

# *Have One Mind (in Christ) - Philippians 2:5*

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### *Why the Seventy Week Prophecy Helps Understand Daniel 8:14 Timeline ?*

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Daniel 8:14 says, "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." A lot of Christians ignore this timeline, especially since a lot of them ignore the Old Testament anyways. Many others do not want to know about this timeline because of the implications it has. And even many others misunderstand the timeline because they do not make an important connection. One Bible scholar tied the second coming to the understanding, but that is a whole different matter.

All we want to establish is that there is a prophecy timeline in Daniel 9 that lasts a period of seventy-weeks and that it would help people understand the timeline of Daniel 8:14 if they make the right connection. The reason we would like to do that is because many Christians divorce Daniel 9 from having to do with anything with Daniel 8. They forget that chapter breaks and verse numbers were not in the original texts. In fact, they are not

even inspired of God. They simply provide easy reference to texts in the Bible instead of long paragraphs. It is a whole lot easier to say Daniel 8:14 than it is to say, "In the book of Daniel, he speaks of the timeline covering two thousand three hundred days". Would that be in the beginning of Daniel, the end, or the middle?

So, let us examine the contents of Daniel 8 and 9 to establish the connection between these two chapters outside of us saying that there are technically no chapter breaks, making chapter 9 part of chapter 8.

We will neither reproduce all of Daniel 8 here, nor even of Daniel 9, though we encourage you to read all the verses for yourself, but will pick out, or summarize, the contents of the verses. We are told that Daniel is in vision (Daniel 8:2). In Daniel 8:3, he sees a two-horned ram. In Daniel 8:5, a "he goat" comes on to the scene. In Daniel 8:7, the "he goat" defeats the ram. In verse 8, we are told that the he goat's mighty horn is replaced by four horns.

And in verse 9, a little horn extended from one of those horns and became mighty even to the point of conquering the "pleasant [land]". In verse 10-12, that little horn magnified himself against a being whose title belongs to God, His sanctuary, and even the truth. And finally, in verse 14, we have the long timeline of twenty-three hundred days.

Those are the objects of symbolism. Even Daniel wanted to know what all that meant, as he said, that he "sought for the meaning". Thankfully, a heavenly being appeared to give Daniel understanding.

In Daniel 8:17, Daniel is told that "at the time of the end [shall be] the vision". So, we have an end time prophecy. In fact, in verse 19, it reiterates this by stating, "at the time appointed the end [shall be]". That should be worthy of study since it should make an impact on all of our lives here at the end of time, and even explains how someone could easily expect that Jesus was going to return.

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Now, before we continue, let us create a list of symbolic items. We have a ram, “he goat”, defeat of the ram, a mighty horn, followed by four horns, followed by a little horn, and the timeline. That is seven items needing to be explained.

Daniel 8:20 says, “The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia.” So, our first item is no longer symbolic. The ram is Media and Persia, hence the two horns.

Daniel 8:21 tells us two more points, “And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king.” So, the goat is Greece and the first king, known as Alexander, is the initial horn.

Daniel 8:22 gives us the fourth clue by saying, “Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.” After Alexander died, his four generals divided up the Grecian Empire into four territories, each declaring themselves a king.

Daniel 8:23-24 reveals the fifth item, which is stated with the words, “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” The holy people of course is referring to Israel and the name of the empire that came upon Israel was none other than Rome, which

came out of one of the four territories of the Grecian Empire, mainly in the north.

Daniel 8:25 tells us the sixth item described with the words of, “And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.” To stand up against the Prince of princes, and to be broken by a power without hands points to being against God and that God would destroy the power, which is to rule until the second coming, of course. Basically, out of the Roman Empire would come what we commonly refer to as antichrist.

With six out of seven items revealed, we anticipate the last item, but all we get is, “the vision of the evening and the morning which was told [is] true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it [shall be] for many days” (Daniel 8:26). That does not help. “Many days” is equivalent to the twenty-three hundred days. We know that part, but what does it mean?

Unfortunately, the angel cannot tell Daniel what it means because “I Daniel fainted, and was sick [certain] days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood [it]” (Daniel 8:27). Now why would Daniel faint if all he has to do is wait six years and almost four months for an event to happen? He would not faint over that. But Daniel recalled twice before that God declared an “each day for a year” (Numbers

14:34, Ezekiel 4:6) principle. When someone is looking forward to being free from Babylon and even free from Medo-Persia rule to go back and build Jerusalem, along with eventually welcoming in the Messiah real soon, and then is told that it will not be for twenty-three hundred years, that, indeed, would cause a person to faint. Jeremiah had the vision of Babylonian captivity lasting only “seventy years” (Jeremiah 25:11), which was coming to an end. Twenty-three hundred more years would be quite overwhelming.

