

PREACHING THE CROSS:

PETER VS. PAUL

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Paul:

ROM 16:25 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,

Peter:

Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3, Peter preaching the return of Christ, Israel's literal physical millennial kingdom - a message prophecied SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.

Rom 16: Paul preaching Christ in a way that was SECRET from everyone since the world...

The MOST BASIC fundamental doctrine of the Christian Faith - Salvation.

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man **approved of God** among you **by** miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you,

Side BAR: Signs & Wonders: What are they for?

Ex 4:1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. **2** And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. **3** And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. **4** And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: **5** That they **may believe** that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

The purpose of signs and wonders is to confirm God's MAN & MESSAGE to UNbelieving Israel.

Acts 2:

as ye yourselves also know: **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Peter preaching the Cross as an Indictment for Killing Jesus, Acts 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go. **14** But ye denied the **Holy One** and the **Just**, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; what about this "Holy One" and "the Just"??

2 Kings 19:22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted [thy] voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? [even] against the **Holy [One] of Israel**.

PSA 71:22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, [even] thy truth, O my **God: unto thee** will I sing with the harp, O thou **Holy One** of Israel.

ISA 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the **LORD**, the **Holy One** of Israel, in truth.

Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, **thy King** cometh unto thee: **he [is] JUST**, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

You just killed YOUR KING!**15** And killed the **Prince of life**, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

The Cross is a wicked event according to Pete:

Back-Up to pre-Cross

Mat 16 - Peter's been given the KEYS to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **20** Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. **21** From that time forth, began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. **22** Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. **23** But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

The BIBLE says here that Christ didn't mention a peep about any cross TILL MAT 16.

They'd been preaching for quite a while before Mat 16, what were they preaching?

Mat 10:1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.....**5** These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go **not** into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: (**Jesus:Mat 15:24**) **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. **9** Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

What can we then DEDUCE? The gospel of the kingdom CAN be preached WITHOUT mentioning the cross!!!!
Mat 3:1, Mark 1:14, Mat 4:17, Mat 4:23, Mat 9:35... ALL passages where the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached BEFORE Christ says **ONE WORD** about the cross to His disciples.

Paul GLORIES in that EVENT which Peter tries to STOP from happening!

GAL 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in **the cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Pete: (Mat 16:22) Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Pete wants to PREVENT the Cross, Paul wants to PREACH it!

1 COR 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. **18** For the **preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the **power of God.**

BACK TO PETE AT PENTECOST - Murder Indictment?

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Christ knocked the murder charge down to manslaughter on the cross:

LUKE 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Pete confirms this in **Acts 3:17** And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did [it], as [did] also your rulers.

Peter - NOT looking to the cross as the means of redemption.

Luke 24:11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. **12** Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. **13** And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. **14** And they talked together of all these things which had happened. **15** And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. **16** But their eyes were holden that they should not

know him. **17** And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? **18** And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? **19** And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: **20** And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. **21** **But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel:** and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. **22** Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; **23** And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

PETER - What's the Proper Response to the Cross?

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, what did they hear?? They heard the previous verses! **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. **36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made **that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord and Christ**. **37** Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

They don't SAY, what shall we do (to be SAVED) They say, WHAT SHALL WE DO?? What shall we do about the FACT that we KILLED our Messiah, **38** 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.

Pete's instructions were: Have a change of mind, and perform a WORK by faith, and you'll get the Holy Ghost.

Pete tells them to do the SAME thing that the folks had been doing all through Mat/Mark/Luke/John repent/ believe the name/water baptized. Gospel of the Kingdom

There is not ONE MENTION of the gospel of the grace of God in this chapter.

Calvinists read Paul's Gospel BACK INTO Acts 2 - wrong

Armenians quote verse 38 as the Plan of Salvation Literally in its context - wrong for today.

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Paul says NO works in the dispensation of the Grace of God.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done

Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you

Peter - Repent for FUTURE Forgiveness

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing **shall come** from the presence of the Lord; **20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

Why is it future? **:Mark 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but **he that shall endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved.

What is the Times of Refreshing? Spiritual Renewal? NO!

When does this time happen? **verse 21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things,

Luke 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; **26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. **27** And then shall

they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **28** And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for **your redemption draweth nigh.** **(The KINGDOM COME)**

Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again **the kingdom to Israel?**

Why didn't they see Paul, the 2000 yr. dispensation of grace? It was a Rom 16:25 Mystery!

PAUL- Trust for PRESENT Forgiveness

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have **now received** the **atonement**. (Rom 11:11)

PAUL- Redemption THROUGH and BY the Cross.

COL 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:

EPH 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. **7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Paul - No enduring to the end, no works, no covenant performance

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.

When is OUR day of redemption? When we meet Christ in the Air (Rom 8:23)

Paul - Cross IS the Gospel - Trust CHRIST'S performance, not yours.

1 Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: