rich exercise of the sincere Bible student to differentiate between the kingdom of God and Matthew's the kingdom of heaven. The Christian should be aware that in this transition between the dispensation of law and the New Covenant's dispensation of grace, the Messianic kingdom of heaven was first offered to Israel, but then the kingdom of God is made available to all through the death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah, which being interpreted is the Christ.

Mt 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

- 2) Come Now Isa 11:1 - Sin as Scarlet
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Two important things to note: The Romish teaching of Covenant Theology that the Jews rejection of Christ brought about God's rejection of Israel is Diabolically WRONG.

Romans 11:26-28 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

And the Hyper-Dispensationalist's teaching that the book of Matthew is a testament to Jews only, and not relevant to the church, is also Diabolically WRONG.

2Tim 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The Bible student needs to rightly divide,
2Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- 1) Come In to the ARK - Salvation
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In studying the 9 Blessed Rs of Matthew 5 we have considered:

Attitude – Necessary for Approaching God

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2) Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 3) Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Next we will consider the miraculous work done in the heart of a Christian:

Heart Repair – God's Work in a Believer's Heart

- 4) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 5) Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Come near, ye nations, to hear, and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein, the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against you, because ye have despised his word, ye have despised his voice, ye have despised his word, ye have despised his voice, ye have despised his word, ye have despised his voice.

5 Invitations From The WORD

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14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

10 And the remnant of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with weeping and lowliness, and shall say, We have seen our land, we have seen it, we have seen it.

11 Then said Elisha and Shafai and