Daniel admits not being told the meaning of the timeline as he, upon awakening from his fainting spell, goes and seeks the thoughts of others “but none understood [it]” (Daniel 8:27).

That leads us into Daniel 9 then. We find the declaration that we stated opening up the chapter: “In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem” (Daniel 9:2). Evidently, the timeline is still on Daniel's mind and therefore sets out to understand it “by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes” (Daniel 9:3).

Beginning in verse 4, and continuing on until verse 19, is the prayer of confessing sins, but also many references to the broken-down city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem weighed heavy on Daniel's mind. And as a result, an angel was sent, according to verse

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21. And the angel said, "I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding" (Daniel 9:22). Well, what does Daniel need understanding about? He needs understanding about the twenty-three hundred days. He needs understanding of Daniel 8:14. It is the only missing piece left to understand.

Daniel 9:23 specifically says, "therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision". The only vision left to understand is, once again, the vision of Daniel 8:14, or,

basically, all of Daniel 8. Except six out of seven items are already understood. The angel is not going to re-explain that which is already known.

So, the angel then begins explaining, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most

Holy" (Daniel 9:24). To have the seventy weeks "determined" means seventy weeks are cut off from another timeline, otherwise, Daniel would be told, "Here is a seventy week prophecy". But the use of the word "determined" connects us also back to a larger timeline. The only larger timeline is that of Daniel 8:14.

Now, the term seventy weeks is also the same as using Jesus' math of "seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:22) as there are seven days in a week. Jesus could

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have used any phrase, but He chose that one specifically to answer Peter. That is because for four hundred ninety years, not days, in reference to the day for a year principle, Jesus has been patiently working with Israel, primarily.

In that time frame, the focus is upon Israel because Daniel is told, "Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times" (Daniel 9:25). They are to rebuild Jerusalem, which they did. They even rebuilt the temple. And inside that period of time, the Messiah, Jesus, showed up and was anointed. We are also told that "shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself" (Daniel 9:26),

which He was, and did not die for Himself, but for us, as in, He died to save us and not Himself. And by the way, Jesus, the Messiah, being anointed and cut off after Jerusalem was rebuilt confirms that the seventy week timeline cannot be literal. The command to rebuild Jerusalem was completed through a process covering three rulers: "according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia" (Ezra 6:14). That happened to be completed in 457 B.C. A literal four hundred ninety days would have been 455 B.C. The Messiah did not show up then. He showed up in 27 A.D., exactly four hundred eighty-three years later from the command to rebuild Jerusalem. Further, Jesus was cut off in 31 A.D, exactly three and a half years after he was anointed at His baptism, just like Daniel 9:27 states, as it was "in the midst of

the week", or "in the middle of the week". Half a week is three and half days. With each day for a year, that is three and a half years of Jesus' ministry.

So, as you see, Daniel 9 greatly aids in understanding Daniel 8:14, the twenty-three hundred year timeline. Jesus confirmed it by showing up and being anointed right on time, confirming the covenant during that time (Luke 1:72 and Galatians 3:17), and being cut off right on time, which also "caused the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" (Daniel 9:27) since "the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom" (Matthew 27:51) by the hand of God.

So, will you properly make the connection between Daniel 9 and Daniel 8:14?



## Heavenly Health

### ***Are we in danger of being deceived?***

I would venture to say we are in serious danger of being deceived, and sometimes even by our own doing. If we are only surface-reading scriptures we might miss valuable warnings. I encourage all to stop and look up words that might have fuzzy definitions in your mind, and you just read right over them, missing valuable cautions. These two scriptures are loaded with valuable information that we cannot afford to mis-read, or we could miss being included in God's kingdom.

There are many Biblical examples and explanations of different ways in which we can be deceived. The reason I am focusing on 1 Corinthians in this article is because I have received specific questions about some of these words that some people either do not think are clear, or they have substituted their own understanding and have missed the point of, or completely changed the message of, the scripture. We must never change the scriptures to fit our own understanding, because we are

then deceiving ourselves. I have used the Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary, online, to define these words which are used in the Bible, with few comments of my own.

