

## **The Revelation of God IV**

John 1:1-4, 14

### **I. What the Gospel Reveals:**

- A. The Judicial Wrath of God:
  - 1. Rom. 1:18 – Has been revealed.
  - 2. Eph. 5:6 – Will come upon the sons of disobedience.
- B. Rom. 1:16-17 - The Power of God unto Salvation:
- C. 2 Tim. 2:24-26 - The Work of an Evangelist:
  - 1. Jam 2:9 – Correct those who oppose themselves.
  - 2. 1 Tim. 2:4 – Bringing them to a knowledge of the truth
  - 3. Acts 20:21 – Testifying repentance toward God
  - 4. Jude 22-23 – To help those who have been taken captive.

### **II. Man Needs Salvation Because:**

- A. Acts 17:24-31 – God has a Creator’s right to govern, command, and judge.
- B. Deut. 10:12 – God has requirements for life.
- C. Micah 6:8 – Do justly...walk humbly with thy God.
- D. Prov. 29:18-19 – Without law people cast off restraint.
- E. Isa. 30:18 – ‘Jehovah is a God of Justice.’

- 4. Titus 2:11-12 – Live soberly and righteously.
- 5. Rom. 5:12 – All have sinned, i.e., violate the pure, and righteous laws of God.
- 6. Jn. 12:48; 2 Cor. 5:9-20 – The judgment seat of Christ
- 7. Eccl. 8:11-13 – Justice requires:
  - a. Righteous living
  - b. Accountability
  - c. Speedy execution of a sentence
- 8. Rom. 5:6-11 – This is why man needs salvation; This is why man needs salvation.



### **Learning From History**

The value of history is to be able to trace cause and effect. Each generation is either blessed or cursed by its predecessors. Winston Churchill said, “The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see.” In 1905 George Santayana, philosopher, essayist, poet, and novelist wrote, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

Biblically: 3500 years ago, when the judges were serving, evidence records a series of the rise and fall of the children of Israel that continued to repeat the same transgression: Judges 3—19

During the last several decades, “churches of Christ” have moved from conservatism to liberalism; from the forefront of conservative doctrine to be better described by Paul, saying, (continued page 4)


## **Have You Been Saved?**

Not an uncommon question to be asked by the denominational wing of Christian religion. When the question is posed to a religiously oriented individual, the answer is assumed, i.e., yes or no.

However, if the question is posed to anyone totally unfamiliar with the gospel, i.e., Atheist, Buddhist, the Natural man (1 Cor. 2:14), Jews, Tribesmen, or any number of individuals or groups, a reasonable answer may be, “Yes”, “No” or “Saved from what?”

If “Yes, or No,” from whence is the answer derived, and from whom were you taught? Remember the words of the Holy Spirit, saying, “But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them that desire an occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Cor. 11:12-15).

Therefore, “believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 Jn. 4:1). Will you heed the warnings of the Holy Spirit? ret



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“For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3-4). History keeps repeating itself. ret

### Do You Love Jesus?

“But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ unto all them that believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God; for the showing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus. Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? of works? Nay: but by a law of faith. We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yea, of Gentiles also: if so be that God is one, and he shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make the law of none effect through faith? God forbid: nay, we establish the law” (Romans 3:21-31). Paul’s statements are clear: man is not justified through meritorious works. However, that does not mean that man is justified apart from works. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, put it this way: “Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith” (James 2:24). If asked the question, “Do you love Jesus,” how would you answer? Jesus said, “If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). That’s simple enough, don’t you think? So, the question is, “Do you keep the commandments of Jesus?” If the answer is “yes,” then you have, as the apostle Paul said, “works worthy of repentance” (Acts 26:20). If the answer is “no,” then do you love Jesus? ret

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<b>WORK</b>	<b>EVANGELIST</b>	<b>CORRECT</b>
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<b>FAITH</b>	<b>RECOVER</b>	<b>SNARE</b>
<b>CAPTIVITY</b>	<b>CREATOR</b>	<b>GOVERN</b>
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<b>MAN</b>	<b>NEED</b>	<b>JESUS</b>

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With Him is

### Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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#### Weekly Reading

Exodus 19:1-25; 1 Samuel 13;1-23  
 1 Samuel 28:1-25; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27



Luke 16:19-31

#### Your Choice Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

#### First Things First

“But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33). First things! The first-born, first-fruits, dress it first, went out first, first lot, at the first, in the first, of the first, first day, first month, first year, first believed, first time, learn first, first principles, first covenant, first tabernacle, first works, first resurrection. The scriptures abound in first things. In seeking first His kingdom, God emphasizes His right over the lives of men. When asked by one of the scribes, “What commandment is the first of all?”, Jesus answered, “The first is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength” (Mark 12:28-31). Thus, it is expressly stated that God has a natural right to be put first in life. ret