

# The Word of Life Messenger

*“Holding forth the word of life” Phil. 2:16*

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## **JUSTIFIED PRIVILEGES**

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“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1,2). “Being justified by faith” is to have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace with God was made at the cross of Calvary through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (see Colossians 1:20). When Jesus shed His precious blood, He made full payment for all our sins. He was buried and on the third day He arose. God was satisfied with the provision of Jesus and we are saved when we believe this gospel message. As a result of having salvation and peace with God, the child of God has certain privileges brought about through justification by faith. Romans 5:2 reminds us of some of these privileges.

First, Paul says we have “access by faith” (Romans 5:2). This means we have free admission. There is no cost to the believer to enter “into this grace.” We have access by the Spirit unto God the Father “For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father” (Eph. 2:18). “Both” in this verse refers to Jews and Gentiles. God the Son provides the way into the Father’s presence through the blood. The Spirit conducts the saint in and

presents him. God the Father accepts us and is the One into whose presence the believer is brought. The child of God also has access with confidence. “In whom we have access with confidence by the faith of him” (Eph. 3:12). “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

Second, we have a firm standing. “We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand” (Romans 5:2). We have a firm standing because we stand on the Rock of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ. “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his” (2 Tim. 2:19a). Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:1: “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand.” He goes on and tells us that the gospel is “how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3,4). Oh, what a standing we have in grace! “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Gal. 5:1). “Stand therefore, having your loins

girt about with truth” (Eph. 6:14). “Stand fast in the Lord, by dearly beloved” (Phil. 4:1b). As lost sinners, we stood in disgrace, but as saved people we stand in grace, both in salvation and in our daily lives as God’s people. Our standing is not on our personal merit, but in the merits of Christ our Saviour.

Third, we have future rejoicing in hope. “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:2b). This hope is the glory of God and all it includes. This is explained to us even more in Romans 8:29,30: “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” David is quoted from the Old Testament in Acts 2:26, and says: “Moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope.” The word “hope” in the Bible is a word of assurance based on the word of God which cannot fail.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who died, was buried and raised again? He gives salvation now and all the way into God’s presence.

- Gladwin Carpenter

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# **GOD IS MY SALVATION**

*“Behold God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid:*

*for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2)*

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Here is a fact so wonderful, so glorious and so gracious that we must humbly stand in amazement. God was angry with us for we were born with sinful natures and had willingly transgressed his law. From the top of our heads to the soles of our feet there was no soundness in us. In God’s eyes we were sinners. We had missed the mark of God’s holiness (Romans 3:23). We had gone astray and followed our own way (Isaiah 53:6). We had not sought Him, loved Him, with our whole heart, or worshiped and followed Him; our words, our deeds, and our thoughts were unholy and ungodly in his sight. Our minds, our wills, and our hearts were defiled by sin. We were self-willed and self-centered. We had not loved our neighbor as ourselves. God’s wrath was focused on us and rightly so. We deserved nothing at His hands but punishment, and on

the principles of the Law we could expect nothing but condemnation and judgment. The Scriptures declare “The wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23). But, wonder of wonders, God is our salvation! This salvation flows purely from His love. It is the result of His free, sovereign, and distinguishing grace. To save us, He determined to send His own Son to make atonement for our sins. The Son willingly went to Calvary’s cross and died in our place, the innocent in the place of the guilty (1 Peter 3:18). He bore our sin and our guilt there on the cross (1 Peter 2:24) and the Father raised Him up as the assurance that He had accepted His sacrifice for the believing sinner (Romans 4:25). Moreover, He sent His Holy Spirit into our hearts to show us our sins and to show us the completeness of what Christ has done, to teach us to turn from dead works (works which

could never save) and trust Christ’s finished redemption. He did for us what we could never do for ourselves. He freely gives this salvation to us out of the riches of His grace without money and without payment on our part (Isaiah 55:1-2). Do you know God and His glorious provision in Christ? Do you believe that the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ according to the Scriptures is the basis for your salvation?

Notice the great change that comes to us when He becomes our salvation. Isaiah says “I will trust and not be afraid.” We need not be afraid of the charges of Satan because Christ is our righteousness. We need not be afraid of the wiles of the Devil nor of the trials and tribulations of this world because the Lord JEHOVAH - the everlasting one, the all knowing and all  
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## **THE RESULT OF NOT RECEIVING THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH**

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“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He who now letteth (hinders) will let, (will hinder) until He be taken out of the way.