1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor

revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

Let us examine a little closer those who will be deceived in this verse and will not inherit the kingdom of God.

What, exactly, is a fornicator?

1. An unmarried person, male or female, who has criminal conversation with the other sex; also, a married man who has sexual commerce with an unmarried woman.

2. A lewd person.

3. An idolater.

So, we can see from this clear definition, fornicator covers a wider area than just a description of a sexual nature. How is an idolater a fornicator? Spiritual fornication is equivalent to idolatry.

An idolater is someone who worships idols; or who pays divine honors to images, statues, or representations of anything made by hands; one who worships as a deity that which is not God; or is simply a pagan who would not be a person who gives honor to God, so that would be someone of a low character, worshiping other gods. A lewd person is of the low character also, and crosses over into the sexual nature, who might spend time in any lustful past-time like pornography, as an example.

An adulterer is a man guilty of adultery; a man who has sexual contact with any married woman, except his wife. In scripture, an idolater, is as shown in Ezekiel 23:37, which says, “That they have committed adultery, and blood [is] in their hands, and with their idols

have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through [the fire], to devour [them].” This passage makes the connection with idol worship and fornication.

Effeminate would be having the qualities of the female sex; soft or delicate to an unmanly degree; womanish; weak. I believe the picture is clear on this one.

Abusers of themselves with mankind are those who engage in homosexual acts. Simple as that.

Thieves might seem pretty self-explanatory, but hold that thought: A thief is one who takes the property of another wrongfully, either secretly or by violence, as shown in Job 30:5, which tells us, “They were driven forth from among [men], (they cried after them as [after] a thief;).” But the word “thief” is also defined as one who seduces by false doctrine. This one might be a head-scratcher for you: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, *the same is a thief and a robber*. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers” (John 10:1-5).

A drunkard is one given to ebriety or an excessive use of strong liquor; a person who habitually or frequently is drunk. “A drunkard and a glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe [a man] with rags.” Proverbs 23:21.

A covetous person is one who is very desirous; eager to obtain; in a good sense, as covetous of wisdom, virtue or learning; however, inordinately desirous, excessively eager to obtain and possess; directed to money or goods, avaricious. Especially, someone who has the “keep up with the Joneses” attitude.

Revilers are those who treat others with contemptuous language.

An extortioner is one who practices, you guessed it – extortion – which is the act of extorting, which is the act or practice of wresting anything from a person by force, duress, menaces, authority, or by any undue exercise of power; illegal exaction; illegal compulsion to pay money, or to do some other act. Extortion is an offense punishable at common law.

I hope these definitions make things clearer to the reader leading to better spiritual health, an often overlooked area of health. Feel free to question at any time, as it is our privilege to help one another in understanding God's Word, and receiving heavenly health.



# Healthy and Delicious Recipes

## Sausage and Rice Casserole

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil divided
- 12 ounces cooked Vegan Italian sausage links sliced
- 1 red bell pepper cored and sliced
- 1 orange or yellow bell pepper cored and sliced
- 1 small or 1/2 large yellow onion sliced
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup rice of choice
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1 15-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes in their juices

### Instructions

1. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large nonstick skillet with a

tight-fitting lid over medium to high heat.

2. Add the sausage slices and cook for a few minutes on each side, until brown, about 5 to 8 minutes total.
3. Remove to paper towel lined plate, to remove any excess oil, and set aside. At this time also cook your rice of choice.
4. With a paper towel, carefully wipe the skillet until it is mostly clean.
5. Heat the remaining tablespoon olive oil over medium high.
6. Add the bell peppers, onion, basil, and salt and cook until the onion begins to soften and brown, about 3 minutes.
7. Add the garlic.
8. Cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

9. Add the vegetable broth and canned tomatoes in their juices, stir well.
10. Bring to a boil, stir again, then cover and simmer on low heat for 5 minutes.
11. Stir in the sausage slices, re-cover the skillet and remove from the heat.
12. Let stand 5 minutes, until most of the remaining liquid is absorbed then mix in cooked rice.

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## Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Romans 8:9 states, “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” Therefore, it is expected that we walk after the Spirit and not give in to the flesh, living the holy and sanctified life, and those that think it is impossible to stop sinning are speaking from the flesh and are fooled into thinking they are Christian when they are “none of His.” “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling” (Jude 1:24) means that each time a person says, “No one can stop sinning” it is an insult to Christ Who can keep us from

falling. Besides, “his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3). So, do you believe the Bible that it is possible to always be in the Spirit and never be in the flesh, or do you still give in to the flesh while thinking you are still saved anyways?

