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**The Primary Message of the Bible**

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**A Major Problem**

The types, the gospel of the grace of God and the gospel of the glory of Christ, were facets of Scriptural study that Christians forming the first-century Church could only have been quite familiar with. It is evident from the epistles that these things were *readily* taught to and understood by Christians at the *beginning* of the dispensation.

In fact, the gospel of the *grace* of God and the gospel of the *glory* of Christ — teachings surrounding both, of necessity, being drawn extensively from the types — *formed* the two central messages being *proclaimed* in those days. The gospel of the grace of God was proclaimed to the *unsaved*, and the gospel of the glory of Christ was proclaimed to the *saved* (*cf.* [Acts 20:24-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+20.24-32&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 1:7ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+1.7ff&t=NKJV); [Colossians 1:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.5-6&t=NKJV), [23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.23&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 1:3ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+1.3ff&t=NKJV)).

But, rather than living at the beginning of the dispensation before the leaven that the woman placed in the three measures of meal began to do its damaging work ([Matthew 13:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.33&t=NKJV)), we’re living *near* the *end* of the dispensation at a time when the leaven has *almost* completed its work. We’re living at a time when the foundations have become so *eroded* that a study of Scripture after the fashion in which it was written (highly typical, with the salvation of both spirit and soul in view, for a purpose) has come into *disrepute*; and we’re also living at a time when Christians *throughout* the churches of the land not only know *little to nothing* about the gospel of the *glory of Christ* but also at a time when *very few* Christians even *correctly* understand the *simple, clear message surrounding the gospel of the grace of God.*

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Within this opening section, one can see *both* the gospel of the grace of God and the gospel of the glory of Christ in their pristine purity and simplicity. And redemption as a whole (the saving of *both* spirit and soul [along with a redeemed *body*]) is for a *purpose*, seen in this passage, to *be realized on the seventh day*.

(See from the author’s book, in this site, [The Study of Scripture](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/the-study-of-scripture.php): [Beginning and Continuing](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/the-study-of-scripture.php#Beginning%20and%20Continuing) and [Building on the Foundation](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/the-study-of-scripture.php#Building%20on%20the%20Foundation), for a comprehensive treatment of these opening verses of Genesis covering, typically, the whole of Scripture.)

**Resulting Error**

Centering on [Hebrews 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4&t=NKJV); [5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+5&t=NKJV); [6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6&t=NKJV) chapters, note what has happened in Christendom today relative to the Word of the Kingdom — the message surrounding the goal toward which *all things move*, the goal that the Lord considered of *such import* during Moses’ day that He overthrew an entire unbelieving generation. The working of the leaven has so destroyed teachings surrounding this message that Christians studying passages such as Hebrews, chapters three through six have no foundational points of reference to see them after a correct fashion. They have no understanding of the subject matter at hand, they can’t properly analyze the types and antitypes in their correct light, and they invariably end up with teachings that have little or nothing to do with the text.

Note [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV) in this respect. Contextually, this passage *must* be interpreted in the light of a falling away (apostasy) after coming into an understanding of the Word of the Kingdom ([Hebrews 5:10-6:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+5.10-6.3&t=NKJV)); and such a falling away can be seen in the type in the previous warning ([Hebrews 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4&t=NKJV)), forming *God’s* *own textual provision* for interpreting and understanding this passage (*cf.* [1 Corinthians 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+2.13&t=NKJV)).

That’s the contextual key that will open [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV) to one’s understanding. But using this key necessitates that the individual *first* have some understanding of the Word of the Kingdom — something that very few Christians possess (which, in this case, is seen fully developed *only in the type*). And Christians, lacking this foundational point of reference, can either never correctly interpret these verses or can only go so far with a correct interpretation.

For example, most Christians attempt to see a message pertaining to salvation by grace through faith in these verses (a totally incorrect interpretation any way one looks at the matter); but some Christians realize that this is not the message dealt with in the context, and they see a warning in these verses concerning the possibility of Christians losing blessings and/or rewards (present and/or future). And though the latter is correct as far as it goes (drawn from the immediate context [[Hebrews 5:10-6:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+5.10-6.3&t=NKJV)]), those adhering to this interpretation invariably ignore the contextual type — the only place where *the full scope and force of that which is in view is fully developed and explained*. Thus, they can carry the matter only so far.

Those attempting to see salvation by grace through faith in this passage will *always* come up with one of three erroneous teachings (or with some variation of the three):

1) This passage refers to Christians falling away and losing their presently possessed salvation.

2) This passage refers to individuals who were almost saved but fell short of actually being saved.

3) This passage refers to a hypothetical situation with respect to salvation and a falling away (an interpretation into which the person has been forced, for he knows that neither of the first two can be correct; but he still can’t see beyond the simple salvation message).

