

## PROOF THAT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS: *SET IN STONE*

AT EVENING TIME THERE SHALL BE LIGHT #31

In about 1,700 B.C., Almighty God wrote his words on two slabs of stone and handed them to Moses. The first four sentences were about Almighty God, his name, his oneness, his holiness and his day. The next five were about how humans were to behave toward the One true God and toward each other; and how parents were to treat each other and how children were to treat their parents. The last sentence told how man must relate to his neighbors spouse and material possessions.

Then when the God who spoke those Ten Commandments from Mt Sinai, was manifested in the flesh, (1 Tim. 3:16) as Immanuel, God with us, the words he spoke revealed for the first time on earth, the true plan of salvation from sin. Those precious words were spoken in Acts 2:6-42, and were SET IN STONE but were also written in the hearts of the repentant hearers in Acts 2:6-42. Deut 10:2; Romans 2:15. Jeremiah 31:33.

To write words on stones means that the words are like the stones, timeless, immortal, never changing, eternal. The foundation of all human society was set in stone by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That is why those Ten Commandments, from the mouth of God were written in stone.

The words of God which were set in stone in the Old Testament dealt with man's life on the earth in a large social grouping called The Children of Israel. But the Words of the God in the New Testament dealt with man's eternal existence in the next life as well as his behavior on an individual basis in the his earthly pilgrimage.

That's why, the Old Testament has many blueprints given by Jehovah to man for the building of everything from a large boat to a permanent worship structure. Large stones were used in the building of the worship structure called the Temple of Solomon. God's words written on stones, furnished the basis for all teaching done in that Temple.

But in the New Testament, God's Words, given in the upper room in Jerusalem, were written on the hearts of humans by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as evidenced by speaking in languages unknown to the speaker. Those unknown languages they spoke were like reading the Words of God, He had just written in their hearts. Jer. 31:33.

When the God of the Old Testament gave his words written in stone, Ex. 32:28, 3000 souls perished in their sins that same day. But when He wrote his words in the hearts of those in that upper room in Jerusalem, Acts 2:1-5, 3000 were saved from their sins that same day. Jesus said, "The Father and I are one." John 10:30. Rev. 3:12./Ex.34:1.

Remember, Jesus had no headquarters, only a starting point, Jerusalem. Preach to the entire human race, to the uttermost parts of the earth, "Beginning at Jerusalem". Christianity was commanded to be a relay race, which would begin at Jerusalem. Jesus handed the torch of truth, the details of salvation from sin, to the 11 apostles, and they went everywhere preaching the word and then passed that same torch of truth to others and so on. The TWO rules for Jesus' relay race were very simple: 1) The torch that reaches the last nation on earth, must be the very same torch, word for word that Jesus handed to the 11 apostles in 33 A.D. and 2) The race is not over, until every nation on earth has received the same torch that Jesus handed to the 11 apostles, as a witness to them. There was no stopping place, no resting station along the way. The message must go on around the world to every creature, telling about Jesus Christ, his person, life, death, burial, resurrection and outpouring of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. Christians are pilgrims, and strangers, in the world but not of the world.

That original message delivered on the Day of Pentecost, was the very first soul winning message ever preached on the earth to lost souls. That first soul sinning message won 3,000 sinners to faith in Jesus Christ to the degree that they were the second group of humans to be born-again under the new covenant of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Acts 1:5-8; Acts 2:1-42.

Then a wonderful thing happened. That group of 3,000 new Christians along with the 120 charter members of the Body of Christ, immediately began to go door to door throughout the city and pass that same torch of truth on to every one they came in contact with. Notice that the Word of God says of that group, "They continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine." Vs. 42. This means that they were faithful to pass on the exact Gospel, word for word, that they had just received from the 11 apostles.

As a measure of their dynamic success as soul winners, their worst enemies lodged a complaint against them saying, "You have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." They were getting the message of Jesus Christ out to their part of the

world. But it wasn't "their" doctrine at all. It was the doctrine they had just received from the apostles for the Word of God says, "they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine." That is exactly what you and I must do. So the Gospel which began with Jesus Christ, was passed on to the 11 apostles, and from the 11 apostles to the 3,000 converts, then from the 3,000 converts to the entire city of Jerusalem. Jesus' Great Commission had truly set off a relay race from that upper room in Jerusalem to the 3,000 converts, then to entire city of Jerusalem, door to door. It is still going today on its way to the uttermost parts of the earth.