Ephesians 6:10 states, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.” Does this mean wimpy little kids that are Christians can win the titleship to the sporting event that they are working so hard to win against such overwhelming giants and much stronger foes? Absolutely not! Yet, that is what

many Christians think this verse is about and even encourage their kids with, “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). The purpose of these verses is not external, but internal. The verse in Matthew is the end of the conversation about who will enter the kingdom and who will not. The verse in Ephesians is the opener to the details of fighting against the devil and being successful personally. So, are you resisting the devil by the strength and power of God, or do you easily give in to temptations and flow with society?

In the parable of the sower, Jesus is addressing Christians today. Here is the first group in Matthew 13:20-21: "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." This tells us that there is more to the relationship with Jesus beyond "just believe". Choices reveal if we are a Christian. By not compromising, tribulations and persecutions will come. If it did not matter on our actions, then simply do what one needs to do to avoid those unpleasant situations and the tribulations and persecutions will go away. Unfortunately, just because they go away does not mean we are saved. The parable tells us that it is the wrong choice to give in and is classed as being "offended" to be a Christian. As an example, true Christians do not use foul language. Unbelievers may make fun of us because of that. To fit in, many Christians will use foul language around unbelievers, but not in church. They may still be a churchgoer, but in God's eyes, they are not His. A true Christian would avoid trying to fit in and will not compromise

the mouth. Now, substitute other things for the foul words and those that hold their position on being uncompromising are the ones living the holy and sanctified lifestyle. So, are you a compromiser, or a true Christian, living up to the expected standard wherever you are?

Luke 13:27 addresses all people – saved and unsaved. "But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity." Anyone working iniquity, continuing in known sin, will be cast away in the end no matter how loudly they exclaim, "I believe!" Therefore, the holy and sanctified life is to live a godly life instead of one that permits and excuses iniquity or sin. So, do you "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body" (Romans 6:12), and "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12)?

John 14:21 says, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." So, are you living the holy and

sanctified life of keeping the commandments, showing that you love Jesus and allowing Heaven's love to come upon you, or are you living however you choose all the while thinking you are still saved?

Romans 8:10 says "And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness." A true Christian is expected to be dead to sin no matter what the body craves. A true Christian will live the life of righteousness guided by the true Holy Spirit, the One that "will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). So, are you dead to sin and live righteously, or indifferent to righteous living, allowing sin in the life?

Ephesians 6:11 tells the expected activity of a Christian: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." The implied consequence is that if we do not put on the whole armor of God then "the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). If we are devoured, we are lost. Therefore, are you living the

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sanctified and holy lifestyle by putting on the whole armor and “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7)?

Matthew 13:22 says, “He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.” Therefore, Christians who do not have time for God, chasing after the cares of the world, even chasing after “things” of the world, and overall are unfruitful, it is not that they were never Christian, it is that they did not live up to the holy and sanctified lifestyle that is expected after one “believes”. They have been told that they cannot be lost and therefore, what they do with their lives is believed to have no impact on salvation, which is a lie. So, are you believing in a lie that encourages Christian laziness, or are you being fruitful in being a Christian and teaching others as well?

Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. This is not just a summary of a banquet seating situation, but a principle to be followed. Only the humble shall be exalted with eternal life, which is part of living the holy and sanctified life. Now, are you living a humble life, or are you caught up in all of the proud ways of the world, including bragging about “your team” winning a professional game, or even a

college sport that you have no ownership in?

Luke 14:16-24 is a parable of a ground owner, oxen owner, and a newly-wed making excuses for not coming to the wedding feast, which is, in reality, referring to the great supper that happens right after the second coming when we are all gathered together in Heaven. Therefore, those that are too busy for "God time" here and now are going to miss out and be told, "none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper" (Luke 14:24). So, how busy are you in this world, and how much time do you have with God each day as part of your holy and sanctified life?

Matthew 13:44 is parable language, which means that it is symbolic; it represents things. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." When it comes to selling, that is not all about possessions, but the giving

up of everything that may have been enjoyable, however, was worldly, even sinful. Nothing is held back from God. Everything that is not of a Christian character is sold off, spiritually speaking. That means all of the partying, being into sports, being entertained by whatever comes out of Hollywood and other sources, etc. will be left off and new desires and new activities will take their places. Doing so is the result of choosing to live the holy and sanctified life. So, have you chosen to "[be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17)?

