

CHRISTIANITY WAS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF BLESSING TO JACOB-ISRAEL.....THE "WORD OF SALVATION" FACT Verses 27-37,

Here we have fulfillment of "all that was written of him." Paul sets Jesus before them as the ONE fulfilling (filling-full) the highest expectation of Israel from the Old Testament. He uses the LAW and the PROPHETS (the O.T.) to throw light on the whole historical event of Calvary and the Resurrection.

Paul declares the dynamic of the Gospel---The CROSS AND RESURRECTION! The POWER of God and the WISDOM of God. He declared the risen Lord Jesus was no more to return to corruption. That by the raising of Jesus from the dead was Glad Tidings indeed! Here is the investiture of Royalty indeed!

God compelled; used the sin and folly of Jacob-Israel to fulfill his purpose! This so-great salvation is all of Grace! "The sure mercies of David!" Here is the foundation of our whole Christian message. The proper understanding of LAW & GRACE is the crux of the CHRISTIAN-KINGDOM-COVENANT MESSAGE....Foundational.

THE AGE ABIDING FACT Verses 38-39.

These events of Jesus Christ's death, resurrection and ascension are now historically located in the New Testament and are not to be repeated in human history. It was "once for all."

Now, the age-abiding fact in relationship to this fundamental Gospel history is the preaching of THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM....And, what do we know about that? Well, Much more than some say and think is inculcated in this fact! When Paul said: "and we declare unto you glad tidings" a cornucopia of "blessing" is bound up and let loose in our world from the Lord of Glory! And: What is at the heart of it? "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." Here is the issue of this age-abiding fact. That, "all that believe are justified from all things from which they cannot be justified by the Law of Moses." JUSTIFICATION is then the message! THIS WAS LUTHER'S BATTLE AXE! Alas, how few of us know it! What a great work God has done in this our day!

THE WARNING FACT Verses 40-41.

Christ died for our sins, and rose again for our justification. Now; in this very hour His PERSON AND WORK are gushing forth to us through the preaching of His Gospel---A FOUNTAIN IS OPENED IN THE HOUSE OF DAVID FOR SIN AND UNCLEANESS!

This discourse concludes with a warning---that these who hear will not copy the attitude and experience of those at Jerusalem bringing on themselves judgement. Paul in the King James version of verse 41 uses three words---DESPISERS, WONDER, PERISH. The Cottage Bible Note says: "turn pale and disappear, or vanish." This is a quotation from Habakuk 1:5. Paul recounts: The ruin of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans for their idolatry, was but a figure of their ruin by the Romans (in 70 A.D.) for rejecting Christ and His Gospel. This is a very MARVELLOUS THING and almost incredible... God's JUDGEMENTS as well as his WAYS are past finding out! Prophets indicate our indifference to God's works---"a work in which ye shall in no wise believe." Today, everything that can be shaken IS being shaken!

What shall the end be?

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