But notice, "the apostle's doctrine," had not changed in one single word. That very first Gospel message from Jesus Christ to the 11 apostles was truly SET IN STONE. Satan's biggest lie today is, the apostles doctrine passed away.

Another important truth that all Christians must accept is: at the exact moment that Jesus said to the 11 apostles, "Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature", they had everything they needed to go from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth and save every living soul on earth. They did not need to add or take away a single word or method from the Gospel they had received. That means that any word added or taken away from that "original" Gospel, voided the Gospel altogether. It became the 'traditions of men', and "doctrines of devils".

Even 25 years later, in 59 A.D., when the apostle Paul was preaching the Gospel, he discovered that the Gospel which he had received of the Lord Jesus and was preaching, was exactly the same Gospel word for word, that the 11 apostles were preaching before him. (Gal.1:6-2:10). So the Gospel Jesus gave to the first 11 apostles was SET IN STONE. It had not changed in a single word even after 25 years when Jesus gave it to Paul. The torch Paul received was the very same torch Jesus had handed to the original 11 apostles. Compare Acts 19:1-7 with Acts 2:35-42. Both Gospels give the same answer to the questions, What must I do to be saved?

#### **HERE IS HOW THE 11 APOSTLES ANSWERED THE QUESTION: WHAT MUST WE DO?**

Note: Peter AND the apostles were all speaking to the thousands who were gathered there.

**Act 2:36** *Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Act 2:37* *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

**Act 2:38** *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

**Act 2:39** *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

**Act 2:40** *And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Act 2:41* *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

Note: Vs 39, Peter and the apostles made it clear that the message they preached, the pathway to salvation from sin they preached was in force to the entire human population to the uttermost parts of the earth.

#### **HERE IS HOW PAUL INSTRUCTED THE GROUP AT EPHESUS!**

**Act 19:1** *And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,*

**Act 19:2** *He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.*

**Act 19:3** *And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.*

**Act 19:4** *Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.*

**Act 19:5** *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

**Act 19:6** *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

Note; This group at Ephesus had to be re-baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. The baptism of John the Baptist was no longer in force after the Cross and resurrection and the Day of Pentecost. John had "decreased" and Jesus had "increased". John 3:30.

We used to play a type of relay game at birthday parties. A group would line up sitting next to each other in chairs. The monitor would whisper a message to the first person, who was required to whisper that exact message to his neighbor without changing a single word, and so on down the line. When the message reached the last participant, then the original message would be announced, followed immediately by the announcement of message as received by the final participant. Everyone would break out laughing because the original message had changed so much that no one would ever recognize it. Any change to the original message made it a different message.

For Example: When Paul noticed that the church at Galatia had added some conditions to the original Gospel, he rebuked them saying,

*“Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed**. Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed**.*

*For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, is SET IN STONE. A curse falls upon all who change that original Gospel.

But now watch how Jesus attached himself to his message, showing further proof that the message of salvation given by Jesus in the very beginning was SET IN STONE. Jesus said, “When THIS GOSPEL has been preached in the entire world for a witness to all nations, then shall the end come.” Matt. 24:14. So it is the Gospel preached AT THE BEGINNING that will bring Jesus back to earth and end the Age of Grace. That Gospel is therefore SET IN STONE, for if it were to be changed, Jesus could not return to earth again.

Jesus is waiting on his Ambassadors to reach the uttermost parts of the earth with His message as given at the beginning. How sad to realize that all the great “harvests” of souls by those bargain-counter gospels are not saved, but as Jesus said, in, Mat 23:15, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Jesus is spiritually and literally attached to his original message. When, finally the last nation on earth hears that **original message of salvation**, as delivered to those 11 apostles, that event alone will trigger Jesus’ return to catch his Church out of the world to meet him in the air. The original salvation message of Acts 2:1-41 is therefore SET IN STONE.

Now you know why Jesus has not yet returned to earth. Because His Gospel which began in Acts chapter two, has been changed so much through the years. Jesus said, My Words never pass away. But they can be corrupted by man.