Luke 14:26 reveals the character of a Christian that involves choosing God over father, mother, wife, children, sibling, even over one's own life: "If any [man] come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." It is part of the holy and sanctified life to place God first in all circumstances. Many a parent has said to a grownup son or

daughter, "I believe that God should be first in your life but when your choices interfere with family relationships, that cannot be of God." Basically, they are contradicting themselves. God may appear first, but not above family is what they are saying. So, what position is God in your life?

John 15:2 states, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." The main fruit that Jesus is looking for is the development of a Christian character for "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). Therefore, despite becoming a Christian, if we are not bearing this fruit, Jesus said we shall be purged. That means, all those who are intemperate, be it in eating, drinking, using time, buying things, etc., are actually purged. Impatience is another big item that many Christians accept as a born character to be unchanged not realizing that they, too, will be purged. But all of the fruit or

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character, as it is one fruit covering all the pieces, are just as important as the other, making up the holy and sanctified life. So, do you have all of the fruit of the Spirit, or do you just take the title Christian and live however you like?

Romans 8:21 tells us the great deliverance of which then results

in a holy and sanctified life: "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." If a Christian is no longer in the bondage of corruption or sin the result is to be living the glorious liberated lifestyle guided by the "law of liberty" itself,

referring to the Ten Commandments (James 2:10-11). So, have you been liberated from sin, or are you still making excuses not realizing you are in bondage to it?



## Questions & Answers

**Question:** How can there be blameless and perfect people if all have sinned?

**Answer:** Yes, Romans 3:23 declares, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." However, Job 1:1 states, "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name [was] Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." And Luke 1:5-6 says, "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife [was] of the daughters of Aaron, and her name [was] Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

The answer is actually in Romans 3:23. It is the word "sinned". That is past tense. Job 1:1 and Luke 1:5-6 as well as other examples in the Bible do not declare that Job, Zacharias, or Elisabeth never sinned. At the time of the declaration of Job 1:1 and Luke 1:5-6, they were perfect and blameless.

Scripture tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9), and that Jesus would "present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24). That means our record of having sinned is removed. Upon that sin being removed, we stand perfect in Christ, and even blameless.

This is why it is so dangerous to be chanting, "Only Jesus is perfect." This implies that we should not even think of striving to be perfect despite being told, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Although we can never say that we have had a perfect life, certainly from here on out we can be perfect in our walk with Christ "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,

having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

And remember, "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28). That means we can be, and are expected to be, perfect in all stages in our walk with Christ. Upon Jesus planting the seed in our heart (earth), we are perfect, but if come autumn we are still a seed, then we are lost. Shortly after the seed has been planted, we then appear as the blade, at which time we are perfect, yet there is a great amount of knowledge still lacking in us regarding the Christian life and that God makes allowance for, however, again, if we reach autumn in our season of life and are but still a blade, then we are lost. We are perfect at each stage if that is where we are in life, but we are lost if we are still at a certain stage and that season is past.

This is what is also known as moving from light to greater light. The light moves and is progressive. If we remain at our position where

we first saw the light, it will grow dark very quickly. This is the danger of those saying upon baptism, "I am forever saved!" No. The journey has just begun as the parable about the seed being cast (Luke 8:5-8) tells us that we are to stay in a saving relationship and "he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22). If this describes us in our Christian life, "when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13), then at one time we were Christians, but succumbing to temptation took us out of that saving relationship. The same is true with those who were "choked with cares and riches and pleasures of [this] life, and bring no fruit to perfection" (Luke 8:14).

Sure, when we are baptized, we are not magically endowed with all the knowledge of what is sin and what is righteousness, therefore, technically we are still sinning, but we are not lost because of our ignorance. Sanctification is a work

of a lifetime, but that is not a lifetime of committing the same sins. It is a matter of growing in knowledge. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Basically, as we search the scriptures to become holier than we have been, and we discover that we have been sinning in ignorance, we repent, which includes the cessation of that newly revealed sin by the grace of God, and we remain perfect in the eyes of God.

So, being blameless and perfect does not negate that in our past life we have sinned, therefore, once again, there is no contradiction.

