

## Gospel of God — New Creation — Faith

### I. 5 Statements – Awake, Arise, Count it all joy, *No eye has seen, the eyes of the Lord.*

Is. 51:17 **Wake** yourself, **wake** yourself, **stand up**, O Jerusalem,

Is. 60:1 **Arise**, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Jas 1:2 **Count** it **all** joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ...

1Cor 2:9 “What no eye..., ear..., heart ...,  
God has prepared for those who love him”—

### II. The Glorious Gospel of God

**Romans 1:1** Paul, a **servant** of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, **set apart** for the **gospel of God**,

2 which he **promised beforehand** through his **prophets** in the holy **Scriptures**,

3 concerning his Son, who was **descended** from David according to the **flesh**

4 and was declared to be the **Son of God in power** according to the Spirit of holiness by his **resurrection** from the **dead**, Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom **we** have **received grace** and **apostleship to bring about** the **obedience of faith** for the sake of **his name** among **all the nations**,

6 including you who are **called to belong** to Jesus Christ,

7 To all those in Rome who are **loved** by God and **called** to be **saints**:

**Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.

A. Paul, a **servant** of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, **set apart** for the **gospel of God**,

Paul — jihadist to servant (slave) of Christ Jesus

*God's love does not find, but creates what is pleasing!*

Called

Set apart

B. **GOSPEL of God** — Announcement of Significant Victory

2 which he **promised beforehand** through his **prophets** in the holy **Scriptures**,

3 concerning his Son, who was **descended** from David according to the **flesh**

**HUMANITY** — David, Messianic King — warts and all

**Cradle** — The Eternal reduced to infancy. The playwright takes the stage.

Small town carpenter; **PARTICIPATION**

suspicious background; death of Joseph;

subject to parents, community, Roman occupation

Itinerant preacher; miracles; crowds; controversy;

**Cross** — The Omnipotent reduced to nothing

Humiliation, Abandonment, **Participation in all our pain.**

**Everything we know about God begins with the  
CROSS**

**Crypt** — God works behind the scenes

**Mystery** — slides

C. **Resurrection** — New Creation *ex nihilo*

4 and was declared to be the **Son of God in power** according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the **dead**, **Jesus Christ our Lord**,

{ Rom. 16:25 Now to him who is able ..., **according to ... the mystery** that was **kept secret** for long ages 26 but has **now been disclosed** and **through the prophetic writings** has been **made known to all nations**, according to the command of the eternal God, **to bring about the obedience of faith** }

## NEW CREATION OUT OF NOTHING

**Resurrection** — *OUT OF NOTHINGNESS*, God shatters the reign of death; **NEW CREATION**. Hidden in disguise.

### D. **PARTICIPATION IN DIVINE NATURE** and **PURPOSE**

5 through whom **we** have **received grace** and **apostleship** to bring about the **obedience of faith** *for the sake of his name* among **all the nations**,

6 including you who are **called to belong** to Jesus Christ,

GRACE

OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME

OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

Rom 4:3 For *what does the Scripture say?* "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

13 For the promise .... that he would be heir of the world ...

17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"— ... **the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ...** 19 He **did not weaken in faith** when he **considered his own body**, which was **as good as dead** (since he was about a hundred ... **barrenness** of Sarah's womb. 20 **No unbelief made him waver** concerning the **promise** of God, but he **grew strong in his faith** as he gave glory to God, 21 **fully convinced that God was able** to do what he had promised.

## OUT OF NOTHING!

Joseph

Moses

David

Daniel

Esther

**Rom 8:31** What shall we say then?

## OBEDIENCE — HIS NAME

**1Jo 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we **keep his commandments**. And his commandments are **not burdensome**. **4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

**1 Jo 3:23** And this is **his commandment**, that we **believe** in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and **love** one another, just as he has commanded us.

**John 6:40** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who **looks** on the Son and **believes** in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

**Matt 11:28** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ... **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is

**Ps 119:165** **Great peace** have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

## III. LOVE GRACE PEACE

**7** To all those in Rome who are **loved** by God and **called** to be **saints**:

**Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

LOVED & CALLED

GRACE & PEACE

ABBA & KYRIOS

- 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.

Free will, **paradox**, **μυστηριον** of God **[Rick's Slides]**

- Your Story is part of His Story (DNA – physical, social, spiritual identity & image) Uniqueness.
- Potential and Free Will, Contingencies, Multi-generational

## V. Invitation to the Thirsty

**John 7:37** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone **thirsts**, let him **come** to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, '**Out of his heart** will flow **rivers** of living water.'" **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**John 4.14** ... The water that I will give him will **become in him** a spring of water welling up to eternal life."