And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED, AND FOR THIS CAUSE GOD SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE: THAT THEY ALL MIGHT BE DAMNED WHO BELIEVE NOT THE TRUTH, BUT HAD PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS”** (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12).

Man will either believe God’s truth or satan’s lie. Man now believes God’s truth or satan’s lie. The above scripture is speaking of the time that the Lord Jesus calls “the great tribulation.” All who know their Bibles see and know that this world is being made ready (not for the return of the Lord Jesus in the air) for “that man of sin,” the antichrist to appear. The Lord Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews “I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (John 5:43).

I believe that Jesus is here referring to the antichrist. The “strong delusion” has reference to those who will be living on the earth in that great time of trouble. They will be doing then just as ungodly lost sinners are doing now. They will not receive the love of the truth in order that they might be saved. My reader friend, what is your attitude

concerning the truth of God? When God says that He loved us enough to give His only begotten Son to die our hell death on the cross, and to raise Him from among the dead on the third day, and all this that we might be saved from the guilt and hell penalty of our sins; I say again, what is your attitude toward this truth? I would warn you that it is a dangerous thing to trifle with God’s truth. You can be saved this very moment, simply by looking in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ. May this be your happy experience without delay.

John, a Baptist Preacher sent from God, and one whom Jesus said “among those born of woman that there had not risen a greater” said: “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36).

*-M.E. Wright*

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# ***NONE OTHER NAME***

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“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

I. First we notice a great **NECESSITY**, “We must be saved.” “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conservation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:2,3). “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). Jesus said, “I came to seek and save the lost.”

II. We see then a great **POSSIBILITY**, “Salvation.” “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great

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## ***GOD IS MY SALVATION***

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powerful one, the everywhere present one is our strength and our song. He is become our Salvation! He has spoken peace to our hearts through the blood of Jesus. He who begun a good work in us will perform it unto the day of Christ (Phil. 1:6). He will see us through this life and the life to come. We need not fear life because our Savior ever lives to make intercession for us and keep us. We need not fear death because our redeemer has conquered death and has entered as our forerunner to prepare a place for us, that where He is we may be also. No wonder the Scriptures declare “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). There is a never-ending supply of grace and help to all who come to Him. He is become our salvation!

- Larry Windham

love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved) (Eph. 2:4,5). “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us” (Eph. 2:13, 14). He said come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. He could offer salvation to all because he had suffered on the cross all the guilt and penalty for their sins. This He did on calvary when He cried, “My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?” There is but one answer to that question. It was because he had taken our sins as His very own and God refused to look upon Him. “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

III. A great **AUTHORITY**, his “Name.” There is none other name but thank God there is a name that means salvation. “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). “To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall

receive remission of sins” (Acts 10:43). “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12).

IV. A great **RESPONSIBILITY**. “None other name.” “Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time” (1 Tim. 2:4-6). There is no other way. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6). There is no other foundation. “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11). “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” (Heb. 2:3). If you are lost you are not neglecting this one, but you are rejecting him. And as a result of this, you are condemned already. God help us as his children not to neglect to tell forth this good news, that Christ died for sinners, was buried, and raised again the third day. He lives now at the right hand of God.

- Charles Ellis

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## ***SPEAKING OF THE LORD***

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“If I speak of strength, lo, He is strong” (Job 9:19).

If I speak of truth, He is “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6).

If I speak of love, “God is love” (1 John 4:8).

If I speak of salvation, “He became the author of eternal salvation” by His death, burial and resurrection (Heb. 5:9).

If I speak of resurrection, Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25).

If I speak of righteousness, God declares His “for the remission of sins” (Rom. 3:25).

If I speak of peace, “He is our peace” (Eph. 2:14).

If I speak of knowledge, He is “the excellency of” (Philippians 3:8).

If I speak of faithfulness, “the Lord is faithful” (2 Thess. 3:3).

If I speak of glory, Jesus is “the brightness of His glory” (Heb. 1:3).

- Gladwin Carpenter

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On Tuesday, April 17, services begin at 9:45 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. There will be speakers throughout the day. After an afternoon break, supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Services will begin Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the conference is Mark 1:17: "And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Speakers will be chosen from the floor.

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