

THE FULLY PREACHED GOSPEL

“That None Should Perish”

The Father’s Heart-

Gen 18:16-33 NIV

- 16 When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.
- 17 Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"
- 18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.
- 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."
- 20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous
- 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."
- 22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.
- 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"
- 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?"
- 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing--to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
- 26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."
- 27 Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes,
- 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."
- 29 Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."
- 30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."
- 31 Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."
- 32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."
- 33 When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked:

Ezek 18:20-23

- 20 The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.
- 21 "But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, he will surely live; he will not die.
- 22 None of the offenses he has committed will be remembered against him. Because of the righteous things he has done, he will live.
- 23 Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign LORD. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? NIV

God is a just God:

Ezek 18:24-32 NIV

- 24 "But if a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked man does, will he live? None of the righteous things he has done will be remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness he is guilty of and because of the sins he has committed, he will die.
- 25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?
- 26 If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die.
- 27 But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life.
- 28 Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die.
- 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?
- 30 "Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.
- 31 Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?
- 32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

He desires to save us all:

2 Peter 3:3-15

- 3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.
- 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."
- 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.
- 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.
- 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
- 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

- 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.
- 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives
- 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.
- 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
- 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.
- 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. NIV

John 3:14-16

- 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
- 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
- 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. NIV

1 Tim 2:1-4

- 1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-
- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
- 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,
- 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. NIV

Our prayer and holiness are integral to God's redemptive plan for the nations.

The word used for perish is also translated "lost" in many Scriptures.

Luke 15:2-32

- 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
- 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: NIV

Verses 4-7: The lost sheep.

Verses 8-10: The lost coin. "Or suppose"

Verses 11-32: The lost son. "He continued (in like manner and fashion)."

Luke 16:19-31

- 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.
- 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores

- 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.
- 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.
- 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'
- 25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.
- 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'
- 27 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house,
- 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'
- 29 "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'
- 30 "No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
- 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" NIV

This is not regarded as a parable by many. It speaks of hades hell, not gehenna hell.

The Son's Heart-

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was **lost**." NIV

John 10:28-30

- 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never **perish**; no one can snatch them out of my hand.
- 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.
- 30 I and the Father are one." NIV

John 11:50-52

- 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation **perish**."
- 51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,
- 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. NIV

Rom 5:8 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

What does it mean to perish?

Apollumi – to destroy, put out of the way entirely, to kill, to devote or give over to the eternal misery in hell. (Thayer's definition)

Matt 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can **destroy** both soul and body in hell. NIV

Jer 7:31-32

31 They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire--something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.

32 So beware, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when people will no longer call it Topheth or the Valley of Ben Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter, for they will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room. NIV

2 Chron 33:1, 6

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years.

6 He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger. NIV

2 Kings 23:10

He desecrated Topheth, which was in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so no one could use it to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire to Molech. NIV

Isa 30:29-33

29 And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people go up with flutes to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

30 The LORD will cause men to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail.

31 The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his scepter he will strike them down.

32 Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing rod will be to the music of tambourines and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

33 Topheth has long been prepared; it has been made ready for the king. Its fire pit has been made deep and wide, with an abundance of fire and wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it ablaze. NIV

Matt 18:1-14

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 He called a little child and had him stand among them.

3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

7 "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!

- 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.
- 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.
- 10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.
- 12 "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?
- 13 And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.
- 14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost. NIV

The Lord centers on hand, foot, and eye. The "lust of the eyes" sees and conceives evil. The foot carries us toward the sin and the hand accomplishes it. The Lord saved us from all of it.

Mark 9:43-48

- 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.
- 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.
- 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,
- 48 where "'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'" NIV

Matt 13:41-43

- 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.
- 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. NIV

Matt 25:41-46

- 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
- 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
- 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
- 45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
- 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." NIV

Rev 19:20

But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. NIV

Rev 20:6, 10, 14-15 NIV

6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:8

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." NIV

2 Thess 1:4-12

4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you

7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power

10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. NIV

It Is a Spiritual Battle-

THE LOST-

2 Cor 4:3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. NIV

2 Thess 2:9-10

9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. NIV

THE SAVED-

2 John 8 NIV

Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

1 Cor 10:9-12

9 We should not test the Lord, as some of them did-and were killed by snakes.

10 And do not grumble, as some of them did-and were killed by the destroying angel.

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! NIV

The Shepherd's Heart-

MOSES

Ex 32:31-34

31 So Moses went back to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold.

32 But now, please forgive their sin--but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

33 The LORD replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.

34 Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin." NIV

PAUL

Rom 9:1-4

1 I speak the truth in Christ-I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit-

2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race,

4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. NIV

Our Responsibility-

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PROCLAIM

Rom 10:13-15

13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" NIV

PROCURE

Dan 12:3

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. NIV

James 5:19-20

19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back,
20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins. NIV