

## Lesson 90 Fellowship in the Gospel

### Lesson 91 Answers and Comments

Obedience	all	mocked	riches
Obedied	grace	hear	goodness
Heart	faith	again	forbearance
Form	believeth	believed	longsuffering
Doctrine	not	heart	repentance
Obedient	damned	grass	hardness
Gospel	believe	ears	impenitent
Gospel	not	dull	wrath
Obedience	truth	hearing	longsuffering
Faith	punished	eyes	salvation
Judgment	everlasting	closed	Paul
End	destruction	eyes	wisdom
Obey	light	hear	now
Not	gospel	ears	now
Gospel	shine	understand	day
Trusted	obeyed	heart	salvation
Heard	gospel	hardened	called
Gospel	believed	I	our
Believed	faith	hardened	gospel
Gospel	hearing	heart	obtaining
Power	hearing	LORD	
Every	word	obey	
Believeth	God	voice	
Forgiveness	power	not	
Sins	believed	neither	
Believe	believed	let	
Justified	not	despisest	

I Thess. 2:4 tells us that God has graciously allowed us to be put in trust with the gospel and so we speak. God has extended a great favor and honor to us in putting the gospel into our trust. In listening to many of the so called “greats” in today’s “Christian arena”, I am hard pressed to hear a clear gospel. The gospel has been altered so as not to “offend”. God tells us in I Thess. 2:4 that we should speak “not as pleasing men.” We don’t want to fall into this temptation! We want to keep the power in the gospel by preaching the cross, man’s helpless condition and the blood of Christ as the only offering for sin that can save us.

## Lesson 92 The Hope of the Gospel

Col. 1:23 “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;”

The “hope of the gospel”. Hope is a wonderful word. It infuses us with joy and anticipation.

In Heb. 6:19 hope is referred to as an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. A song was written with this verse in mind called, “My Anchor Holds.”

The word “hope” in our verse does not mean an expectation that we are somewhat unsure of. Something that might or might not happen, like, “I hope the sun shines tomorrow.” No, Paul uses hope in the Bible as a confident expectation in most places. He uses the word hope over 40 times.

The gospel is full of hope, (sure expectation).

Rom. 15:13 “Now the God of \_\_\_\_\_ fill you with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” We have a God of hope who wants His people abounding in hope. Those Roman Gentiles must have been jumping for joy over Paul’s message of grace to them. They who were once “without hope” now were the beneficiaries of God’s riches in Christ! God had provided a way for Gentiles to be made nigh unto Himself.

Eph. 2:12, 13 “...having no \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ God in the world: vs. 13 But \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were \_\_\_\_\_ are made \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

What is the “hope of the gospel?” In Paul’s letter to the Colossians he says in chapter 1 verse 5 “For the \_\_\_\_\_ which is laid up for you in \_\_\_\_\_, whereof ye heard before in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

What does the gospel reveal about a “hope” that is laid up for believers in heaven?

Col. 1:27 “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Our only hope of glory comes as a result of Christ living in us!

Gal. 2:20 “...but \_\_\_\_\_ in me...”

The gospel is rich with truth about a hope of glory that awaits every believer. The Lord Jesus Christ is Himself the hope for the glory laid up for us in heaven.

I Tim. 1:1 “...and Lord Jesus Christ, which is \_\_\_\_\_.”

God made a promise to Himself in Titus 1:2 “In \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_, that cannot \_\_\_\_\_, promised before the world began;” We know that the promise of eternal life was committed to God the Son.

II Tim. 1:1 "...according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which is in \_\_\_\_\_,"

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II Tim. 1:9 "...but according to his own \_\_\_\_\_ and grace, which was given us in \_\_\_\_\_ before the world began,"

Rom. 5:21 "...unto \_\_\_\_\_ life by \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord."

"Eph. 3:6 "...and partakers of his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_."

The Lord Jesus Christ is the one in whom God has entrusted our hope. He alone secured it on Calvary's cross.

As possessors of the Lord Jesus Christ we have the hope of glory.

Rom. 8:18-25 "For I reckon that the \_\_\_\_\_ of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the \_\_\_\_\_ which shall be \_\_\_\_\_ in us." Vs. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

There is coming a day when believers will be "unveiled" so to speak, revealing to all of creation our true identity as the sons of God.

In verse 23 of this same chapter Paul speaks about how we as believers are groaning now waiting for this glory. This glory will take place when we receive our new bodies. "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ within ourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, to wit, the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_."

We do not need to despair or lose hope because of the sufferings of this present time, no matter what form they take. We have a hope laid up in heaven. A sure expectation that will come to pass, all because we have Christ, our HOPE!

Col. 3:3, 4 "For ye are \_\_\_\_\_, and your \_\_\_\_\_ is hid with \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Vs. 4 When \_\_\_\_\_, who is \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_, then shall ye also \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."

Yes, we shall appear, be made manifest with him in glory. Do we really believe this?? This glorious hope should vanquish our fears, settle our minds and still our hearts.

Rom. 8:24, 25 "For we are \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_: but \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_: for what a man \_\_\_\_\_ why doth he yet \_\_\_\_\_ for? Vs. 25 But if we \_\_\_\_\_ for that we see \_\_\_\_\_, then do we with \_\_\_\_\_ for it."

Our hope is out of our physical sight right now. But by faith, believing God's word concerning our hope, we know it to be a reality. This allows us to patiently wait no matter how rough the going is now, with confidence.

David speaks of the lack of satisfaction to be found in man or his riches in Ps. 39. "His days are short and his riches vanish. In vs. 7 David says "And now, Lord, what \_\_\_\_\_ I for? My \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_." David is saying that he has nothing to hope for in this world that is satisfying. David finds that his only comfort, happiness, and satisfaction comes by having his hope in God!

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Our disappointments, our suffering, our defeats, our struggles should drive us to our hope. May we keep our eyes heaven-ward, our affection on things above, and our hope burning in our heart.

Next time I may tackle that little work “if” at the beginning of our verse in Col. 1:23, but no promises.