The Gospel that has reached the ends of the earth in 2010 is completely different from the message that Jesus gave to the first 11 relay runners. The fact is, all those false gospels have served as a kind of vaccination to block the true Gospel when people hear it. Nearly everyone thinks they are already saved and are Christians; when the fact is, they would not even recognize the original gospel that Jesus SET IN STONE on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem in circa, 33 A.D. Yet they think they are “saved” by grace.

Neighbor: The one true Gospel of Jesus Christ is so simple. Repent of your sins; be baptized by total immersion in the name of Jesus Christ, and then receive the Holy Ghost as evidenced by speaking in tongues. That is the Gospel Jesus gave to the very first evangelists. Jesus has not changed and HIS Gospel has not changed.

To illustrate the nature of false gospels, the false teachers will use one scripture from the ministry of the apostle Paul and construct their entire gospel from it. Then they present that false gospel to the world of sinners. For example, they will quote Acts 16:25-31, where Paul said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house”. But they refuse to quote the following verses, 32-39 which says that, they preached the Gospel to the jailer and his entire household and baptized them in water. Luke, the author of the passage, was not present in that dungeon at the time of the event. Luke wrote what he ‘heard’ later as told to him by Paul. No honest person would deny that the Gospel Paul preached to that jailer, was EXACTLY the same as the Gospel he preached at Ephesus—Have you received the Holy Ghost? Acts 19:1-7. Paul wrote nearly 1/3 of the New Testament. And at least five times he stated that he preached the same Gospel “in all the churches”.

Here is further irrefutable proof that the original Gospel of Acts 2:1-42, is SET IN STONE. In his prayer of John 17, Jesus made it clear that the WORDS he gave the 11 original apostles in Acts 2:1-42, were SET IN STONE just as much as Moses Ten Commandments were SET IN STONE, and can never be changed or altered in any way.

Jesus prayed: *I have given them (the 11 apostles) thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

**As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them (the 11 apostles) into the world.**

**Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me**

**through their word, John 17:13,20. There it is, the one foundation was laid, there can be no other.**

Notice that Jesus said, "I have given them thy word". When Jehovah gave Moses his word it was WRITTEN IN STONE. Likewise, when Jesus gave the 11 apostles the Father's Words, those Words were also, WRITTEN IN STONE but also in their hearts.

OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY – meaning: that first foundation, given by Jesus in Acts 2:1-42, is IMMOVABLE AND UNCHANGABLE. 1 Cor. 3:11, It is SET IN STONE. The Foundation was given in Acts 2:1-42.

In Jesus' prayer of John 17:1-26, he prayed for special blessings - not for the world – but ONLY for those who BELIEVED UNTO SALVATION, THROUGH THE GOSPEL THAT WAS PREACHED BY THE 11 APOSTLES. The children of that first Gospel of Acts 2:1-42, are the only ones who will receive the blessing Jesus commanded in his prayer.

Do you understand what all of that means? Jesus makes the rules. His word clearly states the way of salvation. It is very simple. The truth is: The cleansing power of the Blood of Jesus Christ is not available to people who believe, "another" gospel. Jesus said, You are my disciples if you do what I command you. John 8:31, "If you continue in MY WORD, then are you my disciples indeed." If you do what other people tell you, you are not a disciple of Jesus Christ. Only the Bible contains the true words of Jesus Christ.

Jesus gave HIS WORD to the 11 apostles only, then it has come down to us in the 21st century. It is very simple- repent of all sins, be baptized in water by total immersion in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; then receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost as evidenced by your speaking in unknown tongues, exactly as every apostle, and every convert of the apostles did in the New Testament. The apostles taught that speaking in other tongues was the one and only proof that one had been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Acts 10:43-49 says so as well as Acts 15:7-15. Speaking in tongues is the sign one has a new birth and is a new person in Christ spiritually.

If you want to be SAVED by Jesus Christ, washed in his precious Blood, then obey these truths all of which come straight from the Bible. I will help you if you will contact me. I will teach you and baptize you in Jesus Name and also help you understand the scripture.

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An airline pilot from a Pacific Rim country was recently healed of AIDS after listening to the CD three times then calling me long distance in Jonesboro AR at the above phone for the prayer of faith. He was healed instantly. He is AIDS free now for several months. He is rejoicing and invited me to come to his nation for Deliverance Services.

Miracles are happening on a regular basis for those who will humble themselves and believe the simple Gospel as presented above straight from scripture.