

# Living Righteously in a Wicked World

A Study of 1 and 2 Peter

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord”. (Psalm 1:1)*



## Eph 1:3-14

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

*<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup> which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup> having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. <sup>11</sup> In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup> that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

*<sup>13</sup> In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”*



# Fulfillment of God's Plan

## **John 1:1-2**

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.”*

## **John 1:14**

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*



# The Gospel (“Good News”)

**Birth of Jesus (as prophesied)** Is 9:6-7; Matt 1; Luke 2; John 1

**Sinless life (as prophesied)** Is 53:9; Matt 4-7, 28:18; Luke 1:4, 4; John 8:2,29

**Death of Jesus (as prophesied)** Is 53; Matt 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

**Resurrection of Jesus (as prophesied)** Ps 16:10; Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

**Reign at right hand of God (as prophesied)** Ps 110; Mark 16; Luke 24

## Good News?



## Acts 2: 22-36

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know; <sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

<sup>29</sup> “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted <sup>l</sup>to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.



## Gospel revealed, delivered, and preserved

- **Revealed** - Col 1:26, Eph 1:9, 2 Tim 1:10
- **Given us all things pertaining...** – 2 Pet 1:3
- **Inspired and profitable for doctrine...** - 2 Pet 1:10-21, 2 Tim 3:15-17
- **Delivered once for all** – Jude 3, Gal 1:8-9



## Submitting to God's Plan

**New creation in Christ** – *“if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”*

- 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15; Eph 4:23; Rom 12:2

**Put off “Old Man” which embodies works of the flesh** – *“that you put off...the old man”*

- Col 3:9; Eph 4:22; Rom 6:6
- Gal 5:19-21 – works of flesh

**Put on “New Man” which embodies fruits of the spirit** – *“put on new man...”*

- Eph 4:24
- Gal 5:22-23 – fruits of Spirit

## Walking in the light

Our walk in the light (equipped) - Pet 1:3, 2 Tim 3:15-17

Our walk in the light (required) - 1 John 1:7-9

Our walk in the light (holding fast) - 1 Cor 15:1



## Walking in the light while “Living in the World”

(John 17:9-19) “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*...

<sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”

## Peter reminds them of God’s love, power, and plan

(1 Pet 1:3-5) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”





- **Expect to Suffer - 1 Pet 1:6-7, 4:12**
  - rejoice in it (1 Pet 1:6-7, 4:13-16)
  - Why? God is glorified & they are blessed (1 Pet 1:7, 4:14-16, 3:14)
  
- **Live righteous, holy lives in spite of the evil around them**
  - 1 Pet 1:13-16, 22; 2:1-3, 11, 13-14, 17-18; 3:1-9; 5:6-7
  - **Why?** (1 Pet 1:18-21; 2:4-5,12,15, 19-20; 3:9; 5:6)
  - **Why?** (1 Pet 2:9) “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.
  - **Why?** (2 Pet 1:11-12) “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



- **Rely on word of inspired prophets & apostles** – 2 Pet 1:16-21; 3:1-2
  - Why? God has given all things pertaining to life & godliness (2 Pet 1:3)
  
- **Beware of false teachers & unsound doctrine** - 2 Pet 1:16; 2:1-22; 3:1-7
  - Why? *“will utterly perish in their own corruption”* (2 Pet 3:7; 2:9,12-13,17,20-21)
  
- **Be watchful** – 1 Pet 5:8-10, 15; 2 Pet 3:1-18
  - (5:8-10) be sober, vigilant, resist the devil, walking about like a lion
  - (5:15) Sanctify God in your heart, be ready to give a defense for your hope
  - (3:8) remember God’s view of time is not man’s
  - (3:10) day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night
  - (3:10) earth and things of it will be completely destroyed by fire
  - (3:13) looking for and hastening the day of God; be looking for new heaven in which righteousness dwells
  - (3:14) *“looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless...”*



## Romans 8:31-38

“What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



**If Not....Why Not?**

