

Come let us Grow Together: Made Known to all Nations for the Obedience of Faith

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.” (Rm 16:25-27)

Did you know the gospel was “made known to all nations for the obedience of faith”? What does it mean to have obedient faith? “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Eph 2:8-9) Is quoting this verse having obedient faith? This tells you how you are saved but it isn’t the only verse of scripture that speaks on how you are saved? “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;” (Titus 3:5) Both of these passages of scriptures should be applied. You have grace, faith, washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost mentioned here. What does it mean to have obedient faith? If you are saved by grace through faith what does that mean? The grace of God teaches us something of which we are to apply. “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;” (Titus 2:11-12) You can’t be saved by grace if you don’t apply what grace teaches you. “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.” (Gal 5:6) Obedient faith requires action on your part of which we have now seen through the scriptures that you must apply faith which works by love. To love also requires action on your part. “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 Jn 3:18) Faith also requires action on your part. “But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?” (James 2:20-22) Obedient faith requires that you apply faith with works to be made complete. This faith operates by love which requires you to apply the gospel of which the Apostle Paul said was “made known to all nations for the obedience of faith”. Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (Jn 14:15) Again showing faith with works or obedient faith to be saved. Grace taught you what to do again showing obedient faith. Faith working by love showing obedient faith. Also “according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost”. (Titus 3:5) What does that mean? The Greek word in use for washing: 3067. loutron, loo-tron'; from G3068; a bath, i.e. (fig.) baptism:--washing. The Greek word in use for regeneration: 3824. paliggenesia, pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-ah; from G3825 and G1078; (spiritual) rebirth (the state or the act), i.e. (fig.) spiritual renovation; spec. Messianic restoration:--regeneration. It is saying you were saved by water baptism in Jesus name and regeneration meaning spiritual renovation and renewing of the Holy Ghost is speaking

of when you receive the Holy Ghost it is evidenced with the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. (Acts 2:1-4) So to renew the Holy Ghost it is by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. Therefore the gospel that was made known to all nations for obedient faith is speaking of how you are born again of water and of the Spirit (Jn 3:5) which is fulfilled by applying what the Apostle Peter taught “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38) The Apostle Paul teaching the same. “Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” (Acts 19:4-6)