**Question:** Hasn't the gospel gone around the world?

**Answer:** No. "A" gospel has gone to the world but not "this" gospel as stated by Jesus. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then

shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). And which gospel is "this" referring to? "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation 14:6). That is because "he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven" (Mark 13:27).

A lot of people think this is referring to the physical separation at the second coming, but it is not. Sending "his angels" refers to the "three angels' messages" that gather the elect into the truth or scatters them away because they reject it.

Have the "three angels' messages" gone to every person? Not yet. Therefore, the gospel has not gone around the world yet.



## *Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)*

### **Being Called of God**

1. Who does the calling? **Romans 1:6**
2. Who does He call? **Luke 5:32**
3. What object is used to do the calling these days? **2 Thessalonians 2:14**
4. What are they called to do? **Matthew 9:13**
5. What does it mean to do that? **Acts 3:19**
6. What do we do with that evil? **Very end of 1 Peter 4:1**

7. What do we become when those things are blotted out? **1 Peter 5:10**
8. When we become that type of person, what are we to be? **1 Peter 1:15, 1 Thessalonians 4:7**
9. What are we called out of and then into? **1 Peter 2:9**
10. All those that are called, how many become chosen? **Matthew 22:14**

1. What causes people's prayers to be an abomination to God? **Proverbs 28:9 [He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law]**
2. What type of person does God hear the prayers of? **First half of 1 Peter 3:12, Proverbs 15:29 [righteous]**
3. What are people doing that causes God to turn away from others offering prayer? **End of 1 Peter 3:12 [do evil]**
4. What type of prayer avails much? **James 5:16 [fervent]**
5. How are we to continue in prayer? **Romans 12:12 [instant in prayer]**
6. Instead of just praying once for something and hoping for the best, how ought we to pray for a specific situation

- until we get an answer? **Acts 12:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 [without ceasing]**
7. What type of prayers should be avoided? **Mark 12:40 [long prayers]**
8. What are we not to use in prayer? **Matthew 6:7 [vain repetitions]**
9. What ought our requests in prayer not be? **James 1:6 [wavering]**
10. What two things ought we to pray for? **Daniel 9:13 [we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth]**



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**What Condition We Need to Be in For Our Prayers to Be Heard?**

## News and Comments

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**AP News**

**Starbucks workers sue over company's new dress code**

Although Starbucks' new dress code is more in line with modesty and appearance expectations of the Bible, but not perfect, it is, however, a rebuke to many Christians. There are many churches that have no code and many girls show up like

prostitutes, boys show up looking like gang members, etc. God has standards. Sure, we are to come as we are, but we are to give God all the best respect possible, especially since many would dress differently before worldly judges. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness ) with good

works" (1 Timothy 2:9-10). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But [let it be] the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, [even the ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:3-4).



# Thanksgiving

## **Leviticus 22:29**

And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer [it] at your own will.

## **Psalms 26:7**

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

## **Psalms 50:14**

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

## **Psalms 69:30**

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

## **Psalms 95:2**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

## **Psalms 100:4**

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, [and] into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, [and] bless his name.

## **Psalms 107:22**

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

## **Psalms 116:17**

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of

thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

## **Psalms 147:7**

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

## **Isaiah 51:3**

For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

## **Jonah 2:9**

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay [that] that I have vowed. Salvation [is] of the LORD.

## **2 Corinthians 4:15**

For all things [are] for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

## **2 Corinthians 9:11**

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

## **Philippians 4:4-7**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: [and] again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord [is] at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## **Colossians 2:6-7**

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

## **Colossians 4:2**

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

## **1 Timothy 4:4-5**

4 For every creature of God [is] good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

## **Revelation 7:12**

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, [be] unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.



## Natural Remedies

### Recipe for a Really Clean Mouth!

Begin by flossing and rinsing the teeth, then carefully blend 1 teaspoon coconut oil, 1/8 teaspoon charcoal powder, 1 or 2 drops peppermint oil. Mix together well and hold mixture in the mouth while occasionally swishing. After 15-20 minutes,

spit out the mixture in the trash, or outside away from valuable flowers or other plants, as it is now toxic. Brush the teeth as usual, and rinse mouth very well. You will enjoy clean breath for much longer than usual as the properties of these substances

draw out much bad bacteria from the mouth, and in so doing, dangerous periodontal disease can be eliminated. And, no, charcoal does not stain the teeth or dentures!