Note what any form or variation of the preceding false teachings will do to both the gospel of the grace of God and the gospel of the glory of Christ. It will *corrupt the former* (by bringing things over into the gospel of the grace of God that have nothing to do with this gospel) and *destroy the latter* (by removing these verses from the realm of teaching where they actually belong).

(For additional information on [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV), refer to [Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Redeemed for a Purpose, Appendix 2, If They Fall Away](http://bibleone.net/RFAP_A2.htm))

The contextual setting for [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV) is Kadesh-Barnea and beyond ([Hebrews 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4&t=NKJV); [5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+5&t=NKJV) [which have to do with the hope of one’s calling, a Sabbath rest, the Melchizedek priesthood, etc.]), not material surrounding the death of the firstborn back in Egypt (which pertains to the gospel of the grace of God).

The death of the firstborn in [Exodus 12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12&t=NKJV) pertains to one thing, and the experiences of the Israelites at Kadesh-Barnea in [Numbers 13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+13&t=NKJV); [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+14&t=NKJV) pertain to something entirely different. And erroneously interpreting a passage of Scripture that has to do with the latter (such as [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV)) in the light of the former (in the light of the death of the firstborn) provides a good illustration of how the clear, simply biblical teaching surrounding the gospel of the grace of God is being assailed on almost every hand today. Individuals see the whole of Scripture dealing with this one subject, they attempt to teach the gospel of the grace of God from Scriptures that have nothing to do with this message, and they end up with all types of erroneous teachings, resulting in the existing mass confusion.

This is the erroneous type of interpretation from which the “Lordship Salvation” teaching emanates, a teaching that (after some fashion) is accepted and taught by a large segment of so-called fundamental Christendom today. And there’s really only *one way* to deal with the error being taught within Lordship Salvation (or within any other false teaching concerning salvation):

*PROCLAIM THE TRUTH about the gospel of the grace of God on the one hand and the gospel of the glory of Christ on the other hand, drawing from the types.*

But, in reality, this can’t be done on a scale of any magnitude today, for the overall message, much more often than not, will be misunderstood and rejected.

The reason: Christians generally don’t understand the types; nor do they generally understand the gospel of the glory of Christ. Then, beyond that, for reasons previously given, they usually have a corrupted understanding of the gospel of the grace of God as well. In other words, again, they have no foundational points of reference. *The leaven has done its work too well.*

And herein as well is the reason numerous Christians today erroneously see the warnings against false teachers in 2 Peter and Jude as warnings against unsaved individuals proclaiming a false message concerning salvation by grace through faith. Being blinded to the Word of the Kingdom ([2 Corinthians 4:3-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+4.3-4&t=NKJV)), they erroneously see a message pertaining to salvation by grace through faith in practically everything; and they end up, in reality, destroying the central teaching throughout Scripture — the very reason why man was created in the beginning or is being saved today, which are the same.

Or, these same Christians take the New Testament epistles — *which all deal centrally with the saving of the soul* — and attempt to make these epistles deal centrally with salvation by grace through faith. This only results in *a further corruption of the simple gospel message*, along with *the destruction of the central teaching of Scripture.*

And, though the preceding only begins to relate the damage that has been done because of the working of the leaven, enough has been said to get the point across. The material in [Exodus 12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12&t=NKJV) deals with one matter; and the material in [Numbers 13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+13&t=NKJV); [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+14&t=NKJV) deals with something entirely different. And the text under discussion is from *Numbers*, not from Exodus.

[Numbers 13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+13&t=NKJV); [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+14&t=NKJV) form *an apex* in God’s dealings with His people. The whole matter is *of such import* that God, because of the Israelites’ *unbelief*, sought to smite with pestilence and disinherit the nation that He had called out of Egypt; and only Moses’ intercession stayed His hand.

But God did overthrow an entire generation because of *unbelief.* Those comprising this generation *refused to believe* that they could enter into the land, conquer the inhabitants, and realize an inheritance therein as God’s firstborn son.

Entering the land and realizing an inheritance after this fashion was *the goal* of the Israelites’ earthly calling. And the antitype has to do with teachings surrounding Christians and their calling to one day occupy positions of power and authority with Christ in the heavenly sphere of the kingdom, realizing an inheritance therein as God’s firstborn son.

This, as previously stated, has to do with biblical teachings that Christians in the first-century Church understood but which Christians in the Church of today know little to nothing about. That is, because of the working of the leaven over almost two millennia of time, they know very little, if anything at all, about that which occupies a position of *supreme importance* in the Lord’s sight — *the very goal of their calling.*

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(Excerpts from[Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's Redeemed for a Purpose, Ch. 7](http://bibleone.net/RFAP_07.htm) and [Appendix 2](http://bibleone.net/RFAP_A2.htm).)

See [Types and Antitypes Two.docx](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/resources/Types%20and%20Antitypes%20Two.docx) in this site.